

Item 6iii, Annex E

Purpose of the Board

The purpose of the Board is to ensure that the Architects Registration Board is delivering its statutory duties set out in the Architects Act 1997, to protect the users and potential users of architects' services, by setting and upholding professional standards and sustaining public trust in architects.

The role of the Board is to:

- provide strategic leadership and direction to enable the executive to deliver the strategic plan;
- approve the annual budget and business plan;
- ensure adherence to statutory duties of prescribing qualifications, registration, professional standards and competent authority functions as set out in the Architects Act 1997;
- appoint and hold the Registrar to account for delivery of the strategic plan, business plan and budget, management of risk, organisational performance, staff leadership and external perception;
- establish committees and make rules as provided for in the Architects Act 1997;
- oversee the process for the appointment of non-executives who support the Board's work, and make decisions regarding appointments where appropriate;
- ensure adherence to other relevant legislation and Government guidance as appropriate;
- ensure that governance, internal control and risk management processes are proportionate and provide assurance;
- ensure appropriate schemes for delegating and reporting procedures are in place;
- review its own performance and effectiveness; and
- Ensure that there are effective relationships and communications with stakeholders.