

CONSTRUCTION LEADERSHIP COUNCIL STATEMENT ON THE CITB TRIENNIAL REVIEW

The Construction Leadership Council (CLC) is aware that the consultation period associated with the CITB's triennial review is drawing to a close. The CLC acknowledges the key role that CITB plays in connection with the maintenance and development of the construction industry's skills base. The CLC recognises the need for a national organisation supporting the delivery of construction skills, but is also clear that the current status quo is unsustainable. The CLC's view is that the CITB must be much more strategic, industry-led and accountable.

The CLC is supportive of a reformed CITB on the basis that an appropriate governance structure is implemented as part of the proposed reforms. To be effective, the CITB's governing body must comprise industry leaders representing all tiers of the industry, providing the mechanism for the CITB to be industry-led and accountable.

Should the triennial review confirm the continuing support of the industry for a reformed CITB, then the CLC will work with Government and industry to ensure that an appropriate governance structure is put in place, that there is senior level industry representation on this structure to provide strategic input to the CITB, and that communication with the industry is improved. We will also work with the CITB on an ongoing basis to help deliver the CITB's reform programme, and the skills the construction sector will need in the future.

The current triennial review of the CITB has taken place against the backdrop of the introduction of the Apprenticeship Levy. We recognise the combined impact of the two levies on the industry, and believe that much more needs to be done to help the construction industry to make effective use of and benefit from the Apprenticeship Levy.

The CLC has communicated industry concerns to government with respect to the impact of the Apprenticeship Levy on the construction sector, given the existence of the CITB Levy. Should the opportunity arise to review the detailed design and implementation of the scheme, then the CLC will participate in the review to ensure the views of the industry are taken fully into account.

In the meantime, and recognising that a reformed CITB has a key role in supporting the development of new and existing skills development, the CLC will work with all parties, including CITB, to ensure that the industry benefits from the Apprenticeship Levy – particularly with respect to new skills required by the Digital Manufacture Performance agenda (DMP) that the CLC is delivering through its Construction 2025 strategy.

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