

**Construction Leadership Council**  
**Steering Co-Ordination Group**  
**12<sup>th</sup> Meeting, Thursday 01 July 2021 09.30-10.30**

**CLC-SCG/No12/2021/M12- Minutes**

**Attendees:**

- Andy Mitchell, (Thames Tideway) – chair
- Ann Bentley, (Rider Levett Bucknall)
- Brian Berry, (FMB)
- Suzannah Nichol, (BuildUK)
- Mark Reynolds, (Mace)
- Keith Waller (CIH)
- Graham Watts (CIC)

**Apologies:**

- Fergus Harradence, (BEIS)
- Simon Rawlinson, (Arcadis)

**Secretariat:**

- Stuart Young, (BEIS)
- Peter Payne, (BEIS)

**Present by Invitation:**

- Peter Caplehorn (CPA)
- Gladstone Pereira (BEIS)
- Hannah Vickers, (ACE)
- Nicola Walters (BEIS)

**1. Talking Points**

1.1 Andy pre-circulated some talking points, general feedback was:-

- **Task Force** – Group agreed the TF is worthwhile and should continue once a week. It is focused on today's issues so a parallel mechanism to look at future issues is needed, possibly something the SAG could be used for?;
- **CO<sub>2</sub>nstructZero** – focussed on the supply chain/tier 1, SMEs need further consideration; the language used could be more SME friendly;
- **Building Safety** – Again more needs to be done at the smaller SME end. Any talk now seems to be angled at tier 1 and high rise, culture at the small/micro end- needs more focus to go through the industry as a whole;
- Concern expressed at the loss of the PMO and central visibility on other workstreams including digital;
- **Industry Calls (Friday and Ministerial)** – these are useful and should keep going;
- **Senior Advisors Group** – need to redefine it with a separate brainstorming session, and potentially reduce the membership list, and ask them to focus on one topic at each meeting. Agreed a monthly meeting should continue;

- **England Regional CLC Network** – Andy is still getting *'it's all about London/SE'* message coming through. He said he is looking for the connectivity rather than setting up a new level. A visible regional presence on the SAG along the lines of a NE, NW rep etc. What if that was reflected in Ministerial calls so they could engage with the Minister regionally and also feel more engaged with the CLC?
  - Important that people have their say regionally but within the framework of the CLC; Using existing networks a good idea such as Constructing Excellence which is a good pool of resource. Possibly hand it to them to coordinate and feed through regional thoughts, noting trade associations have regional structures so may be as simple as to tell them to talk to each other. Needs people resource, including BEIS, with the time to take it forward;
  - Worries are that we are trying to placate a small number of people, laying on another layer of complexity.
- **Endorsement** – currently being done ad-hoc, need some process rules written down for when we get requests. In the CLC strategy there are a number of key things we are working on so should we only be endorsing something that fits into that matrix, so any endorsement should come through the workstreams with approval then at a higher SCG level. Agreed we should revisit the proposal Suzannah previously developed and presented to the TF.

## 2. AOB

2.1 Action : Secretariat to arrange a one-hour SCG focus group on Building Safety session and then later a one-hour Task Force presentation on the same, noting that this should follow the Stephen Dance/Dame Judith session planned for Thursday 15 July 2021.