

RIBA



Council Meeting

Wednesday, 29 June 2016
10.30-17.30

Venue:
Council Chamber

Agenda

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1030	1	Introduction and welcome		Chair
		1.1 Apologies: Ewen Miller, Robert Firth, Helen Taylor, Francesca Weal, Caroline Buckingham, Stephen Hodder (am only)		
		1.2 Obituary: Jane Fawcett, Dame Zaha Hadid, Charles Knevitt, John Malyan, Graham Seabrook		
		1.3 Minute's silence		
		1.4 Declarations of interest		
1050	2	Minutes of the last meeting (11 March 2016)	Paper	Chair
	3	Matters arising		Chair
1110	4	President's report	Diary	Chair
1130	5	Board report	Paper	Chair
1145	6	Council representation review	Paper	VP Memb
1215	7	Notices of Motion: 7.1 Walter Menteth 7.2 Tzena James	Paper Paper	Chair
1230		LUNCH		
1330	8	Questions There is a question from Daniel Leon	Paper	Chair
1335	9	CONFIDENTIAL: Chief Executive's report	Paper	AV
1355	10	Strategy update	Paper	AV
1405	11	Equality and Diversity report	Paper	AV
1415	12	Trustees' report and financial statements 2015	Paper	Hon Treas

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1435	13	Governance		
		13.1	CONFIDENTIAL: Board appointments	Paper Hon Sec
1445		13.2	Nominations Committee	Paper Hon Sec
1455		13.3	Regulation changes - declarations of eligibility and compliance	Paper Hon Sec
1505		13.4	Regulations changes - FRIBA sub-class	Paper Hon Sec
1510	14	Professional conduct		
		14.1	Report	Paper JMcL
		14.2	Professional conduct liaison terms of reference	Paper JMcL
1515	15	London branch reconfiguration		Paper VP M'ship
1530	16	Confidential report		Hon Sec
1540	17	Membership		VP M'ship
		17.1	CONFIDENTIAL: Fellows assessment panel members	Paper
		17.2	Membership report	Elec paper
1545	18	Reimagining 66 Portland Place		Paper SW
1605	19	AOB		Chair
1610	20	Discussion: The Sustainable Environment		Paper Chair
1730		Close		

Part 2: For information only

(at least 3 days' notice required for a member to raise a point on reports submitted for information)

21	Membership summary report	Paper
22	Visiting board report	Paper
23	Main Committee reports	Paper
24	Ambassador updates	Paper

Motion from Walter Menteth

In the light of the seriousness of allegations relating to the Garden Bridge, RIBA Council calls for the project to be put on hold while the process is opened up to full and detailed independent scrutiny so that this public procurement maybe evidenced as being fair, transparent and in accordance with the law.

Proposer: Walter Menteth (National)
Seconder: Russell Curtis (London)

Background:

Although the procurement of the Thames Garden Bridge may appear to be a regional matter, it raises many serious wider issues relating to construction industry professional practices, contract law, probity and public competition access. £30m of central Government funding is also proposed.

All evidence relating to this procurement indicates it has been planned and implemented so as to be uncompetitive, neither compliant with the regulations or transparent, and has been deliberately unfair. The £60m total public contribution towards construction (with an additional ongoing maintenance liability between £3.2-3.7 p.a) has been incurred without due processes, pre procurement analysis or evaluation of need and there is no defined transport benefit or other policy need.

The matter has been covered in depth by the AJ and the National press. Some of the issues in question are explored in the following two reports.

1. The first independent report provides analysis of the two procurements selection procedures:

http://www.projectcompass.co.uk/index.php?page=aboutus&sub=publications_garden_bridge

The Report Summary starts p7. An analysis of evaluation assessment sheets may also be downloaded.

2. The second GLA Oversight Committee report summarises their findings into the first Design Services procurement.

https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gla_oversight_committee_-_garden_bridge_report_-_march_2016.pdf

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Sixteen consultancies submitted responses to the Bridge Design Services and the Temple Bridge Lead Consultant's calls, for the appointments awarded to Heatherwick Studios and Arup.

The Thames Garden Bridge will reputedly cost £175m (2015), whilst the new bridges with identifiably evidenced transport needs which accord with London Plan Policy; at Chelsea Wharf, Nine Elms and Rotherhithe, go unfunded. (FYI The St. Pauls to Tate Modern bridge cost circa £22m).

A guide to some of the legal context can be explored here:

<http://www.local.gov.uk/documents/10180/6869714/Managing+the+risk+of+procurement+fraud/82c90add-fc57-4654-b9ca-f29048e6428b>

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