
Minutes

Meeting RIBA Schools Client Forum

Date 11 September 2008

Venue Effra Early Years Centre, London

Present Bernard Burke (BB) Kensington and Chelsea
Tony Butler (TB) DCSF
Chris Gilbert-(CG) Birmingham City Council
Catherine Harrington (CH) Architype
David Emmanuel Noel (DEN) RIBA
John Russell (JR) Southwark Diocese
Helen Taylor (HT) Architecture plb
Andy Thompson (AT) Consultant
Ewan Willars (EW) RIBA

In attendance
Salma Barwani (SB) John Lyall Architects

Apologises
Valerie Bragg (VB) The 3Es Enterprises
Sarah Curl (SC) Curl la Tourelle Architects.
Tim Crabb (TC) West Sussex County Council
Georgina Frank (GF) Consultant
Chris French (CF) Consultant
Jane Gray (JG) Felce & Guy Partnership
Geoff Hardwick (GH)
Stefan Jakobek (SJ) HOK Architects
Saiyyidah Zaidi (SZ) London Borough of Lambeth

1.0 **Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes were accepted

2.0 **Matters Arising**

None

3.0 **PfS /Smart BSF Update**

A RIBA delegation met PfS to discuss the procurement process. Models following the principles of Smart PFI and Greenwich were proposed by the RIBA.

PfS agreed to review the initiative and provide information on the new selection criteria but has yet to make a formal announcement. The decision to reduce the number of bidding teams to two is welcomed but this only addresses one of several issues.

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Members agreed that the role of CDAs needs further promotion and CABE's quality threshold should be broadened to include further design quality indicators.

JW will invite PFS to use the forum as a platform for further feedback and consultation. Sunand Prasad is writing to PFS requesting further dialogue. EW will provide the forum with copies of RIBA correspondence to date

JW

EW

4.0 CPD School Design Course

NP, DEN and TB will convene a working group in October to discuss the course. Senior representatives from PFS, DCSF, RIBA, EBDOG, Teachers TV and NCSL will be invited to explore ways forward. There is a demand for such training which needs to be addressed immediately. Delivering a formal postgraduate certificate remains a long term objective. NP remains confident that the Institute of Education can start a programme in early 2009. Funding of at least £25k for the first year is necessary to put a researcher/ co-ordinator in post.

NP

TB

DEN

5.0 School Design Projects at Schools of Architecture

HT met Jane Briginshaw, Head of Design at DCSF and Robert Mull (Head of SCHOSA) at London Metropolitan University (LMU) to discuss teaching school design at schools of architecture. A partnership between RIBA Schools Client Forum, LMU, DCSF and PFS to deliver projects including competitions is agreed in principle. LMU have the opportunity to bid for funds enabling the initiative to start in the next academic year. Funding may be available for up three years. HT will provide the forum with an update at the next meeting

HT

6.0 Sustainability Conference

The forum's sustainable school design conference is now planned for December 4th. The event is supported by RIBA Sustainable Futures group. The group has agreed to support the forum with publicity and post event discussion on the Knowledge Communities website. CH and DEN will provide further details on the event over the coming weeks. Please find attached the proposed agenda.

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7.0 **RIBA Knowledge Communities**

Sustainability is one of the subject areas for the first wave of virtual communities. The timeline will be announced shortly by the RIBA Research and Development team.

8.0 **Membership and Future Objectives**

HT asked members to consider names and organizations to invite. Members were also invited to contribute to scheduling forum activities over the coming year.

HT is speaking to other Education Client Forums regarding strengthening links and developing an education design quality newsletter. The Higher Education Design Quality Forum (HEDQF) has proposed a joint conference in February. The proposed event will explore the lessons learnt in the respective sectors.

9.0 **Proposed date of next meeting**

1pm December 9 venue to be confirmed

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