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## Council Courier

**28.04.2022**

*This is an informal account of the discussions and decisions most recently taken at Council. Action notes and official minutes will be produced in due course.*

### **Introduction**

The President welcomed Council to its second meeting of 2022 which would be structured in two parts: a closed session for confidential and governance items, and a shorter open session.

### **Obituary**

Recently deceased members were remembered. Particular mention was made of RSAW architect member David Lea. Council resolved to send condolences to next of kin and a minute's silence was held.

### **Declarations of interest**

Roger Shrimplin: would be a candidate for Council in the 2022 elections.

### **Motion from Mark Benzie (RIBA South)**

A confidential governance item was discussed and voted on. The motion was not carried.

### **Vexatious complaints policy**

Owing to lack of time, it was agreed to re-present the policy to Council at its next meeting, after consideration by the Standards Committee.

### **Election rules 2022 and presidential candidate pack**

Council agreed the contents of the documents subject to some amendments proposed by Council members. These documents are now published on the RIBA web site and the elections are under way.

### **Formation of planning task and finish group**

Council agreed:

1. The formation of a new Planning Task and Finish Group. The remit of this group would be to undertake a more thorough fact-finding mission on the state of planning across the United Kingdom (to include Scotland and Northern Ireland).
2. The joint leadership of the group by Richard Wooldridge (RIBA North West Chair) and Tom Bell (RIBA Wessex Chair). As yet no Council Member had volunteered to lead a Planning group, so it was proposed to engage the enthusiasm of members from the Nations and Regions Council Committee, creating a helpful link to insight gathered through the network of RIBA Branches and Regions. Additional members from Council were welcome to join the group [contact: VP Membership Tom Foggin], and further members could be co-opted to provide insight from other sources.
3. The principle of identifying key issues for further exploration and activity. Based on output from the fact-finding review, potentially with input from partner organisations identified through review, the group would identify specific challenges faced by RIBA Members dealing with the UK Planning system. Where appropriate, the group may make recommendations as to further activity which could be undertaken to help achieve outcomes aligned with the RIBA

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2034 Masterplan. If agreed by Council those recommendations would be fed into the Board for consideration and prioritisation during the next biennial plan period.

**Reports for noting:**

- Finance report
- Regulation of the Architect Task and Finish group report
- Progress report on task groups addressing: 1) Delivery and 2) Research Data and Knowledge
- Standards Committee minutes, 9.3.22
- Professional issues update

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