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## Council Courier

**10 October 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**

Newly-elected members were welcomed and invited to introduce themselves to their Council colleagues. Muiywa Oki was congratulated on becoming the RIBA President elect.

- Grand Designs interview live on stage with Kunle Barker in Birmingham NEC
- Honours Committee
- Chief Executive interviews
- House of Architecture Project meetings

### **Obituary**

Members were remembered. Particular mention was made of Sam Webb and Marco Goldschmied. Council resolved to send condolences to next of kin.

### **Confidential motion**

A confidential motion was put forward and debated. Council voted in favour of the motion by a clear majority.

### **Declarations of interest**

Roger Shrimplin: was standing for reappointment to the Standards Committee.

### **VP Student and Associate appointment**

Council voted unanimously to appoint Maryam Al-Irhayim as VP for 2022-23, and for Zafir Ameen to share the role with her in 2023-24.

### **Minutes of previous meeting, 28 June 2022**

Agreed as a correct record subject to one amendment.

### **Chartered practice subscriptions 2023**

Council agreed a graded increase across differing sizes of practice which would be communicated in detail to the membership.

### **President's report**

Highlights of presidential activity for the last three months included:

- Judging Norman Foster Scholarship (at Fosters)
- Council member induction
- All-staff presentation with Chair of the Board
- Stirling finalist visits
- Jencks Award judging
- Funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II
- Labour Party Conference, Liverpool – panellist with Rebecca Long Bailey, RTPI, CIOB

### **Board report**

The Chair of the Board Jack Pringle updated Council on transformation, property, the appointment of a new Chief Executive, the House of Architecture project and mutual recognition of qualifications. He also introduced the three new executive directors who had joined the RIBA in recent days – Karen Beamish (Products and Services), Oliver Urquhart-Irvine (Architecture Programmes and

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Collections) and Laura Webb  
(Membership Experience)

**Voluntary code of conduct and  
volunteer disciplinary procedures**

Feedback was invited from Council on the two sets of documents prior to further consideration by the Standards Committee.

**Expert Advisory Groups**

Papers were presented by the following expert advisory/task and finish groups:

- Climate Emergency
- Delivery

Reports were received on

- PII
- Finding and Accessing  
Architecture

**Election review update**

The update from the group was noted and further feedback was invited. Members of Council were encouraged to put themselves forward to join the group.

**GDPR training**

The RIBA's data protection officer gave a short presentation.

**Reports for noting:**

- Finance update
- Nations & Regions Council  
Committee
- Professional Standards
- Education update
- Membership
- RIBA investment policy