

SCOTTISH BRANCH BUSINESS ACTION PLAN 2007-8

approved by Scottish Branch at 19 October 2007 AGM

	OBJECTIVES	KEY ACTIONS 2007-8	TARGETS	LEAD ACTION	BUDGET 2007-8
1	Setting standards for conservation practice throughout the United Kingdom and improving education and training in conservation	1. Hold regular meetings as education / training days	1. Organise at least 4 meetings a year that are arranges on a publicised theme and are designed to further members' knowledge and interest in relevant conservation practice	Branch Committee to co- ordinate quarterly meetings, with a specific member in charge of each event	£300
		2. Development of CPD opportunities for members with a focus on 4 key events covering, among others, regeneration	2. At least 75% of the meeting/training day should have a tight topic specific focus that qualifies as CPD. CPD Certificates to be issued	Convenor to oversee with Committee	£1000
		3. Encourage greater attendance at organised IHBC or other relevant events	3. Monitor regular meeting attendance to ensure at least 50% of members attend at least one meeting a year	Membership Secretary	
		4. Ensure that IHBC contributes towards the development of professional accreditation for those working in historic building conservation	4. Ensure organised events are on topics of interest to the members. Negotiate discounted fees for IHBC members on appropriate events organised by others	Education & Training Secretary	£50
			5. Ensure IHBC involvement in any SVQ qualification in Scotland. Support cross institute working on the Edinburgh Group	Education & Training Secretary	
2	Maintain regular Branch Committee meetings and attendance at National Council and Branch Meetings	1. Ensure IHBC Scotland representation at all relevant UK meetings. Ensure the Scottish Branch operates in an effective manner	1. To hold a minimum of 5 Branch Committee meetings each year to deal with business and monitor progress with the Business Plan. Attendance to be monitored and reported to AGM	Convenor and Secretary to organise regular Committee meetings.	£350
			2. To ensure the Branch is represented at UK Council Meetings. Attendance to be monitored and reported to AGM	Branch Representative to attend or arrange substitute	From central funds
			3. To ensure the Branch is represented at UK Education Meetings. Attendance to be monitored and reported to AGM	Education & Training Secretary to attend UK Education Committee meetings	From central funds

			 4. To ensure the Branch is represented at UK Policy and Consultation Meetings. Attendance to be monitored and reported to AGM 5. Appoint and support a Branch Consultations Secretary to ensure appropriate consultation responses are made timeously 	Branch Committee to determine representation Branch Committee	From central funds
3	Actively lobbying for changes in conservation policy and practice and acting as a consultee on conservation matters to central and local government throughout the United Kingdom	1. Formalise and develop links with Scottish Executive and Parliament, BEFS, Historic Scotland and COSLA ensuring that IHBC Scotland remains a formal consultee	1. Maintain regular contact with these identified groups to debate issues of importance to IHBC members, assist in promoting a full understanding of the role of IHBC and why it should not be confused with other amenity bodies	Convenor and representatives to attend Historic Scotland/ HEACS / COSLA etc. meetings and to represent IHBC on BEFS	£200
		2. Represent the Institute and its members with Historic Scotland, BEFS and other organisations involved in influencing decisions arising from the HEACS reports	2. Ensure the Institute is represented on the Historic Scotland Local Authority Historic Environment Forum and at BEFS meetings and any other organised meetings where an Institute view on the HEACS reports is required	Branch Committee to determine representation as required	£50
		3. Identify and develop membership opinion on matters on which the Institute requires to campaign on to ensure that we have an effective system to respond quickly	3. To respond to all consultations on secondary legislation arising from the Planning Act, Historic Scotland SHEP's and other Scottish Government policies on the historic environment	Consultations Secretary	£50
		4. Ensure that our members are regularly surveyed to ensure that the Branch has an up to date picture of historic environment conservation practice in Scotland	4. Contribute towards the development of the Historic Environment Audit and the Survey of Local Authority staff being organised by Historic Scotland	Branch Committee and members	£50
		5. To develop a public relations strategy for IHBC Scotland	5. To adopt a Public Relations Officer on the Branch Committee and thereafter produce and implement a PR strategy	Branch Committee	£50
3	Recruit more members to broaden membership base and review how members receive information on Institute of Historic Building Conservation and Branch activities	1. Ensure the UK IHBC Web Page is kept up to date with IHBC Scotland news and events	1. All IHBC Scotland events to be publicised in advance on IHBC web pages and by email to members	Branch Committee to ensure web page kept up to date. Education officer to input information on IHBC UK web page	Supported centrally where applicable
		2. Strengthen the membership of the Institute	2. To recruit at least 5 new members by November 2008 and to respond timeously to IHBC HQ on new member applications	Membership Secretary	£25
		3. Ensure that our members are kept informed of IHBC Scotland activity	3. Issue regular newsletters to members, encouraging member involvement in their content.	Branch Committee	£100

4	Supporting excellence in all aspects of conservation, whether in the identification, analysis, repair and reuse of historic buildings or in new design in historic settings	1. Encourage IHBC involvement in Masterclass series	1. Provide funding or assistance with at least one lecture in each series of Conservation Master class lectures organised in Scotland	Education & Training Secretary to ensure regular liaison with University Conservation Courses	£300
		2. Maintain links with Scottish Colleges/Universities involved in Conservation training in Scotland	2. Ensure appropriate level of IHBC input	Education & Training Secretary to ensure regular liaison with University and College Conservation Courses.	£25
		3. Encourage attendance from Scottish members at annual IHBC Summer School	3. Publicise to members. Monitor Scottish Branch attendance at Annual School. Increase Scottish Branch attendance year on year	Publicity Officer / Branch Committee	Core publicity centrally approved
5	Improving Branch Communication and administration systems and member satisfaction	1. Improve links, especially electronic ones, to our membership	1. Develop the web page links. Establish a Scottish Newsgroup. Review members contact details to reduce the number of postal mailings required	Branch Committee	£75
			2. Monitor member involvement and opinion of branch activity through an annual 10% telephone poll	Branch Convenor	£10
		2. Improve Branch Administration Systems	3. Submit bid for UK funds to upgrade branch PC with a lap top computer	Branch Treasurer	£600
		3. Improve financial administration for Branch	4. Agree annual Branch budget by early December 07	Branch Treasurer	
		4. Improve Branch links with members in Colleges/Universities	5. Develop the role on the Branch Committee for a student member with a coordinated handover	Branch Committee / Student Representative	£ 3235
PROJECTED EXPENDITURE					