



IHBC COMMITTEE BUSINESS PLAN 2009

For approval by IHBC Council and integration with Business Plan

Committee Title: Policy	Vice chair: tbc
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REMIT (c. 20 words max)

To formulate Institute policy on historic environment matters, deal with consultations and liaise with external organisations on policy and related matters.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2008-2009

- Transition to new Policy Chair
- Compiled technical bibliography and published on website
- Developed consultation panel and consultation response procedure to ensure authoritative response to consultations
- Response to Heritage Bill made jointly with RTPI, RICS, RIBA, CIOB and POS
- Base line research carried out into conservation officer staffing in all English local authorities to compare with that carried out in 2006
- Evidence given to CMS Select Committee
- Research carried out with other bodies into the social, community and health impacts of conservation led regeneration projects

CONTEXT & ISSUES (c.100 words max)

Context: The rapidly changing legislative and operational framework for developing and implementing policy, in particular the variations across the devolved powers, remains a key challenge.

Issues: The development of relevant and accessible information resources as a part of the Institute's services to its members that the policy committee can help provide.

RESOURCES

Finances: Committee expenses allocated at £2,500. General activities covered in national budget.

National Office: Office support, including attendance at meetings by SOR/LP/FN, and additional access as required.

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GUIDING STRATEGIES & MODELS

Policy will focus on delivering practical and accessible advice to areas in the sector most in need of it, in particular the technical and policy areas. It will also liaise closely with C&O Committee on making these accessible within the IHBC corporate strategy. It will also provide links to other relevant policy-generating bodies and authorities through its extensive network of members, representatives and panels.

ACTIONS & TARGETS

1 Year (2009-2010)

- To continue to assist the passage of Heritage Protection Reform
- To respond to relevant consultations including ensuring consultations across the UK are given appropriate attention
- Lobbying on heritage funding and fiscal policy, including VAT
- To contact government ministers and shadow ministers
- Establish new panel for architectural history and expand the panel for archaeology policy
- Launch and maintain technical bibliography
- To expand the 'Valuing Historic Places' statement as an on-line information source, including to produce policy statements on case studies and evidence (policy and guidance)
- To investigate reprint of Stitch in Time publication
- To lobby for detailed guidance in the new PPS 15
- To investigate the scope for research into short and longer term evidence that supports the historic environment as economically and sustainably viable in conjunction with other organisations such as AHF, Heritage Link and HLF.

3 Year (2009-11)

- To maintain authoritative liaison and interaction with relevant government departments, other professional bodies, national heritage statutory bodies and amenity groups and the Heritage Lottery Fund.
- Providing input into Stopping the Rot II, including good practice guidance on urgent works.
- To form better links with urban design bodies
- To lobby for adequate historic environment service levels and standards

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Signed & Dated IHBC Chair**

**Council Approval Date
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