

LANDSCAPE INSTITUTE COUNCIL MEETING & AGM: 22.10.2015

REPORT FOR LIS BRANCH BY RACHEL TENNANT

BRANCH REP MEETING: KEY ITEMS DISCUSSED

1. Followed the main agenda items of the Council meeting as listed below

MAIN COUNCIL MEETING: KEY ITEMS DISCUSSED

1. DIVISIONS OF THE LANDSCAPE INSTITUTE

- 01 A paper put to Council for decision based on 3 proposals that will require an AGM to formally adopt as part of the Institute's governing documents

Proposal 1: The Divisions of the Institute are renamed Areas of Expertise (as with other professional institute's)

Proposal 2: That the present 3 Divisions (Design, Science and Management) are extended to include Urban Design and Landscape Planning

Proposal 3: That the present Divisions/ Area of Expertise) are renamed.

- **Landscape Architect (Formerly Landscape Design)**
- Landscape Manager (Formerly Landscape Management)
- Landscape Scientist (Landscape Science)

- 02 All Proposals were **PASSED** and this will go to the Board of Trustees prior to and AGM motion.

2. FUNDING PRIORITIES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

- 01 The CEO explained that the LI have fixed costs (rent, staff etc) and unfixed but expected costs (policy officers of the devolved nations/CPD/Vista etc) which are 'discretionary' LIS Rep challenged the classification of the 3 devolved nations policy officers as unfixed costs even though they are consultants they should be considered as staff and therefore fixed costs.

- 02 Any spare income should be prioritised and a number of options were put forward in a decision paper for voting on in terms of preferred priorities of the Council

- Support for MERL (Museum of English Rural Life and the LI Archive) – a business plan requested
- Support for Branches – Admin and funding for activities. Clarification sought on legality of branches appointing sub-consultants to undertake admin work
- Additional Policy support (this was originally separated out as increased hours for devolved nations policy officers and another member of staff for policy in the LI head office and rejected by Council as not being two separate issues)
- Increase in LIS block funding grant (this originally included in its description additional Policy Officer support which was already highlighted elsewhere) Unlikely to get any support as it wasn't explained clearly enough to the Council
- Support for the Presidents role to encourage more people to apply for the position

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- Support for the Parks Alliance (criticised in Council discussions as why we as a Charity would support another Charity)
- Support for additional funding for any innovation and new projects
- Support for careers promotion
- Support for training of existing members (ie cheaper events)
- Support to increase member engagement and activity through a campaign
- Support for improvements to IT system including a new CMS and P2C IT– LIS rep argued that this should wait until an agreed strategy for new P2c process agreed.
- Support for expansion of membership including overseas

03 Voting was by weighting on a score sheet and was closed. Results to be advised after discussion Board of Trustees

3 OTHER ITEMS

01 Supporting the Public Sector - Externals consultant's report concluded with recommendations. Public sector working group to add comments and set of priorities to go to the Board of Trustees for approval and funding.

02 Technical Committee have prepared a paper on procurement

03 LI have been asked to present to the House of Lords on the built environment

04 IFLA conference – London will host in 2018

05 Architects Benevolent Fund -seeking LI member on its Board. The post will be advertised to the membership

06 Governance Changes- Working groups set up and preparing proposals as result of the approved EGM Motions

07 Office Location Working Group have concluded its work and will issue a report to Board for the next meeting in November 2015. The AGM Motion clearly states that the Groups work should inform the membership and the chair of the Group requested clarification on how this would be done.

08 IFLA – LI looking for greater involvement in IFLA Europe. It was noted that LI still retain control over professional standards for chartership exam in UK.

09 Landscape Ambassador schemes in schools being promoted - where are LIS with this?

AGM

01 Approval of Minutes of last years AGM

02 Presidents Report on the Year

03 Approval of Financial report for year

04 Questions raised about investment from the sale of Barnard Mews money and the results of the Office Location Working Group

05 No other items raised

Unable to attend Jellicoe lecture featuring James Corner due to time constraints

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