

NOTE OF PROCEEDINGS

Committee BOARD FOR THE REGIONS
Date 31 October 2006
Venue 3 Robert Street, London, WC2N 6RL

Attendees –

Members

Mike Owen (Chair)	Regional Rep, North West & North Wales Society
Sandra Black	Regional Rep, CIPFA in Scotland
Jonathan Causton	Vice-Chair, National Student Forum
George Clark	Regional Rep, North East
Mike Evans	Regional Rep, SWWE
Ken Finch	Institute Council
Neil Hunter	Chair, North Eastern Region
Karen Kelly	Representing Chair, CIPFA in Scotland
Mark McBride	Chair, Northern Ireland Branch
Leslie Milne	Chair, Europe Branch; and Regional Rep, N Ireland, Republic of Ireland, Channel Isles and Europe.
Liz Middleton	President, Channel Islands
Jeff Pipe	Institute Council
Stephen Purser	President, SWWE
Keira Shepperson	Representing Chair, Scottish Students Society
Steven Watson	Chair, CIPFA South East

Executive

Adrian Pulham	Director, Education and Training
Barry Mather	Assistant Director, Internal Services
Alex Cenic	Regional & Volunteer Support Manager
Sarah Lawrence	Senior Website Developer
Eileen Cummins	CPD Manager

Two members were welcomed to their first meeting of the Board. After establishing that there were no declarations of interest, noting the outcomes of the last meeting and confirming the minutes of the previous meeting, the Board considered the following agenda items:

1 Conference for the Regions

The Board received a report on the outcomes of the recent regional conference from this year's hosts. The Board identified a number of learning points and themes which needed to be built into the planning into the 2007 conference. It also set in train a wider review of this annual event.

2 Regional Performance Indicators

The Board considered a report from its Performance Indicators Working Group which recommended a number of generic indicators. The Board agreed the Key Performance Indicators recommended by the Group for immediate adoption by each Region and subsequent monitoring on a region-by-region basis by the Board. The other generic Performance Indicators proposed by the Group were also approved for implementation.

3 Regional Development Plans 2007

The Board reviewed the Development Plans received from the Regions for 2007. The Plans showed that the consistency of presentation continued to improve and that much innovative work was planned for the coming year. The Board recommended proposals which would further enhance the consistency of reporting and identified a mechanism for allowing all Regions to comment on the key issues identified in these Reports. It was agreed that the issue of regional structures should be a major item on the next agenda.

4 Regional Subvention and Development Fund 2007

The Board also considered a number of annually recurring agenda items related to the distribution of the regional subvention and the level of the development fund. The proposed subvention levels and the level of the Development Fund for 2007 were approved. The Board also considered and endorsed bids for Development Fund monies from two Regions as well as receiving reports on progress from 2006 fund recipients.

5 Development Strategy 2006-2010

The Board received a report on progress with putting the development strategy into operation.

6 Other matters

The Board received its regular reports on the work of the Education and Training Directorate (including a presentation on the CIPFA Learning Centre as a resource for the Regions) and the National Students Forum. The Board also received a progress report on the regional websites together with a report on the judging process for the 2006 website award. It approved changes to the award for the coming year which reflected the pace of development in this area.

The Committee's next meeting is on Tuesday 23 January 2006.