

Building Standards Hub Pilot
Fire Engineering Expert Hub Working Group – second meeting.
Tuesday 13 June 2023
10:00 – 12:00

Attendees

Alan McAulay, Building Standards Hub Pilot (Chair)
John Paul Breslin, Stirling Council (LABSS)
Stephen Garvin, Building Standards Division, Scottish Government
Colin Hird, Building Standards Division, Scottish Government
Alison Scott, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Hugh McNamara, ARUP (IFE Scottish Branch)
William Connolly, NHS Scotland
Scott Thomson, University of Glasgow
Stuart Russell, NHS Scotland
Angus Law, University of Edinburgh
Sam Piplica, RICS

Apologies

Raymond Barlow, Glasgow City Council (LABSS)
Peter Drummond, RIAS

1. Welcome

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all for the contributions and feedback following the first meeting of the group.

The focus for this meeting was outlined, this being to agree the formal TOR for the working group and to discuss the paper on the 'purpose of the fire engineering expert hub'.

SP confirmed that the RICS rep on the group going forward will be Iain MacLaren, Lead Director at Watts Property Services.

2. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

No comments were raised on the note of the first meeting of the group. This note will now be finalised and published on the LABSS website. **(Action – AMCA)**

Matters arising:

Presentation from first meeting circulated to group.

AMCA noted that the LABSS website Futures Board page will be used as a suitable location for hosting formal papers associated with this working group.

Feedback on TOR and 'purpose of hub' noted.

3. Building Standards Futures Board and DMDG role with regards to delivering safer more sustainable buildings (BSD)

SG outlined the key aims of the Building Standards Futures Board work, this includes an implicit focus on safety in buildings and sustainability, with a strong regime around compliance and strengthening enforcement. There was agreement within the group to ensure the work of any fire engineering hub of experts can support the building standards system beyond the building warrant stage and into the construction phase.

4. Agreement of final Terms of Reference (FEWG/01/001) (as amended)

AMCA has incorporated comments on the TOR following the first meeting into an updated document circulated with the papers for this meeting.

Feedback noted on the consideration of high-risk buildings and fire engineering in less complicated buildings, this is reflected in an amendment to the remit of phase 1.

No further comments have been received from working group members with regards to the TOR document which will now be finalised and published on the LABSS website. **(Action – AMCA)**

5. Discussion on 'purpose of the fire engineering expert hub' (FEWG/02/002)

Extensive discussion followed on the above paper with general agreement on the 'Key principle of the Fire Engineering Expert Hub'. Feedback on the 'other roles', participants and what is considered out with the scope of the Fire Engineering Expert Hub was noted and will inform an updated 'purpose' paper which will be tabled prior to and discussed at the next meeting of the group. **(Action – AMCA)**

HM suggested that a flowchart would be useful in outlining the relationship between the fire engineering expert hub stakeholders, core participants and subject matter experts. Such a document could also outline the links between the expert hub and the wider Building Standards Hub. Flowchart to be prepared for discussion at the next meeting. **(Action – AMCA)**

6. Any other business

No matters raised. The chair thanked all for the contributions to the matters under discussion.

7. Proposed date and topics for next meeting

Next meeting confirmed for Monday 4 September 2023 at 2pm. The meeting will focus on further discussion on a revised 'purpose' document and 'relationships flowchart'.