

Building Standards Hub Pilot
Fire Engineering Expert Hub Working Group – fifth meeting.
Friday 10 May 2024
10:00 – 12:00

Attendees

Alan McAulay, Building Standards Hub Pilot (Chair)
John Paul Breslin, Stirling Council (LABSS)
Raymond Barlow, Glasgow City Council (LABSS)
Hugh McNamara, ARUP (IFE Scottish Branch)
William Connolly, NHS Scotland
Scott Thomson, University of Glasgow
Angus Law, University of Edinburgh
Stephen Garvin, Building Standards Division, Scottish Government
Scott Young, Building Standards Division, Scottish Government
Peter Drummond, RIAS

Apologies

Stuart Russell, NHS Scotland
Alison Scott, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Iain McLaren, RICS
Colin Hird, Building Standards Division, Scottish Government

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the fifth meeting of this working group, the last meeting of the group having been held in November 2023.

The Chair thanked attendees for their ongoing participation on this working group and went on to outline the focus of the meeting, this being to discuss the proposed Terms of Reference paper for the FireHub.

2. Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising

No comments were raised on the draft note of the fourth meeting of the group. This note has now been published on the [LABSS website](#). Note this information will be available on the Scottish Building Standards Hub website when its fully developed (www.sbsb.scot).

Matters arising:

AMCA had a follow up meeting with Kate Swinburne from the IFE to provide an update on wider SBSH work.

Other matters arising are covered within the draft TOR supporting paper issued in advance of this meeting.

3. Update on the creation of the permanent Scottish Building Standards Hub (SBSH).

AMCA provided a comprehensive update on progress of the hub pilot programme and the move to the creation of a permanent Scottish Building Standards Hub.

SG provided an update on the current position with Ministers following recent changes in the Scottish Government.

4. Review of proposed Terms of Reference paper.

The group reviewed the draft Scottish Building Standards Hub – FireHub Terms of Reference paper which was provided in advance of the meeting.

Feedback from the group included the need for greater clarity and specificity around how the FireHub would operate, including communications on such particulars to relevant stakeholders. Further clarity was also sought on the timing of any approach to the FireHub and the appropriateness of the draft timescales associated with progressing cases through the FireHub.

A note of caution was raised to make sure processes were robust to protect the FireHub from approaches which seek to pass the design burden to others.

Feedback also noted that subject matter experts may not always be self-evident, and that there is the need for an appropriate mechanism to bring them to the FireHub. These considerations also contribute to the setting of achievable processing timescales.

5. Proposed date and topics for next meeting – possible ‘in-person’ meeting in the form of a mock/trial/test FireHub session.

The group were content in principle for the next meeting to be in-person.

6. Any other business.

WC requested background information on the LABSS Competency Assessment System (CAS). AMCA to forward on.

HM noted the need for further consideration of competency with respect to the operation of the FireHub.

7. Date of next meeting.

To be confirmed.