

Meeting notes

Meeting:	RIBA London Regional Council (LRC)
Date:	09 February 2016
Venue:	Aston Webb, 66 Portland Place
Present:	<p>Chris Hampson, Regional Chair</p> <p>Marie Braithwaite, Student representative Russell Curtis, Regionally elected National Council member Nick Lyons, Co-opted member (The Social) Walter Menteth, Co-opted member Shahriar Nasser, Regionally elected National Council member Alex Scott-Whitby, Co-opted member Meryl Townley, Regionally elected National Council member Carl Turner, Regionally elected National Council member and Chair Elect</p> <p>Branches: Eva Aftab, ELA Past Chair Allan Baird, WLAS Chair Debbie Flevotomou, SLSA Chair Mojgan Green, CAF Chair Bernard Humphrey-Gaskin, CSB Chair Gavin Hutchison, CLAWSA Chair Mandip Kalsi, RKM representative Elaine Toogood, SELSA Vice Chair Vinesh Pomal, Regionally elected National Council member and NWLSA Chair</p> <p>RIBA London: Laura Broderick, Architectural Communities Manager</p> <p>Guests: Will Hawkins, Director Nations & Regions Ant Clerici, Vice President Membership (Nations & Regions)</p>
Apologies:	Peter Oborn, Regionally elected National Council member
Absent:	<p>David Berridge, NETAS Owen O'Carroll, Regionally elected National Council member Edward Williams, Regionally elected National Council member</p>

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1.0	<p>Welcome and apologies</p> <p>Chris Hampson opened the meeting and welcomed Marie Braithwaite as the new student representative on LRC.</p> <p>Laura updated the group that Owen O'Carroll has sent a letter</p>	

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	<p>Allan proposed £4k to student awards (£400 to 10 schools) and £1k to other activity. Gavin seconded this. A vote was taken – 14 voted for, 3 against, with 1 abstention.</p> <p>It was agreed that applications received before the next meeting in June (for use of the remaining £1k grant) would be assessed and agreed by Chris as Chair and Carl Turner, Chair Elect.</p>	
6.0	<p>Reimagining 66PP</p> <p>London Region had been asked to bring this consultation process for the future use of RIBA HQ to LRC’s attention. A client adviser has been appointed. Vinesh who is on the steering group and urged people to complete the online survey and join focus groups when these are advertised.</p>	Laura to circulate consultation link
7.0	<p>AoB</p> <p>Chris invited Any Other Business items, namely a discussion about the Garden Bridge - a project which RIBA President Jane Duncan had recently spoken out against.</p> <p>Walter updated the group on issues of procurement with the project and vote was taken on his proposed motion to RIBA Council:</p> <p><i>Public procurement in construction needs to be fair, transparent and in accordance with the law. In the light of the seriousness of allegations relating to the Garden Bridge, London Regional Council call for the project to be put on hold while the process is opened up to full and detailed independent scrutiny.</i></p> <p>Chris and Carl both seconded Walter’s motion. A vote was then taken with 16 members voting for the motion, 0 against and 2 abstentions.</p>	Laura and Walter to liaise with Sally Welbourn
8.0	<p>Branch Reconfiguration Strategy</p> <p>Chris opened this item reminding people that a proposal in principle to reconfigure the branches to a 5 branch model had been voted on at the last meeting. He said it is now about resourcing and phasing.</p> <p>In November it was agreed that Tamsie and Laura would work with Vinesh to develop a strategy and consider phasing and which ‘wedge’ would be appropriate to start with – this was presented in a short paper. Chris invited comments.</p>	