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To Ellen Delage
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Subject Institute report

1 Government & Construction Industry

- *'A Manifesto for Architecture'* was published in April 2005 to coincide with the General Election in the UK. This contains some 21 proposed actions for a better Britain (attach copy);
- *a RIBA policy on 'Sustainable Communities'* was published in 2004 in response to government policy initiatives in this area. We are now working with the Academy of Sustainable Communities to explore how to bridge generic and professional skills gaps in this area;
- *Smart PFI* – proposals developed during 2005-06 have been well received by HM Treasury/OGC. The RIBA publish its proposals on 14 December 2006 which have had a bearing on imminent revisions to guidance documents to be published by the Office of Government Commerce. During 2007 we aim to develop a number of 'Smart' derivatives aimed at the schools sector (Smart BSF) and health sector (Smart LIFT);
- *Climate Change* – the RIBA Council endorsed the philosophy of Convergence & Contraction, and is planning a major programme of work in campaign in 2007 to include provision of tools/advice for members, events/lectures, a review of all our premises and a media campaign;
- *ARB* – work is on-going to review the remit of the registration board, via regulatory reform order;
- *Planning* – a new group has been established to consider improvement to planning & building regulations;
- *Housing* – a new group has been established to develop a housing policy, respond to a number of consultations & establish a Knowledge Community.

2 Promotion of Architecture & the Profession

- New RIBA website – developmental work during 2006; to be launched in May 2007;
- Publication of *'Gateway to Good Architecture'* – to raise awareness among the general public;
- Trust programme – on-going, including events, lectures, Awards, Royal Gold Medal, Stirling Prize, Lubetkin Prize, RIBA Conference in Venice, V&A partnership;
- Le Corbusier exhibition planned for 2008;
- 175th Anniversary – series of celebratory events planned for 2009.

3 **Membership & benefits (including CPD initiatives)**

- Membership research (in-depth review during 2006, the results of which will be reported in March 2007)
- Review of membership classes, pricing and benefits (commenced Spring 2007)
- New contact management system to be launched in 2007
- Chartered Practice scheme (launch: 1 July 2007)
- CPD – core curriculum

4 **Administration & finance**

- RIBA 2006-2008 Strategy published focusing on three major streams of activity - Campaigning; Improving Quality; Developing Capability.
- Re-structuring, introduced in 2003, now bedding down. The RIBA is now made up of three companies:
 - RIBA Trust (outreach/cultural activity);
 - RIBA Professional Services (practice/education/membership/client services/regional network);
 - RIBA Enterprise (commercial company)

which are co-ordinated by a holding company: RIBA Holdings.
Current Group turnover c. £33,000,000 p.a. (\$ 63,000,000 p.a.)

5 **Other**

- Education: proposals to revise architectural curriculum
- Practice: study of the future of the profession (Constructive Change);
- Practice: 'Principles of Place-making' issued; Academy of Urbanism established;
- Research: R&D symposium held; Research Award established;
- Practice/Policy: Knowledge Management project – 3 knowledge communities established – Housing, Planning, Urbanism

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Membership: (at 10.12.06)	<i>overall</i> 39,633 <i>Chartered:</i> 28,168 (incl. 4103 overseas) <i>Graduate:</i> 637 <i>Student:</i> 10,063 <i>Affiliate:</i> 765
Publication(s):	RIBA Journal (monthly) RIBAPractice (e-bulletin) – weekly RIBAWorld (e-bulletin) – weekly RIBASTudent (e-bulletin) – monthly CPD newsletter – monthly