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CECA North West

NEWS DIGEST FROM CECA NORTH WEST

Welcome to this round up of news from CECA North West. If there are any items you wish to include, please let me know. If you would like to contact me, or wish to arrange a meeting, I can be reached via email: guy.lawson@cecanw.co.uk or mobile 07703 585027.

Civil Engineering Contractors' Association North West news

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Free and discounted services for members - what can we do for you?

CECA NW always wants to make sure it delivers the services that members want. So, please tell us what your priorities are. We are always looking for ways to enhance the services CECA NW offers to members, which currently include:

- Legal services (see below)
- Training
- Tendering support
- Market intelligence
- Lobbying

But, please contact Guy Lawson if there are any specific areas where we can be of assistance.

CECA NW Legal Advice Service

Willow Contracts has provided very high quality advice to CECA NW members over the last year - and their support and expertise for legal and contractual matters is highly recommended. The email address exclusively for members is CECAsupport@willowcontracts.co.uk and this will automatically contact Chris Hutchinson and his colleague. For the telephone service, the dedicated number is 01924 919392. In the event that the call cannot be taken any voicemail left is automatically routed to Chris's mobile phone. Call costs I am advised are at standard rates.

Tendering workshops

Members are invited to contact Guy Lawson for 1-2-1 tendering workshops, where he will advise on PQQs and ITTs, eg on how to present socio-economic and CSR data as effectively as possible. This is a free service to CECA NW members. Please contact him at the above number or email.

CECA NW Routes to Market 2019

Want to know what's planned for the region, and who's doing what? Our Routes to Market research is an invaluable resource for CECA NW members:

<https://www.ceca.co.uk/members-area/briefing/ceca-north-west-routes-to-market-september-2019/>

PII renewal seminar, 08.30 Friday 17 January 2020

Following a meeting with Lockton Insurance, we are holding a seminar to assist CECA NW members at their Manchester office.

To book your places: <https://emailcc.com/cv/715c75fc5dec1046c7f6e7a5e13cc84efe85784a>

CECA NW Executive Committee, Wednesday 22 January 2020

The next meeting of the committee takes place at the Park Royal Hotel, Stretton, Warrington from 08.30. All welcome, but please contact Guy Lawson to book your place.

CECA NW Flyer 2019

The 2019 flyer is ready - hard copies are available upon request:

<https://www.ceca.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/CECA-NW-Flyer-2019.pdf>

CECA NW 2019 video

The new video, to promote careers in the industry, is now available on YouTube:

<https://youtu.be/myeRhpZRsvM>

CECA Publishes New Dayworks Schedules

The Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) has published a new version of the Schedules of Dayworks Carried out Incidental to Contract Work, the standard industry contract for the construction of infrastructure schemes. The new two volume version can be used for either, i) pricing of work undertaken on a daywork basis where no other schedules are included with contract documentation, using volumes 1 & 2, or ii) pricing of standalone projects where appropriate, using only volume 2. The new titles are Volume 1 - Schedules of Dayworks Carried Out Incidental to Contract Work Including Rail Equipment Items and Volume 2 - Schedules of Contractors Equipment Rates for use on Construction Contracts Including Rail Equipment Items. Rates and prices included in Vols 1 & 2 of the Schedules apply to work carried out on a Daywork basis on or after the date of publication. Equipment rates have been recalculated to reflect current costs and rail equipment items have been included to fully reflect the range of works undertaken.

The publication is available from CECA at 1 Birdcage walk, London SW1H 9JJ and cost £20.00 to CECA members (first copy is free to CECA NW members) and £45.00 to non-members. It is available to buy online in hard copy only.

CECA NW/CITB training & recruitment workshop, Friday 22 November 2019

Slides from the meeting which covered grandfather rights, an initiative to provide employment opportunities for ex-offenders, social value & an update from CITB are available upon request.

In planning....

CECA NW will be holding a meeting shortly for members on housing infrastructure opportunities in the region. Meetings are also being planned with Highways England and United Utilities/Costain. Interested parties should contact Guy Lawson.

Working Rule Agreement

Hard copies or a pdf version of the new edition of the Working Rule Agreement are available to CECA NW members free of charge. Please contact Guy Lawson to order your copy.

Training & Development

CECA NW Legal Breakfast seminars, with Geraldine Fleming - 2020 programme topics:

Please let us know of any topics you would like us to cover in 2020

£3m CITB funding is available to enhance training provision for plant operators

Submit your application form no later than 5.00pm **Friday 28 February 2020**.

<https://www.citb.co.uk/levy-grants-and-funding/grants-funding/citb-commissioned-projects-fund/plant-commission/>

CITB NW winter update

<https://spark.adobe.com/page/INPAYnVg3e064/>

University research project - can you help?

Mark Ament, a member of the CECA NW Foundations Group, is completing his final year in university, investigating how geomatic control systems can help improve productivity and efficiency for contractors. To get some further insight and information for his research within the industry he has designed this questionnaire <https://forms.gle/67VJu8o2PcpTgMJq7>

Please could you complete before his deadline of **23 December 2019**.

Recruiting new members for the FIR Steering Group,

The Fairness Inclusion & Respect (FIR) steering group is looking to recruit two new representatives. They meet every two months for a couple of hours to set and review FIR activity progress.

Are you keen to contribute to their vision and do you work for a small, medium enterprise (SME)?

If so, they would welcome you to apply for this position. Find out more about what the role involves and the application process here. Nominations should be submitted by completing the application and emailing it to Veronica by **19 December 2019**: veronica@supplychainschool.co.uk

[New_FIR_Steering_Group_Members_application_pack.01.pdf](#)

CITB NW autumn 2019 update

<https://spark.adobe.com/page/ATSnHZKJLuGil/>

NW Contractors' Training Group - free for all CECA NW members

The Group provides access to CITB funding to support training, and its members receive free or substantially discounted training. If you are interested in joining the Group, please let Gill Steele know: mgtpsteele@hotmail.co.uk

Sponsoring the Civil Engineering Challenge

We are sponsoring resource packs to enable scouts and guides to achieve the Civil Engineering badge, developed by Pippa Higgins of Vinci. Please let me know if you would like more information. We are now funding over twenty groups to undertake the civil engineering challenge.

WISE: Employ more women in STEM roles or get left behind

WISE, the campaign for greater gender balance in science, technology and engineering (STEM), is calling for employers, professional bodies and educators to set a target of achieving 30% of women in core STEM roles. Currently, women hold just over 24% of these roles.

Policy & Industry Affairs

CECA: Conservative Government Must ‘Turbo-Charge’ Infrastructure In First 100 Days

Civils contractors have called on the incoming Conservative UK Government to ‘turbo-charge’ the infrastructure sector in its first 100 days in office.

<https://www.ceca.co.uk/ceca-conservative-government-must-turbo-charge-infrastructure-in-first-100-days/>

PR 19 final determinations

In September 2018, water companies in England and Wales submitted their plans for the future to Ofwat. They checked and challenged those plans, including how much companies planned to spend to deliver them.

<https://www.ofwat.gov.uk/regulated-companies/price-review/2019-price-review/final-determinations/>

Inspiring Change

Entries are now open for the 2020 Inspiring Change Awards. If you're working for a construction employer who takes Fairness, Inclusion and Respect seriously, why not submit an entry. For more information see: <http://www.inspiringchangeawards.com/2020-categories-and-entry-forms.html>

UK Municipal Bonds Agency: cutting the cost of council borrowing

In light of the recent 1% hike in the interest rate offered by the Public Works Loan Board to local councils, an alternative source of economical funding is desperately needed to deliver vital new infrastructure like homes, roads and business hubs. UKMBA's chair, Sir Merrick Cockell, said, "The UK Municipal Bond Agency will revolutionise how local authorities finance their capital expenditure and enable local government to stand on its own two feet, while not indulging imprudent or excessive borrowing. We've clearly heard the feedback from local authorities around the original guarantee structure and have taken steps to implement a revised framework that offers the security and flexibility they need."

Urban Voices: UK City Leaders' Survey 2019

Urban council leaders and elected mayors now rank the climate emergency among the most important issues British cities face, according to a new city leaders' survey by Arup. Half of city council leaders and directly elected mayors contributing to the 2019 Centre for Cities / Arup Urban Voices study cited tackling climate change as a top priority - rising dramatically from just 5% last year.

<https://www.centreforcities.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/UK-City-Leaders-2019.pdf>

IR35: Chancellor pledges review of freelance tax changes

Chancellor Sajid Javid is promising to review looming freelance tax rule changes which are causing widespread concern in construction. HMRC IR35 rules are due to change next April making contractors liable for determining the tax status of off-payroll professionals.

Major contractors have been auditing freelancers employed via personal service companies as thousands of professionals are braced for a move back to PAYE.

Congratulations to Taziker Industrial

Congratulations to CECA members Taziker Industrial on winning, jointly with Network Rail, the Costain Structures Award at the National Rail Heritage Awards. The award was for the refurbishment of the South Esk Viaduct at Montrose in Scotland. Construction & Marine, also CECA members, were shortlisted for the same award for their work on the Thickey Wood footbridge at Sheldon.

IPPR State of the Nation report 2019

Divided and connected: Regional inequalities in the North, the UK and the developed world - State of the North 2019: <https://www.ippr.org/files/2019-11/sotn-2019-summary.pdf>

Constructionline concerns - a response to CECA

- The Constructionline system was updated with the new Common Assessment Standard and verified VIP functions in October it caused an overload for the website.
- They have now put in place a technical solution that has overcome the initial challenge. The website should now operate normally.
- However when the site was down it created a backlog in verifications. Though they have started to eat into this backlog, it still currently stands at 18 days. They are taking on new staff to address this, starting next week.
- The aim is to get this down to the standard 10 days for verification by beginning of January.
- They were apologetic about the delays and recognised the disruption it causes for members.
- They would like to invite a group of members to take part in some work with them in the new year to make sure that they system is more user friendly [let me know if you have anyone who would like to take part].

Supreme Court: community benefits not planning 'material consideration'

Proposed donations to a community benefit fund from the proceeds of a new wind turbine could not be taken into account by a local authority when deciding whether to grant planning permission for the development, the Supreme Court has confirmed.

According to the Supreme Court, the benefits proposed by developer Resilient Severndale were not "proposed as a means of pursuing any proper planning purpose". The local planning authority, Forest of Dean District Council, was therefore not entitled to treat them as a 'material consideration' when granting planning permission. The unanimous judgment from the Supreme Court upholds a 2016 High Court judgment in the same case.

£18m for consortium to develop compact nuclear power stations

A consortium including BAM Nuttall and Laing O'Rourke has secured Government match funding to develop the next generation of compact nuclear power stations. The new small-scale power stations are being designed to be manufactured in sections in regional factories, before being transported to existing nuclear sites for rapid assembly inside a weatherproof canopy. This would slash costs by avoiding weather disruptions and secures gradual efficiency savings by using streamlined and standardised manufacturing processes for its components.

The radical energy proposals are being worked up to help meet the Government's 2050 net zero-carbon target. The Government's UK Research and Innovation will provide £18m of match funding to the consortium of companies designing the new nuclear reactors.

Guidance on forward tipping dumpers

<https://www.cpa.uk.net/sfpsgpublications/>

Smart motorways review announced amid safety fears

Transport secretary Grant Shapps has announced a review of smart motorways. Mr Shapps told the House of Commons that the Department for Transport (DfT) would carry out a review of the safety of smart motorways, amid fears over the risks posed to motorway users involved in vehicle accidents and breakdowns. The announcement followed comments from Highways England chief executive Jim O'Sullivan, who said the organisation would not be building any more smart motorways with a dynamic hard shoulder, because drivers found the system too complicated.

RIS2 Update

In less than a year, the government's Road Investment Strategy 2 (RIS2) will commence.

Starting in April 2020 and running for five years, this investment period will deliver important road schemes set out by Highways England and the government.

Continuing the work from the inaugural Road Investment Strategy, the investment will be more than ever before, eclipsing the previous £15 billion funding by more than £10 billion.

Homes England launches Strategic Plan 2018/19 - 2022/23

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/752686/Homes_England_Strategic_Plan_AW_REV_150dpi_REV.pdf

Doing business with Sellafield (LINC and CTM update)

LINC with Sellafield Ltd has now transitioned over to the CTM system. In order to qualify for LINC in CTM please either login with your existing details or if you are new to CTM register as a 'new supplier' and navigate to RFQ 10536 - LINC Qualification:

<https://sharedsystems.eu-supply.com/login.asp?B=SELLAFIELD>

News from People's Health (from B&CE)

<https://elink.eu.clickdimensions.com/m/1/11894794/p1-b19291-e1ab31301ef6427981d564a5a4075660/1/127/a68cca09-d4e4-4354-8e70-1176dda1ebd7>

Build Environment Networking: 2020 events calendar

<https://www.built-environment-networking.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/2020-Calendar.pdf>

CICES November newsletter

<http://mailshot.cices.org/Chartered%20ICES%20Newsletter%20Nov19.html>

News from ACAS North West

<https://northwest.cmail19.com/t/ViewEmail/r/241B503BAC5A98372540EF23F30FEDED/9C1CDA478BA47863148F9D201EEB5695>

News from ACAS - winter workplace advice

<https://acasnational.cmail20.com/t/ViewEmail/r/D063477C919E43552540EF23F30FEDED/2C3CE2DFFCC9DA6963B21DE8DA818551>

North West - and the North

General Election: impact on the North

- The North of England was a central feature of this election. The bond between Labour and voters in its traditional heartlands. Labour held 117 seats in the North of England; that has fallen to 88; Conservatives did have 40, they now have 68. Support for Labour fell by 11% in constituencies with the most blue collar jobs.
- Turnout was strong across the region, but the largest fall in turnout was where Labour were strongest.
- With this surge in the north, this will place greater pressure on the Conservative Government to invest properly in the north. We have to date heard promises about devolution, Northern Powerhouse Rail and a more equal distribution of Government spending on R&D; this Parliamentary arithmetic will only support an enhanced focus on 'Levelling Up'. This is an area where Mayoral Combined Authorities can find common ground with fresh Conservative Parliamentarians.
- We will be leaving the European Union at the end of January 2020. For a region that has done well from the EU, in terms of export markets, regional aid and immigration, what form of relationship we have with our largest trading partner matters as does the shape and form of the Shared Prosperity Fund.
- The composition of the Tory majority perhaps indicates less 'Singapore on the Thames' and perhaps a more activist state.
- To our north, SNP had a good election. Is a fresh referendum avoidable? The defensive line will clearly be that the Government will live with the outcome of the referendum; no 2nd referendums. It is difficult to see a path for Labour majority back in No.10 without Scotland.

Parkside link road goes before planning committee

The proposed £38m link road which would connect a potential 270-acre business park on the site of former Parkside Colliery in Newton-Le-Willows, has sparked debate within local councils.

The link road would cross 93 acres of Green Belt, including farmland, before connecting to the Parkside Colliery site. It would also have the potential to unlock future phases of up to 505-acres around the junction to the east and west of the site for employment land and railway infrastructure, according to the planning application.

The proposal includes a single carriageway to the east from the A49 Winwick Road to the A573 Parkside Road with a three-way junction, and a single carriageway road to the east of the M6 to link the A573 Parkside Road to a roundabout on the A579 Winwick lane. The road from the roundabout will be a dual carriageway. The proposal would link to Parkside Regeneration's Parkside Colliery business park proposal in Newton-le-Willows. The scheme is being brought forward in a joint venture between Langtree and St Helens Council, and would create 1m sq ft of employment space in its first phase. The road is recommended for approval at Warrington's planning committee this week.

Centre for Cities Report calls for review of railway Green Belt in Manchester

An estimated 26,000 acres around railway stations in Greater Manchester could be developed if there was "modest reform to the Green Belt", according to Centre for Cities.

<https://www.centreforcities.org/data/buildable-land-commuter-stations/>

Warrington West: Town's new £20.5m railway station opens

The new £20.5m railway station has opened in Warrington. Warrington West, in Chapelford near Great Sankey, will provide regular connections to Manchester and Liverpool. It was built due to a growing demand for public transport as a result of new housing developments and industrial estates, the town's council has said.

Yorkshire Water names final AMP7 framework winners

Yorkshire Water has named the nine firms it will use to deliver a £650m programme of infrastructure network improvements to clean and wastewater pipes as well as smaller works covering lead replacement and internal flooding.

Infrastructure Networks:

- Galliford Try Infrastructure;
- Morrison Utility Services;
- Mott MacDonald Bentley;
- nmcn;
- Peter Duffy;
- Sapphire Utility Services

Customer Focussed Infrastructure:

- Fastflow Pipeline Services;
- Morrison Utility Services;
- O'Connor Utilities;
- Peter Duffy;
- Sapphire Utility Services;
- Network Plus (formerly T&K Gallagher)

The last set of framework awards complete a 12-month AMP7 procurement process following the recent announcements of the MEICA and Civils framework awards.

The £400m Infrastructure Networks framework covers the delivery of infrastructure pipeline projects for both clean and wastewater assets.

Eden confident of 2020 planning submission

Eden Project North is continuing to target a 2020 submission for the planning application for its £85m Morecambe attraction following a successful public consultation, remaining positive about future Government support despite political uncertainty. The Grimshaw-designed Eden Project North is earmarked for a waterfront site at Morecambe Bay, which would become the location of an immersive visitor experience housed across a series of mussel shell-shaped domes. Eden estimates Eden Project North would attract around 760,000 visitors per year, but will be designed to accommodate up to a million, with a daily capacity of 4,000 people.

Salford and Bolton road improvements set for sign-off

Mayor Andy Burnham and Eamonn Boylan, chief executive of the GMCA, have put forward proposals for the improvements to the A666 and A6 in Salford, and Bury Road and Crompton Way in Bolton, for sign-off. The work in Salford consists of junction upgrades, bus priority measures and cycling and walking enhancements on the A666 and A6. The schemes would be backed by £3.98m from the Local Growth Deal and Mayor's Fund.

The Salford scheme includes three sections of bus lane on the Manchester-bound side of Bolton Road between the M60 off-slip at Junction 16 on the M60 and the Irlam o'th Height roundabout; the reconfiguration of on-highway parking arrangements on Bolton Road; a junction improvement scheme at Broad Street and Frederick Road with the inclusion of a bus only link between Broad Street and Belvedere Road, and segregated signalled crossings for cyclists; and the provision of a pedestrian crossing on the A6 adjacent to Salford Crescent. -Salford City Council would be responsible for managing the works with project management support from TfGM.

The Bolton upgrades are a collection of junction improvements close to Bolton town centre. The scheme includes the implementation of two cycle signal junctions at the Manchester Road, Bradshawgate, and Trinity Street, and at Newport Street and Trinity Street. The scheme also includes capacity improvements at adjacent A666 and St Peters Way and Bury Road and Crompton Way junctions.

Manchester Airport unveils latest designs in £1bn revamp

Manchester Airport has released images and a video of its under-construction passenger terminal, as it presses ahead with plans to complete the airport expansion project by 2024.

The £1bn transformation project, which began in 2017, is set to be fully completed by 2024 with the first phase of the Terminal Two extension project set to open in 2020.

The security hall, departure lounge, immigration hall and arrivals hall will open next summer, while other facilities, such as island check-in desks and baggage reclaim facilities, will open later in the year.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FYGaZG503Ps&feature=youtu.be>

Liverpool calls for comment on emerging spatial strategy

Liverpool City Region Combined Authority has invited members of the public to provide feedback to influence its draft of its Spatial Development Strategy for the next 15 years, known as Our Places.

Questions posed to the public fall into six themes:

- Environment and climate change; tell us how we should be planning for a greener, cleaner city region and to meet the challenge of a changing climate
- Healthier, safer and resilient homes and communities; tell us how we should be planning for better places to live to meet our present and future needs
- A thriving and vibrant City Region; tell us how we should be planning for a vibrant city region and to revitalise our centres
- A connected City Region; tell us how we should be planning to make connections in the city region better and fit for the future
- An inclusive economy; tell us where you think new development should be focused to support a more inclusive economy
- The infrastructure we need; tell us what key infrastructure should be identified as part of an infrastructure Plan

The SDS is a statutory planning document, which will form part of the development plan for the six City Region local authorities alongside their own Local Plans and Neighbourhood Plans. When finalised, the SDS will be considered when deciding planning applications in the region.

The SDS will only deal planning matters of strategic importance to City Region as a whole, meaning that its policies will be at a higher level, and more detailed planning policies in Local Plans will provide more detailed factors and reflect their local circumstances.

The framework will take into account the Government's National Planning Policy Framework; the health of people in the LCR and the effect of the SDS on health inequalities; achieving sustainable development in the UK; Climate change and its consequences; and the need to ensure consistency with national policies and EU obligations.

Our Places will end on the **14 January 2020**, and responses can be submitted through the website, or by visiting one of the pop up events before Christmas. <https://lcrouplaces.commonplace.is/overview>

25 additional schemes proposed for £1.5bn Bee Network

The Greater Manchester Combined Authority has put forward plans for an additional 25 schemes to improve walking and cycling routes across the City Region, bringing the total number of projects to 82, at a cost of £493m. According to the GMCA, the projects identified so far make up a third of the overall Bee Network plan, which is set to reach £1.5bn of investment.

Tranche Six of the project attracted 37 applications, of which 25 were approved for programme entry. All of them are recommended for approval at the latest GMCA meeting, at a cost around £154m. The successful projects include:

- The £5.8m Westhoughton Bee Network and the £9m Astley Bridge in Crompton
- Three schemes in Elton, Pimhole, and Radcliffe central in Bury which total £6.9m
- £13.5m for Bee Network Crossings, and £4.3m for National Cycle Network upgrades
- Three in Manchester, the £5.7m Manchester Cycleway, £12.9m for Oldham Road, and £1.4m for Beswick Filtered Neighbourhood
- Seven in Oldham, which total £19.8m, including £11.1m for Oldham town centre improvements
- One scheme in Rochdale, including the links between Rochdale, Manchester and Oldham at £29.4m
- In Salford, there is one scheme for the as yet undescribed Salford Innovation Triangle at £19.9m
- Three in Stockport, made up of £3.2m for Heatons WRH, £3.9m for Romiley neighbourhood and links, and Thomson Street bridge
- The one improvement in Tameside is the £2.2m A57 Denton to Hyde
- The final two are in Trafford, which are the £4.4m North Altrincham Bee Network, and £7.9m Seymour Grove

Green light for £175m Woodhouse Colliery

Plans for the first deep coal mine to be built in the UK for decades will go ahead after the government decided not to intervene. The £175m mine project to be known as Woodhouse Colliery got the thumbs up from the local council in May but was called in by Government for further scrutiny. Radical designs for surface infrastructure on a brownfield site near Whitehaven in west Cumbria will minimise any potential impact from noise, dust and light. Construction phases are expected to start in early 2020 with deep coal mining starting 24 months later. WCM will move mined coal via a buried 2.2km long conveyor to a train loading facility, with its own dedicated siding, on the Cumbria Coast railway line.

<https://www.westcumbriamining.com/local-news/wcm-project-update-newsletter-november-2019/>
A supplier's day is planned for February 2020 - further details in due course.

SSE confirms closure of Fiddler's Ferry Power Station

SSE can confirm that the remaining units at its coal-fired Fiddler's Ferry Power Station in Warrington, Cheshire, will close by 31 March 2020, following the completion of collective consultation with employees and trade unions. SSE announced its proposal to close the station in June this year. Fiddler's Ferry is the last remaining coal-fired power station in SSE's generation fleet, with a total capacity of 1,510MW from its three operational units. Unit 1 at the site was closed in March 2019. Fiddler's Ferry has had limited success in the Government's Capacity Market auctions and its current contract ended in September 2019. Its financial performance has deteriorated to unsustainable levels, with losses of around £40 million in SSE's last financial year. We are seeking to arrange a meeting for CECA NW members to understand the decommissioning programme - further details in due course.

Peel eyes 2020 start for £150m Protos plant

Peel Environmental and Progressive Energy are set to start work next year on the £150m bio-substitute natural gas plant near Ellesmere Port after securing planning permission.

Bidding underway for £1bn A66 dualling design contract

A £45m contract to design the £1bn transformation of the A66 northern trans-Pennine route is now open for bids. Highways England is developing plans to fully dual the remaining single carriageway sections of the A66 which links the M6 at Penrith in Cumbria and the A1(M) at Scotch Corner in North Yorkshire. The project involves dualling the remaining 18 miles of the 50-mile route.

<https://ted.europa.eu/TED/notice/udl?uri=TED:NOTICE:504940-2019:TEXT:EN:HTML&src=0>

Copeland MP to chair panel on small scale nuclear developments

Copeland MP Trudy Harrison is to chair a panel discussion at a major conference on the commercialisation of small nuclear technology. Mrs Harrison has been invited to oversee a debate including MPs and Peers at the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy's Commercialisation of the Small Nuclear 2 conference, which takes in London on December 2. The MP is a supporter of Small Modular Reactors (SMRs), which are set to be the focus of the conference.

<https://www.timesandstar.co.uk/news/18000546.copeland-mp-chair-panel-small-scale-nuclear-developments/>

£200m Heysham waste incinerator approved

Veolia has gained planning for a £200m Energy Recovery Facility at Heysham in Lancashire. The energy from waste plant will process up to 160,000 tonnes of rubbish a year creating enough electricity to power 60,000 homes, as well as economic benefits for the local community. Around 350 construction jobs are expected to be sustained during the build programme. The Heysham Gateway project will be built on a 10-acre plot next to Imperial Road near the Lancaster West Business Park.

Capita appointed for Carlisle southern link road

A £2.5m contract for design services on Carlisle's £112m southern link road has been won by Capita Property & Infrastructure. The link road is a key priority for Cumbria County Council and Carlisle City Council, which leaders believe is vital in improving east-west connectivity. In February this year Government announced that it would grant £102m from the Housing Infrastructure Fund for the project. The route as mapped out runs west from junction 42 of the M6, meeting the A595 at the Newby West roundabout. The intention is to start construction in spring 2021 for completion in 2023. A six-week consultation was held through June and July this year.

St Cuthbert's Garden Village, where up to 10,000 homes could be delivered, is one of the sites that would be enabled by the link road. Draft options for the village are currently out for consultation.

Government overrules planners for Drax gas power station

More than 800 construction jobs will be created at the Drax power station after the Government overruled the planning inspectorate to give permission to build four new gas turbines at the site near Selby. It is also proposed to construct up to two battery storage facilities, one per generating unit and each up to 100MW. A new gas pipeline will be built to connect to the existing National Transmission System pipeline 3 km to the east across largely agricultural land. The new gas plant would be engineered to allow carbon capture equipment to be fitted in the future.

Route selected for new River Dee Bridge

A route has been confirmed for the new plans to the River Dee's new A494 bridge between North Wales and the North West of England. The new bridge will consist of a new offline carriageway for westbound traffic which will be composed of three lanes and a hard shoulder, which will extend from the River Dee to the Queensferry junction, minimising any disruption during the construction process through maintaining a steady flow of traffic. Furthermore, the new bridge will include cycle paths and pedestrian paths so as to encourage alternative, and environmentally conscious, modes of transport while also improving links within business zones. Construction is predicted to commence in 2021 after the finalisation of designs and following a public exhibition process.

<https://gov.wales/a494-river-dee-bridge-overview>

TfN: £700m funding bid for 16 northern road projects

Transport for the North has submitted a bid for a £700m investment in the region's roads over the next five years. The schemes are:

Major Road Network schemes

- A595 Improvement Scheme (Bothel) - Cumbria County Council
- A1079 Improvement Scheme - East Riding Council
- A582 Dualling - Lancashire County Council
- Blyth Relief Road - North of Tyne Combined Authority/North East Combined Authority
- Durham Northern Relief Road - North of Tyne Combined Authority/NECA
- Sunderland Transport Corridor - North of Tyne Combined Authority/NECA
- Tyne Bridge & Central M'way - North of Tyne Combined Authority/NECA
- Shalesmoor Gateway - Sheffield City Region
- A689 Corridor Improvements - Tees Valley Combined Authority
- A34 Cheadle - Greater Manchester Combined Authority
- A650 Tong Street - West Yorkshire Combined Authority
- Dawsons Corner Jct & Stanningley Bypass - West Yorkshire Combined Authority

Large Local Major schemes

- Kendal Northern Access Route - Cumbria County Council
- The Rocket Junction - Liverpool City Council
- Wigan East-West - Greater Manchester Combined Authority
- A1237 Dualling (Phase 2) - City of York Council

Plans progress for new waste-to-energy plant in Preston

Plans for a £200 million waste-to-energy plant on the outskirts of Preston, UK, have moved one step closer to fruition. Preston City Council’s planning committee voted not to object to the proposals put forward by infrastructure development, asset management and investment company Miller Turner. The firm plans to build the plant at Red Scar industrial estate. Lancashire County Council’s development control committee will make the final decision on whether the facility can be built.

EA: £220m marine and coastal defence framework

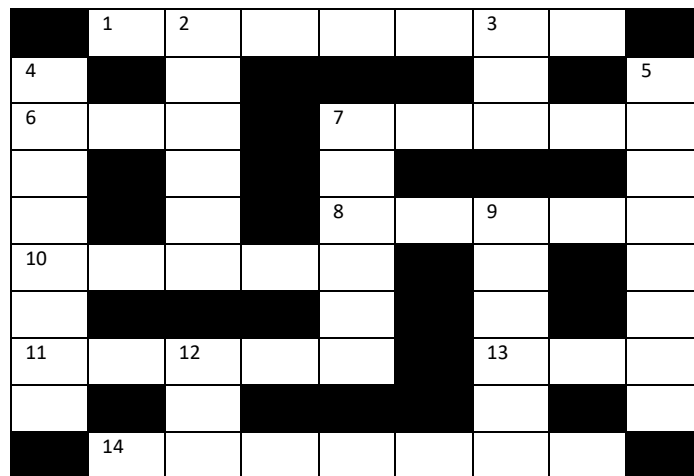
The Environment Agency has named the contractors it will use to deliver a £220m programme of marine and coastal flood defence work. Work has been split into two lots on the new framework, one covering major projects valued from £5m-£50m and the other smaller jobs worth less than £5m. The new arrangement will run until March 2023.

- £5m-£50m projects (total value £185m over four years)
BAM New Wave Solutions JV, Van Oord UK, VBA (VolkerStevin/Boskalis Westminster/Atkins)
- Projects up to £5m (total value £35m over 4 years)
JN Bentley, BAM Nuttall, Van Oord UK, VBA JV

The Christmas Crossword

Closing date for entries: **Friday 3 January 2020**, to guy.lawson@cecanw.co.uk

Bottle of champagne for the first correct entry (CECA NW members only - sorry!)



ACROSS

- 1 A unit that should be found on every site
- 6 Disposal place
- 7 Cleans car windscreen
- 8 When things line up
- 10 You need this for a winning bid
- 11 Between the Midlands and Scotland
- 13 River in north Yorkshire
- 14 Knowledge used on the job

DOWN

- 2 A civil engineer is an _____ in infrastructure
- 3 & 12 Rock used for shoreline protection
- 4 Bank Quay, Lime Street and Piccadilly are all these
- 5 Waste management process, or disposal of assets - or footballers!
- 7 I wish this for all CECA NW members in 2020
- 9 It's getting harder to do this for your professional indemnity

Jobs

Civil Engineering/QS Degree Apprenticeship sought

Contact Guy Lawson if you can help: guy.lawson@cecanw.co.uk

I am very near completion of my work experience with Morgan Sindall, where I have gained valuable contracting Quantity Surveying experience. I shadowed an experienced Quantity Surveyor, and also went on site to get a feel for that part of Quantity Surveying. I also sat in a variety of meetings, which widened my knowledge as to the different professions within the construction industry.

With regard to my near future, I am looking for a degree apprenticeship programme. I believe gaining on site experience and working towards a degree part-time is ideal. I would meet and network with the correct professionals to reach my long-term goals, gain necessary experience for the future whilst learning and collecting all relevant qualifications. Being surrounded by experienced professionals would benefit me with my degree as there would always be someone to offer a helping hand. Equally, what I'm learning in my course could also benefit the contractor I am working for on site. From what I have heard about full-time studying at university, I believe these programmes are far more beneficial.

Senior Estimator, Aggregate Industries

We are currently looking for an Estimator or Senior Estimator to lead accurate commercial pricing across our North West Region contracting business. If you have some knowledge of the surfacing industry or similar and the ability to work to tight deadlines, this is a great opportunity to progress your career to the next stage.

<https://careers.aggregate.com/job-detail.php?jobid=103199>

Tenders

Bury & Ramsbottom: Highways Investment Strategy - Year 2

Expressions of interest close on 16/01/2020.

Contact: Chris Bayfield, Bury Council, Email: c.bayfield@bury.gov.uk

Register via The Chest: <https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

Wallasey: Wash Bay and HGV Canopy

Expressions of interest close on 13/01/2020.

Contact: Merseytravel, Email: tender@merseytravel.gov.uk

Register via The Chest: <https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

Nottingham: Ultra Low Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Framework

Expressions of interest close on 06/08/2020.

Contact: Paul Ritchie, Nottingham City Council, Email: paul.ritchie@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

Register via East Mids Tenders: <https://www.eastmidstenders.org/>

Leicester: Bridge Strengthening

Expressions of interest close on 20/12/2019.

Contact: Sarah Lashbrooke, Leicestershire County Council, Email: sarah.lashbrooke@leics.gov.uk

Register via East Mids Tenders: <https://www.eastmidstenders.org/>

Hull: Dismantling and Enabling Works to Scott Street Bridge

Expressions of interest close on 31/01/2020.

Contact: Leila Oxtoby, Hull City Council, Email: leila.oxtoby@hullcc.gov.uk

Register via YORtender: <https://www.yortender.co.uk/>

Whitby: Swing Bridge Maintenance Contract

Expressions of interest close on 18/12/2019.

Contact: Patricia Murphy, North Yorkshire County Council, Email: patricia.murphy@northyorks.gov.uk

Register via YORtender: <https://www.yortender.co.uk/>

Nexus: Leamside and Sunderland Bridge Repairs

Expressions of interest close on 20/12/2019.

Contact: Hannah Colverd, Nexus, Email: hannah.colverd@nexus.org.uk

Register via NEPO: <https://www.nepo.org/>

Also, further details can be provided of the following upon request:

Liverpool: Steel and Concrete Repairs Kingsway Fan Grill Replacement and Associated Works

Chorley: Improvement Scheme at Shruggs Wood, Leyland

Wigan: Worsley Mesnes Demolition Project

Lytham St Annes: Fairhaven Adventure Golf Project

...and finally

Hundreds of trees planted in north Cumbria by hard-working children

A patch of land in Low Row will become a bio-diversity sanctuary thanks to a group of school children, local residents, and the Woodland Trust. Pupils at Lanercost Primary School spent all-day on Tuesday planting hundreds of different trees in the field to help to revitalise the habitat space.