

1 July 2020

CECA North West: COVID-19

COVID-19: WHAT IS CECA DOING FOR OUR NW MEMBERS?

Welcome to this round up of news from CECA North West. For the time being, it will replace the usual weekly digest, but details of tender opportunities and other industry news will be circulated in due course.

I would like to stress that CECA NW is here to support our members during this difficult time. What follows is a digest of current and planned activity.

But, if you have any queries, an issue you want to raise, or we can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Guy Lawson, Director, CECA NW, email: guy.lawson@ceca.co.uk
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Weekly Update, 1 July 2020

CECA's latest briefing for members, which includes, in addition to the items listed further on:

- CECA Workload Trends 2020 Q2 survey - deadline 13 July 2020
- Construction Working Hours Draft Guidance
- Highways Maintenance Group
- Updated CECA infrastructure pipeline:
https://mcusercontent.com/4f1f27cb2ee70c845263a972f/files/555dfe4a-7ba0-44f8-aa19-7c72914db634/CECA_Infrastructure_Pipeline_24_June_2020.pdf
- Updated CECA Recovery Plan, where we show what actions have been carried out in response to member's feedback on their priorities
- <https://www.ceca.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Securing-the-recovery-CECAs-Post-Covid-19-Action-Plan-Update-1-July-2020.pdf>
- Project Speed and the new Infrastructure Delivery Task Force

https://mcusercontent.com/4f1f27cb2ee70c845263a972f/files/410cda13-9a10-4a2b-95cc-fa0b4e0f8d2f/CECA_Weekly_Update_24_June_1_July_2020.pdf

CECA NW Dinners & Events

The 2021 Golf Day has been booked for Thursday 8 July 2021 at Leigh Golf Club. The annual awards dinner has been postponed until Friday 8 October 2021, at the Midland Hotel, Manchester. We will still be running the CECA NW awards this year, and plan to present them to the winners at the CECA North by NW dinner in the spring of 2021 - and the proposed date is Friday 7 May 2021, North Lakes Hotel, Penrith. Entry forms for the awards should be returned by Wednesday 30 September 2020:

<https://www.ceca.co.uk/ceca-nw-annual-awards-2020-entry-forms/>

CECA NW commercial & legal seminars

The next one will be on Thursday 16 July 2020, at 11.00. Geraldine Fleming will present a seminar on Liquidated Damages, covering issues such as:

- Background and recent case law (including parking tickets!)
- What is the difference between liquidated damages (JCT) and delay damages (NEC)?
- How do main contractors pass down liquidated damages to subcontractors?
- Common problems with deduction of liquidated or delay damages, including
 - Drafting issues
 - Reduction in damages where part of a project is taken over
 - Liquidated damages post termination

A longer format seminar on the Network Rail ICC Target Cost Contract is also being planned for 23-24 September, spread across the two days. Further details soon, but please contact Jemma Carmody to book places: jemma.carmody@ceca-yorks.co.uk

Revised Site Operating Procedures (SOP5)

The Site Operating Procedures have been updated by the Construction Leadership Council (CLC) to reflect the latest Government guidance following the easing of lockdown measures in England from Saturday 4 July. The 'one metre plus' social distancing guidelines require workers to stay two metres apart, or one metre with risk mitigation where two metres is not viable, and it is expected that sites will maintain the social distancing measures in place. Other changes to the Site Operating Procedures, Version 5 are minimal and include:

- Updates to the 'When to Travel to Work' section
- The latest peak times for public transport
- Entry systems to be regularly cleaned rather than between each use
- Drivers to have access to welfare facilities
- Canteens that have been closed or offered a restricted service may now re-open

<https://www.constructionleadershipcouncil.co.uk/news/clc-site-operating-procedures-guidance-v5/>

Procurement Policy Note PPN 0420 - Recovery and Transition from COVID-19, June 2020

https://mcusercontent.com/4f1f27cb2ee70c845263a972f/files/44dc18be-e3e7-4e62-be3f-6e5749932a78/PPN_04_20_Recovery_and_Transition_from_COVID_19.pdf

Transport for the North

Please find a letter from Transport for the North CEO, Barry White, to Secretary of State for Transport, The Rt. Hon. Grant Shapps MP, setting out the priorities he has identified for the north. Following Chris Jackson's and my meeting with Peter Molyneux, Highways Director for TfN, we are looking to arrange a members' meeting. I am also hoping to arrange meetings with Sellafield, United Utilities (HARP) and Northern Powerhouse Rail.

<https://transportfornorth.com/wp-content/uploads/Grant-Shapps-ERP-Letter-17.06.2020.pdf>

Moorside announcement on plans for a new clean energy park



A new clean energy park could be created on the vacant Moorside site, a Copeland Council report has revealed. Cumbria Clean Energy Park would be a “low-carbon energy hub” centred on Moorside as part of the Cumbria Nuclear Prospectus plan for the county’s nuclear future, according to a report to the council’s strategic nuclear and energy board.

A team set up under Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership’s Clean Energy Sector Panel - including representatives from the LEP, North West Nuclear Arc, Jacobs and the council - has developed the vision for the park adjacent to Sellafield.

Fairness, Inclusion & Respect

One of our members in the Midlands has been challenged on the current high profile Black Lives Matter campaign and has asked CECA if we intended to make a statement on the matter.

I have attached some details of the Fairness Inclusion & Respect programme that we are taking a lead on, and hope that you will find resources there to support you, should you need them.

General information:

https://mcusercontent.com/4f1f27cb2ee70c845263a972f/files/12b86661-e838-4d2a-99e3-fbfa7fc931f5/FIR_Programme_general_flyer_Jun20_2_.pdf

Events schedule:

https://mcusercontent.com/4f1f27cb2ee70c845263a972f/files/04cbc1b1-7f2b-47c3-b1d9-5b59f3b1370a/FIR_Events_Schedule_1_.pdf

Toolkit:

https://mcusercontent.com/4f1f27cb2ee70c845263a972f/files/140ae2ba-6566-4d29-8db3-11684fee0a45/FIR_Toolkit_flyer_Jun20_1_.pdf

Constructing Better Health

B&CE, provider of Constructing Better Health (CBH) - an occupational health management scheme for the construction industry - has announced its plan to exit the occupational health market in construction.

This message is a reminder that the CBH website and system will remain available to customers until 31 August. During this time, CBH customers will need to extract any data and reports from the system that they may need now, or in the future, using the report dashboard. After **31 August 2020**, the CBH system will be closed and no longer accessible and members will no longer be able to use any of the CBH collateral. Any customers who have paid beyond **31 August 2020** may receive a pro rata refund.

CIJC Working Rule Agreement update

The CIJC Working Rule Agreement, its pay and conditions, would normally have been reviewed at the end of June 2020. In April 2020, all parties to the Agreement agreed to postpone the start of any review discussions, given the Covid 19 emergency and the unprecedented effects this was having on employers, operatives, the industry and across the UK.

Whilst work on many construction sites is restarting, the overall impact on the construction industry remains variable in different parts of the country. As a result, the member trade associations of the CIJC representing employees covered by the CIJC have decided to extend the postponement of pay negotiations until September, when a further assessment will be undertaken. This decision has not been supported by the trade unions and we await their formal response.

Parties to the CIJC Working Rule Agreement remain in regular contact to monitor progress as the industry moves forwards from the emergency to better understand any ongoing impact on employers, operatives and the industry. In the meantime, all rates and allowances as detailed in the CIJC Agreement dated 1st August 2018 will continue to apply.

CECA Parliamentary Briefing, June 2020

Please find a copy of CECA's June Parliamentary briefing. I have sent it to NW MPs to build on the contact we already have with them, and to develop closer links with those that have a particular interest in infrastructure, transport and skills. It will form part of a regular communication with MPs, so please let me know if there are any issues you would like me to raise with them collectively or individually.

Also, I have contacted the CEOs of all of the NW's five Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) in response to the letter to them from HCLG Minister, Robert Jenrick, seeking bids for funding capital programmes. I am pleased to say that, to date, three are keen for CECA's assistance with this. I will keep you posted of developments.

https://mcusercontent.com/4f1f27cb2ee70c845263a972f/files/fa26698d-799a-4751-9ef5-bbd8e1d42e6b/CECA_Parliamentary_Bulletin_Issue_1_June_2020.pdf

Social Value in Construction report launch

The Institute of Economic Development launched its Social Value in Construction report on 30 June 2020. To download the reports: <https://ied.co.uk/insights/>

Restoring Railways

CECA have been following the DfT's plans for restoring railways and have consulted with our members on the lessons learned from our earlier experience in these types of projects.

We have, as a result, produced guidance on the reopening of shut railway lines. We thought this may be of interest to you & your teams, the report is available via:

<https://www.ceca.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/CECA-Reopening-The-Beeching-Lines-8-June-2020.pdf>

This is aimed at the promoters & developers of these schemes and includes real issues, that have cropped up previously, and suggestions as to how to avoid these pitfalls in future.

This report has been drawn up with the active participation of the following CECA members: BAM Nuttall, RSK, Volker Rail, Skanska, Morgan Sindall, Murphy and AMCO Giffen. Without the input from these companies this report would not have been possible, so thanks to them all. Andrew Stocks, now with Murphy, was able to provide advice from reopenings carried out by Carillion, which was also valuable.

Contractor matching for CECA NW members

This new service to help balance workforce/workload capacity between CECA NW members is now live. We are contacting all members to find if they are short of capacity or have spare capacity, and arranging opportunities, where feasible, for CECA NW members to work together. Chris Jackson is the contact for client organisations and directors of major projects in the North West chrisjackson@ceca.co.uk Jacqueline Vail is the contact for CECA NW members: jacquelinevail@ceca.co.uk

If you have any queries, or would like to know more, please contact Guy Lawson, guy.lawson@cecanw.co.uk tel: 07703 585027

NW Careers: jobs, vacancies and apprenticeships & work experience

The CECA NW section of the website now has a Vacancy Board - the first ads have been uploaded, and we have a list of people seeking work and apprenticeships. Please let Guy Lawson know if you would like to use this service (vacancies can also be added anonymously if you prefer, with responses coming to CECA NW in the first instance) <https://www.ceca.co.uk/nw-careers/>

The process is simple - for contractors with vacancies, complete the form and return to Jacqueline Vail, and we will circulate it in the newsletter and on social media. For people seeking apprenticeships, work experience and jobs, again, they should complete the form and return to Jacqueline or me and we will circulate the details without their personal information (to comply with GDPR). You may wish to make your subcontractors, plant operators etc aware of the service too.