



CECA National update

CECA South West

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Overview

- ▶ Six key issues:
 - ▶ Inflation
 - ▶ Investment
 - ▶ Local authority procurement
 - ▶ Recruitment & skills
 - ▶ Competence
 - ▶ Carbon

Cost inflation - CECA actions

- ▶ Supported CLC Product Availability Group
- ▶ Developed guidance on product availability
- ▶ Worked with CLC to produce Ukraine crisis response
- ▶ Webinar & summit with BMF
- ▶ Materials summit in October
- ▶ Worked with UK Government on remedies
 - ▶ Steel tariffs reallocated
 - ▶ Guidance on indexation published
 - ▶ Webinar on conflict avoidance
 - ▶ Engagement with clients
 - ▶ Insolvency research

Investment

1. Prepared industry lobbying position on investment ahead of Budget/Spending Review
2. Supported Network Rail for CP7 deliverability report
3. Headed up liaison with Department for Transport on RIS3 programme for National Highways
4. Engagement with Infrastructure & Projects Authority on impact of cancelations and delays to ‘in flight’ projects
 1. Potential highways productivity project?
5. Leading CLC work on preparation for AMP8

Local authority procurement

- ▶ Members highlighted specific concerns about quality of local authority procurement
- ▶ Shortage of resource means many councils no longer have the ability to properly manage bids for work
- ▶ Leading to poor outcomes and shift to ‘commercial’ frameworks
- ▶ Member-led research project to review and make recommendations

Recruitment & skills

- ▶ Final year of three year CITB-funded training programme
- ▶ 100s of seminars across the UK on commercial and procurement issues
- ▶ 8 new e-learning modules developed
- ▶ Led on industry plans in relation to culture change in the sector
- ▶ Looking at options to boost apprenticeships in UK construction

Competence

- ▶ Members report concerns about competence of workforce as a result of skill shortages
- ▶ CECA supporting work to understand where challenges lie, and will be taking forward activities in 2023 to address these challenges

Carbon

- ▶ Published *Carbon Reduction Demystified for SMEs in Civil Engineering*
- ▶ E-learning available shortly

- ▶ Leading CLC zero diesel sites workstream
- ▶ Zero diesel route map published early June
- ▶ Now rolling out recommendations

