



Subject Mid-year report on the delivery of the 2018 Business Plan and extension of the 2018 Business Plan

Purpose For Note and Decision

From Operational Management Group (OMG)

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1. Summary

To note and discuss mid-year performance against the 2017/2018 Business Plan.
To agree to extend the timeframe for delivery of the Business Plan to the end of 2018.

2. Open

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3. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board extend the 2018 Business Plan, previously agreed to run until the end of June 2018, to the end of 2018.

4. Contribution to the Board's Purpose and Objectives

In delivering the Act, ARB's objectives are to protect the users and potential users of architects' services and support architects through regulation. These objectives are then reflected within the priorities and Business Plan set for each year. The Business Plan sets the programme of work for the year in order to achieve ARB's objectives and the review of performance against the Business Plan enables the Board to provide effective oversight.

5. Key Points on mid-year performance against the 2017/2018 Business Plan

- i. The Board sets a business plan and budget each year and receives twice yearly updates on ARB's key areas of performance, typically in February and July. In addition to this report, the latest update on operational performance for the first half of 2018 is included elsewhere on the Board's agenda for noting.
- ii. The Board is asked to note **Annex A** which includes an update on ARB's delivery to date against the Business Plan between January and June 2018. Comments have been made in relation to the actions expected and the measures of success worked towards.
- iii. As part of the Board development day and May 2017 meeting, the OMG was asked to identify any items within the 2017 Business Plan that could be deferred to 2018

or beyond. This was so ARB would have sufficient time and resource to effectively deal with the challenges brought by the publication of the Periodic Review, introduction of apprenticeships, and the implications of the UK's departure from the European Union.

6. Key Points on the extension of the 2017/2018 Business Plan

On 14 September 2017, the Board agreed to extend the 2017 Business Plan (with several amendments and additions) to June 2018. It was anticipated at the time that a new Board would be in place by April 2018.

Further to the discussion at the Board development day, the Board is asked to consider extending the timeframes for the delivery of the 2017/2018 Business Plan to the end of 2018.

The first part of this paper demonstrates that there is further work to do to deliver the 2018 Business Plan as it stands. Additional workstreams have emanated from the UK's exit from the European Union, the exploration of mutual recognition agreements with non-EU countries and the competence working group established following the publication of the Hackitt review which have and will continue to require resourcing. With government plans to implement the new Board constitution in early 2019, it is considered that an extension to the existing Business Plan to the end of 2018 would be the most appropriate course of action.

7. Resource Implications

To assist with the delivery of the 2018 Business Plan and the additional work that has been taken on by ARB since its formulation, additional staff resource may be requested in due course.

8. Risk Implications

A failure to deliver the Business Plan effectively could impact on ARB's objectives and ARB's statutory functions.

9. Communication

ARB establishes an annual business plan, which outlines the work needed during the year to support and deliver ARB's objectives, and underpin its priorities. The review against the business plan assists the Board in providing oversight of ARB's delivery of the plan.

10. Equality and Diversity Implications

None identified over and above the relevant section of the Business Plan.

11. Further Actions

Work will continue to deliver the stated objectives by the end of 2018 and into 2019.