

Architects Registration Board

3 Year Strategic Plan

Purpose

ARB's primary purpose is to deliver the Architects Act.

Aims

The Board has identified two strategic aims from the Act which underpin our core work.

Protect the users and potential users of architects' services:

We will protect the users and potential users of architects' services by regulating architects so that the public can be confident that architects are appropriately qualified. We will raise the public's awareness of the Register.

Support architects through regulation:

We will maintain and publicly demonstrate the status of architects as competent, qualified professionals, and we will regulate use of the title "architect". We will raise awareness of the Architects Code of Conduct and Practice and the need to maintain competence.

Strategic Objectives

In addition to this core work, ARB has identified four strategic objectives for delivery in the years 2019-2021.

1. Organisational Excellence

We will deliver efficiencies and improve performance in way that does not sacrifice accessibility, by:

- Integrating a newly appointed Board
- Providing IT efficiencies both in cost and time;
- Maintaining a properly resourced, competent and motivated staff team;

- Delivering ARB's obligations without placing undue financial burdens on the profession
- Revising our performance measuring systems to facilitate improved performance
- Ensuring that those appointed to undertaken work for us are competent, reflect our values, and provide value for money

2. Effective exit from the European Union

We will respond to the UK's changing relationship with Europe and the Rest of the World in a way which continues to protect consumers and supports architects through regulation, by:

- Operating effectively during any implementation period and post EU-exit

3. Fit for purpose Register of Architects

We will review the requirements for entry to and retention on the Register of Architects, and how we can monitor the competence of those already on it, to ensure that our processes are robust and fair, by:

- Undertaking a review of how individuals can gain access to the Register of Architects
- Ensuring that architects' ongoing competence is appropriately regulated

4. Strong Relationships

Collaborative working can yield benefits beyond the sum of its parts. Strong relationships with others can enable ARB to achieve its statutory and strategic aims directly and indirectly. We will improve ARB relationships and communications with the public, the profession, and other key stakeholders, by:

- Improving awareness of the Register of Architects
- Better understanding the needs and attitudes of our stakeholders