

Mace Group Chairman and CEO chosen as new CLC Co-Chair

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One of UK construction's most recognised executives has been chosen to succeed Andy Mitchell as the new Co-Chair of the Construction Leadership Council.

Following an open recruitment process, an independent panel comprising industry, members of the CLC's Senior Advisors Group and Government officials, recommended Mark Reynolds (Mace Group Chairman and CEO) to lead the CLC in partnership with Lee Rowley MP (BEIS Minister for Industry). The panel also recommended Richard Robinson (CEO, Atkins UK and Europe) for the newly created Deputy Co-Chair role.

Mr Reynolds has played a key leadership role in the CLC in recent years, including jointly chairing its People & Skills work stream; and co-ordinating its response to the Covid pandemic. As a member of CLC's Steering Co-Ordination Group, he shaped the CLC's 2022 Strategy with its focus on Construct Zero, Building Safety, meeting the skills challenge, and implementing the Construction Playbook. He also chairs the Government's Construction Skills Delivery Group.

Mr Reynolds will be building on the four CLC priorities as he officially takes on the role today- 23 June 2022.

Mr Reynolds commented: "I am delighted to take on this exciting co-chair role following the great work by Andy over the last four years. During that time, I have seen first-hand how the CLC can make a real difference for companies across the whole of the industry".

"We have faced – and continue to face – challenges that no one organisation can tackle on its own, such as the cost of inflation and impact of rising energy prices; global supply chain pressures and ensuring our collective progression to Net Zero. I am also very pleased to be working with Richard Robinson, CEO for Atkins UK and Europe, on this agenda; who will strengthen our collective leadership and capacity in his role

as Deputy Co-Chair.”

“The CLC, working in partnership with Government, provides crucial leadership to the sector. We do this most effectively where we speak to, and for, all parts of industry. Whilst I will continue the CLC’s focus on its four priorities, I would like to engage and listen to the wider industry over the summer to ensure we continue to deliver on the issues that matter most to us as a sector. I want to take this opportunity to encourage organisations across construction to get involved with the CLC’s work.”

Commenting on the appointment, Construction Minister Lee Rowley MP said: “It’s a pleasure to welcome Mark as the new chair of the CLC. He’s been a key part of the Council in recent years, helping coordinate the industry’s Covid response, as well as supporting job creation in his role with the Construction Skills Delivery Group. Mark will play a vital role in the months and years ahead as we work to decarbonise the industry through Construct Zero, support it through the Building Safety Act’s introduction, and deliver the first sector-wide skills plan for construction. I would also like to pay tribute to Andy Mitchell for his outstanding leadership to date, which puts the CLC in a strong position to keep delivering for the sector.”

Outgoing chair Andy Mitchell said: “The CLC is in a great position to lead industry transformation, working together to overcome any issues that may affect companies nationwide. I am delighted that Mark will be driving forward the Council’s agenda, and look forward to seeing the outputs of its work in the future.”

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