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INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

NON-CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES of a meeting of the International Committee on 2 March 2023 at the RTPI Boardroom at Botolph Lane. 11:30am – 3:15pm

PRESENT: Samer Bageen (Committee Chair), Nadeem Ahmed (Vice Chair), Kirsti Johnson (KJ), Sophia Dellafiora (SD), Ifeanyi Chukwujekwu (IC), Geoffrey Payne (GP), Olafiyinfoluwa Taiwo (OT), James Wilson (JW) and Hrvoje Cindric (HC).

IN ATTENDANCE: Victoria Hills (Chief Executive Officer), Item 7 only, Béatrice Crabb (International Lead) Andrew Close (Director of Education and Profession), Rachel McLinn (Membership Engagement Manager), Item 8 only, Sue Bridge (2023 President), item 7 only.

APOLOGIES: Tola Amodu (TA), Ross Mayger (RM), Rosalie Callway (RC) and Oscar Wong (OW), Thaddeus Jackson-Browne (TJB) and Chloe Desgrand (CD)

MINUTE TAKER: Governance and Compliance Officer

Item		Action
1.	<p>Introduction and Welcome</p> <p>SB the new Chair welcomed new and returning members and guests to the Committee. Members James Wilson, Hrvoje Cindric and Ifeanyi Chukwujekwu and Sue Bridge the 2023 President (for item 7 only) attended the meeting via MS Teams. The meeting was recorded for the purpose of informing the minutes. Item 7 was heard first.</p>	
1.1	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>The Committee accepted apologies on behalf of Thaddeus Jackson-Browne, Oscar Wong, Rosalie Callway, Ross Mayger, Tola Amodu and Chloe Desgrand.</p>	
2.	<p>Conflict of Interest</p> <p>The Committee confirmed that there was no conflict of interests to declare and members had since updated the online form. Forms and links to other useful resources for new and returning members were shared via email:</p>	

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3.	<p>Minutes from meeting held on 10 November 2022</p> <p>The Committee accepted the non-confidential minutes from the last meeting without any revision. These will be published on the RTPI website.</p>	
4.	<p>Review of Action Log</p> <p>All actions had been completed or would otherwise be carried over.</p> <p>ACTION: Forward list of dates of key international events.</p>	BC
5.	<p>International Strategy Implementation Plan & 2023 Workplan Forward Look (PAPER ATTACHED)</p> <p>The International Lead referred to the International Strategy Implementation Plan circulated ahead of the meeting.</p> <p>With regard to Pillar 2 (knowledge and practice) and the support of capacity development globally, members commended the Rapid Planning Toolkit for Urban Expansion.</p> <p>Members noted the importance of capacity building and sharing of best practice.</p> <p>The paper was noted as read and would continue to be reviewed as a standing agenda item.</p>	
6.	<p>Framework of the International Engagement Working Group</p> <p>(PAPER ATTACHED)</p> <p>This item has been listed under the confidential set of minutes.</p>	

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7.	Chief Executive & 2023 President Update - Verbal Update This item has been listed under the confidential set of minutes.	
8.	Member Value Proposition (PAPER ATTACHED) This item has been listed under the confidential set of minutes.	
9.	<p>Research Topics</p> <p>Committee members were asked to consider the recommendations for RTPI research topics to be made to the new Policy Practice and Research committee (PPRC) at its first meeting on 8 March 2023.</p> <p>The International Lead referred members to section 3 of the report circulated before the meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that PPRC would be formed of representative from different nations/regions, standing committees and panels, including a representative from the International Committee. Committee members were invited to express their interest in being the Committee's representative to PPRC.</p> <p>Members discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of thought leadership output relevant both in the UK and international context. - Noted, existing research on net zero and sustainable energy. It was suggested that a practice advice note could be more impactful than further normative research. - Promote Sustainability of new towns located in deserts. - Consider disaster recovery (sustainable infrastructure, strategic spatial planning) and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in terms of response and mitigation, pre-recovery phase and long-term recovery. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Link resilience to the DRR and Disaster Recovery. Highlight the role of planning in integrated / whole city approaches (UK Resilience Framework). Focus on developing digital tools (future proofing) and linked to the UN DRR work. - DRR and Conflicts: overlapping issues and common approaches to respond to multiple risks. - Links between social impacts and urban fabrics, highlighting the benefits of initiatives for individuals and communities. <p>ACTION: Members were asked to forward any other comments or suggestions to the International Lead and forward their availability to represent the International Committee on the PPRC.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
10.	<p>Planning is Global – update</p> <p>This item has been listed under the confidential set of minutes.</p>	
11.	<p>UKBEAG Update</p> <p>This item has been listed under the confidential set of minutes.</p>	
12.	<p>International Activities Report</p> <p>The International Committee was asked to note a report on international activities including an update on international groups activities.</p> <p>Members noted the report and were asked to forward any other comments or suggestions to the International Committee Lead.</p>	
13.	<p>Education Policy Review – verbal update</p> <p>The Director of Education and Profession gave an update on the Institute’s education policy review, including degree accreditation policy.</p>	

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	<p>The Institute has been inviting comment and feedback from all RTPI-Accredited Planning Schools on proposals to amend its accreditation policy in relation to the provision of university planning education, and on supplementary transitional arrangements.</p> <p>This follows a policy review undertaken by the Education and Lifelong Learning Committee. A composite set of information would be presented to the RTPI Board of Trustees for its consideration and decision later this year.</p> <p>https://www.rtpi.org.uk/media/13991/rtpi-accreditation-policy-proposals-for-comment-by-planning-schools.pdf</p> <p>Members were asked to forward any other comments or suggestions to the International Lead.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
14	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>2023 meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 May – online • 14 September – online • 23 November – hybrid, hosted at the RTPI Office in Botolph Lane. 	

The meeting closed at 15:15