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Weekly Update



CLC Launch Construct Zero Website

The Construction Leadership Council has launched its new Construct Zero website, which will provide a single hub for all information relating to the construction industry's change programme in the race to Net Zero. Click [here](#) to visit it.

Construction Industry Joint Council (CIJC) Resolution and Promulgation Working Rule Agreement

Click [here](#) to read a CECA members' briefing on the CIJC Resolution and Promulgation Working Rule Agreement, which was published on Monday (7 June).

Apply Now For The Incentive Payment For Hiring A New Apprentice

Applications for the increased incentive payment for hiring a new apprentice are now open. Employers with apprentices who have an employment start date between 1 April 2021 and 30 September 2021 and who also have a practical period (training) start date between 1 April 2021 and 30 November 2021 may be eligible for an incentive payment.

- Employers will receive £3,000 for new apprentices of any age
- Employers must apply for these apprentices by the end of 30 November 2021
- Employers can visit [this guidance page](#) for more details.

In addition to existing apprentices, any new hires employers make between now and 30 September 2021 may also be eligible for an incentive payment.

National Procurement Policy Statement & Carbon Reduction Plans

Click [here](#) to read a CECA members' briefing on the UK Government's recent National Policy Statement and Carbon Reduction Plans, which was published on Tuesday (8 June).

Inspiring Change Bite-Size Virtual Conference - "Wellbeing: Prevention is Better than Cure" - 23 June 2021

The right health and wellbeing strategy can help organisations lower absence rates, increase productivity, and improve employee engagement by showing they put their employees' needs first. To these ends CECA is planning a mini-conference which will focus on creating a happier, healthier, and more resilient workforce, but also touching on the support pathways for people if they do become unwell. The conference will be held on 23 June 2021. If you would like to input a particular instance of best practice, or to know more about the conference, please contact CECA Southern Head of Training [Briony Wickenden](#). To register your place on the conference, click [here](#).

Inspiring Change Conference & Awards 2021 - Change of Date

The Inspiring Change Conference & Awards 2021 will now take place on the later date of 30 November 2021. The closing date for entries to the Awards is **22 October 2021**. For more information, click [here](#).

Transforming Infrastructure Procurement Conference

CECA is in the planning stages of a conference for its members later this year. The theme will be 'Transforming Infrastructure Procurement', based on the forthcoming rule changes and the recently published Construction Playbook. As part of our conference offering, we are looking for members who would like to talk about how they are preparing for the new changes. If you would like to be involved, please e-mail CECA Director of External Affairs [Marie-Claude Hemming](#).

Construction Leadership Council CO₂nstruct Zero Performance Framework consultation

CO₂nstruct Zero is the sector's call to arms as an industry-change programme, and proposes a set of metrics against which its impact will be measured and reported at a sector level. This will be used to share our progress with Government and understand where we need to take further action in order to reach Net Zero. We know there are many existing initiatives in this space, within the sector, each with different reporting metrics and are grateful for all your support to date. CO₂nstruct

Zero's role, through the Construction Leadership Council, is to shine a light on and amplify the many initiatives in play in a co-ordinated way to corral the industry together; and provide a co-ordinated industry-wide agreed approach that Government can work with and challenge industry against. The CLC has requested that CECA members add their views by completing [this short survey](#) by the close of business on **Friday 11 June 2021**.

CECA Snap Poll - Bonds

CECA is undertaking some preliminary research into members' experiences of bond availability in the current climate. To assist us in our lobbying please complete [this very short snap poll](#) on the issue.

CECA Membership Capabilities Survey

CECA is in the process of categorising our memberships' capabilities in order to collate sufficient data to implement a search-by-sector option on our members' list, which is the most used part of our website. It is hoped that by doing so CECA will be able to provide a user-friendly portal which will identify member specialisms, thereby driving customers towards members' services. We would be grateful if all members would complete [this short survey](#) to indicate the sectors in which your company operates in.

Highways Maintenance Group

The next meeting of CECA's Highways Maintenance Group will take place remotely on Wednesday 7 July 2021 between 2.00pm-3.30pm, when we will hear from Mark Soden and Guy Hirst of Cleartrack Performance. If you would like to attend, e-mail [Marie-Claude Hemming](#).

Flood & Marine Group

The next meeting of CECA's Flood & Marine Group will take place remotely on Wednesday 7 July 2021 between 2.30pm-4.00pm, when we will hear from Jacqui Bandy, Stakeholder Manager on the River Thames Scheme for the Environment Agency. If you would like to attend, please e-mail [Peter Crosland](#).

Constructionline

CECA held its second member engagement session with Constructionline recently to discuss challenges that some CECA members have faced when using the service. It is clear that their team are working hard to improve response times and Constructionline would welcome operational feedback to fine tune the system further. To support this they are specifically asking CECA members to confirm whether they had been receiving regular digital updates from Constructionline. If you have any comments, please e-mail [Marie-Claude Hemming](#).

Red Diesel

CECA is leading an industry workstream on managing the impact of the removal of the red diesel rebate in April 2022. Ahead of a series of workshops with HMRC and HM Treasury, we are collating member feedback on what the guidance to this legislative change should cover and what questions you feel need to be answered. Please send these to [Marie-Claude Hemming](#).

Aggregates Levy Consultation

The UK Government has published a consultation which follows on from the Aggregates Levy review. The consultation looks at the exemptions under the levy for 'by-product' aggregate not connected with commercial extraction of aggregates, and also at the taxation of borrow pit aggregate used in construction. It contains a specific proposal that would affect some borrow pit aggregate and a proposed new exemption for by-product aggregate from laying underground utility pipes. The link to the consultation is [here](#). HMRC would welcome responses from all interested parties by 15 June 2021. If you have any questions about the consultation please contact either [Tim Smith](#) or [Claire Hardy](#) at HMRC.

Stop. Make a Change 2021

CECA is working towards SMAC-21, due to be held between Monday 11 and Friday 22 October later this year. A sub-group has been established to work on the finer details, however, it's proposed to use the same format of 'Conversation Starter' discussions. In the meantime, CECA are asking those organisations who were involved in SMAC-20 to provide examples of how the campaign helped them address their own HS&W areas of concern. We would like to know what did and what didn't work so we can build these findings into SMAC-21. Please send any feedback (good, bad or indifferent) to CECA National Civil Engineering Director [Peter Crosland](#) at your earliest convenience. Further details on SMAC-21 will be published in due course.

CECA North West - Projects Delivered During COVID-19

In a change to its usual annual flyer, CECA North West is planning to present projects that were carried out during the COVID-19 pandemic, from March 2020 to March 2021, to demonstrate the vital role that contractors play in ensuring our quality of life is maintained, even in the most difficult of circumstances. If you would like to submit details of a project for inclusion, it should comprise the title and value of the project; details of the client; no more than 120 words on what the works involved; and a high-resolution image of the scheme. To submit your projects, contact CECA NW director [Guy Lawson](#).

CECA NW Annual Awards 2021 - deadline Friday 10 September 2021

The CECA NW Annual Awards are now open - please see [this link](#) for details.

NW Recovery Plan Projects

CECA NW Transport Initiatives Director, Chris Jackson, has updated details of forthcoming projects and frameworks across the North West. It can be found on the members' section of the website [here](#).

CECA NW launches Contractual Advice Helpline with Driver Trett

CECA North West are pleased to announce a new partnership with Driver Trett to assist members with their contractual, payment and delay issues. Geraldine Fleming along with Carl Morris, Pat Fox and Gary Coward are available to provide 30 minutes free advice on issues that arise for members (subject to DT's terms of business). A dedicated email address – CECAadvice@DriverTrett.com - has been set up which should be members' first point of access, and one of the Driver Trett team will then respond to set up a call with you. Click [here](#) for more information.

Rail

CECA Rail Group – East West Rail – 8 June 2021, 2.00pm-3.00pm, MS Teams

The recent funding announcement has added momentum behind the [East to West Rail project](#). This; together with the procurement for development phase partners, which is currently in progress; is a positive sign to the market. Please join us to hear from Simon Blanchflower CBE, the CEO of the company developing this project, who will update us on progress. If you wish to attend please notify [Leone Donnelly](#). Ahead of this meeting, East West Rail are keen to hear members' views on their developing plans. Their consultation closes on 9 June 2021, so please send your responses before then - click [here](#) to input your views.

Network Rail - Rail Wellbeing Live

The dates for this year's [Rail Wellbeing Live \(RWL\) event](#) have been announced - 17 and 18 November 2021. This is an important two days for the industry as we virtually come together to help improve the physical and mental wellbeing of everyone who works in the industry. Attended by more than 10,000 people last year, the event is FREE to attend. In addition, on the first Wednesday of every month the Network Rail team hold a [Wellbeing Wednesday livestream](#) with an ever-changing panel of guests.

Events

Members are reminded of the wide range of e-learning opportunities offered by the Supply Chain Sustainability School. The School has just updated its schedule of FREE learning opportunities - click [here](#) to find out more.

CECA Webinars & Training

- CECA Midlands Online Learning Course – Time to suit: CECA Midlands currently have over 50 e-learning opportunities available to CECA members. Click [here](#) to see the full list. Try two courses per member for free with a nominal fee per course thereafter. Courses range from Health & Safety for Homeworkers to Ladder Safety. Click [here](#) to book.
- CECA North East/CECA North West - Communications with Driver Trett - 16 June 2021, 10.00am. Click [here](#) to book.
- CECA North East - Payment Notices and Smash & Grab Adjudication with Knights plc - 24 June 2021, 1.00pm. Click [here](#) to book.
- CECA Midlands Annual Golf Event - the Golf event will be held at the Best Western Windmill Village Hotel and Golf course on 1 July 2021. Tee off approx. 2.00pm – dinner and prizes at 6.30pm. Find out more [here](#).
- CECA NW/CICES Golf Day, 8 July 2021. Click [here](#) to book.
- CECA North East - Collateral Warranties with Driver Trett - 13 July 2021, 1.00pm. Click [here](#) to book.
- CECA South West CITB SMSTS (Site Manager Safety Training Scheme) - 6-10 September 2021 - details can be found [here](#).
- CECA Midlands Annual Dinner & Awards - This year's Annual Dinner had been rescheduled to 16 September 2021 at the Burlington Hotel, Birmingham, to book please click [here](#). Awards are now open and further details along with entry forms can be found [here](#).
- CECA Southern Management of Quality Course (Bob Bilbrough) - 7 October 2021 - details can be found [here](#).

- CECA North West Annual Awards Dinner, 8 October 2021. The keynote speaker will be the award-winning around the world yachtswoman Nikki Henderson. Click [here](#) to book your tickets. In addition, we have a preferential rate for accommodation at the Midlands Hotel. The rate for bed & breakfast is £135 on a single occupancy basis, or £150 for double occupancy. As the hotel is currently closed, bookings should be made by e-mail to Eleanor Suker at events@themidlandmanchester.co.uk using the reference **CECA081021**.
- CECA South West Management of Sub-Contractors Course (Bob Bilbrough) - 18 November 2021 - details can be found [here](#).