

Contracts & Disputes Resolution Panel

Terms of Reference



Vision

The Contracts & Disputes Resolution Panel assists CICES members confidentially with their queries on problems encountered in their workplace concerning construction contracts and disputes.

Objectives

- To seek the advice of other panels as necessary and where practical, when the C&DR Panel is requested to assist members concerning problems encountered in their workplace which impinge on the technical aspects of civil engineering work covered by those panels.
- To contribute articles to the CICES journal, other publications, social media channels and the website from time to time and to encourage other members to do the same.

Contracts

- To consider and promote good practice in methods of procurement and contracting strategy.
- To inform Members of developments relating to all forms of construction contracts.

Disputes

To consider and promote:

- Good practice to help avoid disputes on all types of construction projects.
- Methods of speedy and cost-effective, but high quality, resolution of disputes on all types of construction projects.
- The different forms of alternative dispute resolution and the potential advantages and disadvantages of them as compared with each other.
- To inform Members of developments relating to all forms of dispute avoidance and resolution.

Constitution

- The chair of the panel will be appointed for a fixed term of four years.
- The vice-chair of the panel will be appointed for a period of up to four years. This appointment should take place after year two of the chair's tenure. It is anticipated that the vice chair at any time will succeed the chair at the expiry of the chair's term of office.
- Where the panel is responsible for nominating CICES representation to external bodies (eg CIC, JCT, ICE) then such appointments shall be for a maximum term of three years.
- Membership of the panel shall be for a fixed term of four years initially.
- The maximum number of members of the panel is 20. This excludes CICES staff members and representation from other panels, committees and external organisations.
- If a member does not attend a meeting on three consecutive occasions, that member may be asked to resign from the panel.

Frequency of the review of these terms of reference will be annually and by the incumbent council for approval by Council of Management.