

## CPA AGM Incoming Chair Report

- I would like to thank Colin for the sterling job he has done leading the association over the last year.
- Heard from his report that a great deal has been achieved.
- There will continue to be a significant amount of work going forward. The CPA priorities for the coming year will be around the Regulations in connection with the Housing & Planning Act, the Neighbourhood Planning Act and the Digital Economy Act.
- Continuing the agenda on encouraging early engagement.
- Continuing promotion of the pre-reference protocol.
- We will continue to develop our relationships with DCLG and importantly Her Majesty's Treasury.
- There will be continued political engagement.
- A continued focus on education and addressing the skills gap.
- I really wanted to use my short incoming report to reach out to members and to remind members of the association's role and remit and in particular to note how we organise ourselves and opportunities for you all to get involved.
- We have had the recent election which has confirmed the committee directors and I would like to congratulate those that have been appointed and commiserations to those that have not.
- Importantly we are volunteers doing our day jobs and therefore the work of the association is divided into working groups. We also co-elect onto the committee to ensure that there is equal representation for all the professions and organisations involved in compulsory purchase and also representation on a public and private side, claimant and promoter.
- The separate working groups which we have are:
  - the reform group which deal with various pieces of new legislation and consultation responses such as the housing white paper and the compulsory purchase new guidance;
  - a best practice group which responds to market based needs and the creation of CPA reforms. This is the group progressing the pre-reference protocol and did the work on the practicing statements;
  - a stakeholder engagement group which focuses on how we engage with civil servants, lobby groups, judiciary and political engagements so that those involved with compulsory purchase have a voice;

- the next working group is the governance and strategic development group which have been focused on the incorporation of the CPA and deals with general governance issues;
  - next is the outreach group promoting CPO and the CPA which has included focus on attracting new entrants to the world of compulsory purchase through encouraging universities to do more on compulsory purchase, fostering links to higher and professional education and the creation of a training and education programme;
  - and then finally we have our events group which deals with the national conference, the reform lecture, the AGM and our dinner, the young CPA events, regional events and stakeholder meetings.
- I would like my term as the chair to be very much an open and inclusive one. So do let me know if you are interested in participating in the work of the CPA or if you have ideas or experiences that you feel should be brought to the committee's attention.
  - I am also very conscious that we are a national association and the work of the CPA is supported by regional coordinators. We are keen to build on the successful events that have taken place in the south west holding events in the other regions So again please let me have your thoughts and requests.
  - On reform and the consultation responses the CPA will always respond even if to note that its members are unable to reach agreement and I know that some of you will respond on an individual or corporate basis. Again I encourage you to share your views and I would welcome an opportunity to hold more round tables on the CPA responses.
  - I feel very privileged to be your chair and very much look forward to the next 12 months working with the committee and importantly the membership and other stakeholders in the world of compulsory purchase.
  - The compulsory purchase association is stronger than ever with membership currently standing at [        ].
  - Were it not for the work of Tony Johnson then I wouldn't be standing here today chairing such an important organisation. We will handover to Richard Asher to lead the Tony Johnson memorial lecture shortly.
  - Thank you very much.