

# Council Report

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## CEO Report

Hello and a warm welcome to the June 2026 Council Report.

Since the last Council meeting, CIBSE has continued to strengthen its position as a global leader in building performance, technical excellence and professional standards. Membership has grown steadily by 4.4%, increasing from 23,604 in February 2026 to 24,647 in June 2026, reflecting the continued value of the Institution to building engineering professional across the world and the growing recognition of CIBSE's role in shaping a low-carbon, high-performance built environment.

Across the world, CIBSE's influence and technical activity continue to expand across all regions, driven by strategic leadership and innovative engagement. In Hong Kong, the region's strategic growth across China and the Greater Bay Area is being accelerated by the appointment of Helen Ho as Membership Development Lead, alongside the appointment of Horace Mui as the new Regional Chair. This strong momentum was celebrated at the CIBSE Hong Kong [2026 Annual Dinner](#), which welcomed senior CIBSE leadership.

In MENA, activity continues to focus on future-facing industry development with the launch of the [2026 Student Design Competition](#). Centred on "Integrated Lifestyle Communities," the initiative challenges the next generation to engineer net-zero districts by 2050 through innovative scale solutions.

In Australia and New Zealand, CIBSE's commitment to advancing building performance was on display at the ARBS 2026 exhibition, where the region delivered a comprehensive, systems-level building services training course. Additionally, the region continues to champion rising talent with the opening of the CIBSE ANZ Young Engineer of the Year Awards, culminating in Sydney this October.

In Ireland, engagement has taken a modern, digital leap with the launch of the [flagship podcast, 'Bringing Buildings Alive.'](#) Releasing monthly across major platforms, the series explores critical future trends including heat pumps, AI integration, WELL certification, and next-decade sustainability challenges.

Across all regions, this high-impact, localised activity demonstrates CIBSE's growing global relevance and the vital strength of its international professional community.

This international work is underpinned by a substantial programme of technical development, research and knowledge creation. CIBSE continues to publish and advance leading guidance across the built environment, including [AM10 Natural Ventilation in Non-Domestic Buildings](#), [TM39 Building Energy Metering](#), [Guide M Life Tables](#), [TM57 Integrated School Design](#) and new and developing guidance covering heat pumps, retrofit, healthcare facilities, occupant behaviour and climate resilience. This portfolio reflects both the breadth

and depth of CIBSE's technical authority, spanning operational energy, health and wellbeing, decarbonisation and whole-life carbon.

Alongside this, CIBSE's digital and data capability continues to develop at pace. Key initiatives include the forthcoming CIBSE AI Position Statement and the redesign and relaunch of the Energy Benchmarking Dashboard in collaboration with UCL.

The Institution has also made significant progress on the TM65 data ecosystem through the development of a certified data API, the structured processing of self-assessed data using advanced analytical tools and the ongoing development of a publicly accessible TM65 web tool. These initiatives collectively strengthen CIBSE's role as a data-driven authority, enabling better design decisions and supporting the industry transition to net zero.

In the UK, CIBSE continues to play a central role in informing policy, regulation and implementation. The Technical Team has engaged extensively with the UK Government on key developments including the Warm Homes Plan, updates to Building Regulations covering Parts L and O, proposals for a Single Construction Regulator, and broader competence and professional standards frameworks.

CIBSE's expertise continues to shape national thinking on retrofit, overheating risk, energy performance and building safety, ensuring that policy ambition is matched by practical, evidence-based implementation. Recent consultations and submissions have covered areas including EPC reform, clean heating technologies, air quality, heat networks and planning policy, reinforcing CIBSE's position as a trusted technical voice.

This work is complemented by continued advancement in applied research, industry collaboration and innovation. Projects with leading academic and industry partners are progressing across refrigerant leakage and whole-life carbon, acoustic performance of heat pumps, and digital twin applications to improve health and wellbeing outcomes. These initiatives ensure that CIBSE guidance remains grounded in evidence and responsive to emerging challenges.

CIBSE's domestic building services work continues to expand, particularly in support of heat decarbonisation and professional competence. The engagement with the Building Safety Regulator on Mandatory Technical Competence frameworks and the ongoing adoption of the [Domestic Heating Design Guide](#) all reflect CIBSE's commitment to practical, high-quality implementation of low-carbon technologies.

CIBSE also marked a significant milestone with the recent [official opening of The Manly Trust Skills Hub](#) at its Saffron Hill headquarters, supported by a generous £1.2 million donation from The Manly Trust. This investment represents a major vote of confidence in CIBSE's mission to strengthen skills, competence and professional capability across the building engineering sector.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to outgoing President Vince Arnold for his commitment and energy throughout the 2025-26 presidential year. Vince has played an important role in supporting CIBSE's strategic direction and representing the Institution across the sector during a period of significant technical, policy and organisational development. I am equally pleased to welcome Dave Cooper as CIBSE President for 2026-27. Dave brings extensive experience and a deep understanding of the profession, and I look forward to working with him as we continue to strengthen CIBSE's impact and influence in the year ahead.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to all outgoing Council members for their commitment, insight and contribution during their term. Our Council membership is regularly refreshed and this is a key strength of CIBSE: namely, our ability to combine continuity and deep expertise with renewal, ensuring the Institution remains trusted, relevant and firmly focused on the future. Closing, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers

and members for their invaluable contributions to CIBSE. Your continued enthusiasm, dedication, and support are truly appreciated and make a lasting impact.

Best, Ruth

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