

Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Title: CIBSE Council Meeting

Meeting Date and Time: 30th June 2026 10:00-12:30

Location: 91 – 94 Saffron Hill, CIBSE HQ

Invited: All 2026/27 Council Members (See Council List Appendix 1)

Chair

Dave Cooper (DC) CIBSE President

CIBSE Executive:

Ruth Carter (RC)	CEO
Melissa Drayton (MD)	Marketing and Communications Director
Richard Goldsbrough (RG)	Membership Director
Anastasia Mylona (AM)	Technical Director
Kieran O'Brien (KO)	Director of CIBSE Certification
Simon Parker (SP)	Managing Director of CIBSE Services
Chris Simpson (CS)	Director of Operations
Michael Wallace (MW)	Outgoing Director of Operations
Chris Winston (CW)	Director of Finance

Staff:

Sam Baptist (SB)	Head of Government Affairs
Nic Mills (NM)	Head of Governance
Ella Sumner (ES)	Incoming Head of Governance

Apologies received from:

Edith Blennerhassett, Mike Carter, Katie Clemence-Jackson, Fiona Cousins, Josh Emerson, David Green, Chris Hodgson, Damien Kane, Leon Markwell, Ted Pilbeam, Kenneth Zammit, Anastasia Mylona.

Welcome and Updates (Dave Cooper – DC)

DC opened the meeting by welcoming all new Council Members and thanking those Vice Chairs who were standing in for their respective Chairs. He thanked NM for her contributions to CIBSE as Head of Governance and announced that ES would be stepping into the role.

No comments or outstanding actions were raised by Council Members from the February 2026 minutes, which were subsequently approved. DC then invited declarations of conflicts of interest. No declarations were made.

CEO Update (Ruth Carter - RC)

RC reiterated DC's welcome to new Council Members, stating that the Council is one of CIBSE's greatest strengths. RC outlined the role of Council as being to influence the direction and strategy of the Institution, to receive and disseminate information about the Institution back to the bodies that Council Members represent and to communicate their representative views to the Board. RC

further echoed DC's thanks to NM for her excellent work as CIBSE's Head of Governance and Project Management since 2024.

RC reported that CIBSE's commercial businesses continue to face challenging operating environments, but that CIBSE's commercial events were continuing to deliver strongly despite this. Membership continues to perform well, and with high numbers of knowledge and guidance documents being published. The CIBSE 'Voice' is receiving excellent coverage in the national press, especially in conversations about the UK's recent heatwaves.

RC concluded by thanking all Council Members for their contributions to the year ahead. The next Council meeting is to be held on the 9th October, followed by the President's Awards Dinner at the Corinthia Hotel, London, to which all Council Members are invited.

Membership Update (Richard Goldsbrough - RG)

RG provided an overview of CIBSE's membership strategy and the continued focus on growth, explaining that increasing membership directly supports CIBSE's core purpose. RG noted that the membership renewals process for 2026 was still ongoing.

RG presented membership performance data, highlighting sustained growth since 2022 and positive trends relative to other professional engineering institutions. RG credited Council Members with being part of the reason for CIBSE's positive performance with the great contributions CIBSE's member-led networks make to its membership offering.

RG concluded by showing data published by the Engineering Council UK, which showed that CIBSE had both the best 1-year and 6-year growth trends in terms of the number of Engineering Council registrants per institution with a 6.9% increase in registrants from 2020-2025.

Discussion and questions covered drivers of the positive growth in CIBSE's membership in comparison to similar institutions, membership application timelines and attracting young potential engineers to the membership.

Group Update – Resilient Cities (Darren Woolf – DW)

DW provided an update on the activities of the Resilient Cities Group, which focuses on the adaptability, sustainability and resilience of cities. DW explained that the UN SDGs formed the foundation of the group's activities and collaborating with other networks was fundamental to allowing them to achieve all their aims.

DW explained the 'urban soup' concept and argued the case for 'adaptive decarbonisation,' a focus on performance over compliance, greater direction and meaningful participation in academic work and the need for a conversation about the possibility of -20°C temperatures in the UK by the end of the century.

DW shared that he is leading an initiative to grow ‘wicked skills for resilient cities,’ that the group’s Vice Chair Bahareh Salehi is leading an initiative on applying UNSDGs to Urban Resilience Solutions and that the group is working on publications including ‘CFD Modelling of Urban Vegetation Systems’ that is tentatively scheduled to be published in October.

Discussion and questions covered how to ensure that CIBSE is contributing to the ‘wicked solution’ and not the ‘wicked problem’ and designing for extreme conditions.

Society Update – SDE (Andrew Jolly – AJ)

AJ reflected on the Society of Digital Engineering’s (SDE) development from an emerging community to an established part of CIBSE, highlighting progress in professional recognition, member engagement, knowledge dissemination and industry recognition through its events and awards programme.

AJ emphasised that digital engineering is becoming increasingly central to engineering practice and outlined the Society’s strategic priorities for the coming years. These include growing membership, strengthening professional recognition, contributing to guidance and standards, developing future professionals and reinforcing the SDE as a trusted technical voice within the sector.

AJ concluded by noting that the society has built strong foundations and is now focused on delivering lasting impact through greater engagement, technical leadership and support for CIBSE’s wider strategic objectives.

Discussion and questions focused on opportunities for collaboration with CIBSE’s Artificial Intelligence working group and other networks across the Institution.

Technical and Government Affairs Update (Sam Baptist – SB)

SB reported continued progress across the knowledge pipeline, with significant work undertaken to update existing guidance and develop new technical publications.

Highlights included:

- TM39 – Building Energy Metering and Monitoring, which has now been published and was launched at a successful event at CIBSE.
- TM71 – Heat Transfer Coefficients, a new CIBSE publication, with a launch webinar scheduled for 22 July.
- An update to TM59 – Assessment of Overheating Risk in Homes, expected shortly (since published) and timed to inform the UK Government’s review of Part O of the Building Regulations for England.
- Publication of AM10 and the Guide M live tables, with further technical guidance currently progressing through the publication pipeline.

SB also noted that the Artificial Intelligence Position Statement, developed by CIBSE's AI working group, is due for publication in September and represents an important milestone in establishing CIBSE's position on the use of AI within the built environment.

The Energy Benchmarking Dashboard has also been released following completion of its development programme, providing users with an interactive user-friendly way to access over [120 benchmarks](#). Digital products in the development pipeline include a TM65 Certified Data API, TM65 Self-Assessed Data and a TM65 Web Tool.

A study with Hoare Lea on refrigerant leakage is included in the pipeline of research projects.

SB outlined CIBSE's response to the UK's Climate Change Committee's Fourth Independent Assessment of UK Climate Risk (CCRA4) published in May 2026, including the need for a fabric first passive and whole-system approach to prevent overheating and manage the warming climate.

SB provided an update on the work of the Domestic Buildings Services Panel (DBSP), highlighting recent and forthcoming guidance including the Domestic Heat Pump Design and Installation Guide and the Domestic Heating Design Guide. Strategic priorities for the DBSP include:

- Strengthening partnerships across the sector, including collaboration with the Heat Pump Association UK and the Future Homes Hub.
- Growing membership and increasing participation in industry policy and technical groups.
- Raising the profile of the panel through greater external engagement and consumer-facing publications.

SB noted that CIBSE representatives continue to participate in the UK Building Safety Regulator's Mandatory Technical Competence Heating and Controls Group and BSI working groups.

SB reflected on the launch of Version 1 of the UK Net Zero Carbon Buildings Standard in March and outlined ongoing activity to support implementation.

Current priorities include:

- Development of the verification process.
- Provision of technical interpretation and application support.
- Establishment of pathfinder groups to test and refine implementation of the Standard.

Members were encouraged to attend the CIBSE UK Net Zero Carbon Buildings Standard conference taking place on 7 July at the Royal Society, London.

SB reported that CIBSE is exploring opportunities to expand the application of its weather files internationally, building on the successful release of the second edition last year. Scoping work is ongoing in the Hong Kong, MENA, Australia and New Zealand regions. The initiative aims to extend a successful CIBSE asset into international markets and further support the profession globally.

SB highlighted several significant policy developments in the UK. The UK Government's [Warm Homes Plan](#) includes £15 billion of investment in housing and building upgrades by 2030, with a target of five million upgrades annually. CIBSE continues to engage with the UK Government on related policy areas, including reform of Energy Performance Certificates and Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards. SB also referenced the updated or England, which will introduce measures aimed at ensuring new buildings are net-zero ready from 2027, with an increased emphasis on technologies such as heat pumps and solar energy systems. SB confirmed that CIBSE has been invited to participate in the UK Government's Part O Review Panel, drawing on its expertise and updated TM59 guidance to support the review process. CIBSE continues to respond to consultations and engage internationally, including contributing to Australia's review of engineering mutual recognition arrangements.

SB updated Council on ongoing work to establish a [Single Construction Regulator for England](#), following recommendations arising from the Grenfell Inquiry. CIBSE's engagement is being guided by four core principles:

- Competence over credentials.
- Continuous assurance rather than one-off qualification.
- Evolution rather than wholesale system redesign.
- Proportionate, safety-focused regulation.

SB encouraged Council Members to review and contribute to the current call for evidence, available on the CIBSE website.

SB advised that building safety remains a central focus of CIBSE's policy and technical work. The forthcoming Building Safety Conference in September will feature the UK Government's Chief Construction Adviser as keynote speaker, reflecting the strength of CIBSE's engagement with key stakeholders and policymakers.

SB concluded with an overview of the current UK political landscape, noting that a new Prime Minister and ministerial team will take up office in the coming months. Whilst some policy activity will slow during the transition period, SB noted that CIBSE's strengthened relationships with officials across the UK Civil Service provide continuity and support ongoing engagement. He emphasised that the Institution would continue to engage proactively with new ministers and officials to ensure CIBSE remains a trusted source of expertise on sustainability, building performance, competence and building safety.

Questions addressed Part O, the timing of the upcoming review and the possibility of a quantity assured scheme.

Steal and Share Session - DC

Council Members participated in breakout discussions focused on the achievements and challenges their representative committees were facing.

Positive achievements highlighted by the discussion groups included:

- The size of CIBSE's volunteer body and the breadth of expertise and experience they offer.
- The launch of new networks including the SoVT, the Sustainability Group and the CIBSE Fellows Network has increased CIBSE's scope.
- Networks are increasing their presence and engagement on social media.
- CIBSE's focus on the link between design and the operational world has brought in new members.
- Recent reviews of CIBSE Networks governance have had a positive effect.
- YEN involvement in committees has increased engagement, widened participation and provided a solution for succession planning for key committee roles.

Challenges highlighted by the discussion groups included:

- Securing funding to deliver ambitious aims.
- The complexity of the profession and the different professional bodies active within it.
- Volunteer capacity and demonstrating the value of volunteering to employers.
- CIBSE is great at sharing knowledge but is not always identified as its source.
- Having impact outside of a committee, network and the CIBSE membership.

AOB

No other business was raised following the meeting.

DC thanked all speakers for their presentations and encouraged Council Members to report back to their representative committees on what was discussed during the meeting.

DC closed the meeting by thanking all Council Members for acting as ambassadors for CIBSE.

Next Council Meeting: 9th October 2026 at 91 – 94 Saffron Hill, CIBSE HQ.

Appendix 1

CIBSE COUNCIL 2026-2027

President	Dave Cooper		
President Elect	Mike Burton		
Vice Presidents	David Stevens	Vincent Ma	Peter Anderson
Hon Treasurer	Les Copeland		
Immediate Past President	Vince Arnold		
Elected Members of the Board	Ted Pilbeam, Aleksandra Krstanovic, Dejan Mumovic Edith Blennerhassett, Eimear Moloney		
<u>Elected Council</u>			
To Retire 2027:	To Retire 2028:	To Retire 2029	
Jon Belfield	Darren Coppins	Gita Maruthayanar	
Geraldine O’Farrell	Sophie Parry	Max McCone	
Jennifer Cox	Bobo Ng	Brian Goldsmith	
<u>Appointed Council</u>			
EC(UK)Board Rep	Andrew Rowe	WIBSE	Jessica Glynn
Engineer of The Year	Miriam Ozanne	Young Engineer of the Year	Hannah Gray
Fellows Network	Mike Burton	Young Engineers Network	Aishwarya Chengappa
Nominations Panel	Tony Day (Vice Chair)	YEN Mentor	Andrew Saville
Past Presidents	Fiona Cousins, Adrian Catchpole		
<u>Standing Committee Chairs</u>			
EDI	Immediate Past-President		
ET&M	Andrew Rowe	Prof Conduct	Doug King
Groups and Societies	President	RLC	President Elect
Knowledge Management	Eimear Moloney	Technical Policy	Rob Redfern
<u>Society Representatives:</u>			
CIBSE Patrons	Josh Emerson	Society of Light and Lighting	Carolina Florian
Society of Digital Engineers	Andrew Jolly	Society of Public Health Engineering	Mike Carter
Society of Façade Engineers	Kenneth Zammit	Society of Vertical Transportation	Adam Scott
<u>Group Representatives:</u>			
ASHRAE	David Green	Heat Networks	Huw Blackwell
Building Simulation	Ben Abel	Heritage and Retrofit	Andrew More
Data Centres	Austin Williamson	Homes for the Future	James Parker
Day Lighting	Cosmin Ticleanu	HVAC Systems	Philip Draper
Education Buildings	Richard Daniels	Intelligent Buildings	Yangang Xing
Electrical Services	Leon Markwell	IT & Control	Jon Belfield
Energy Performance	Emeka Osaji	Natural Ventilation	Chris Iddon
Facilities Management	David Stevens	Resilient Cities	Darren Woolf
Healthcare	Mark Walker	Sustainability	Katie Clemence-Jackson
<u>Regional Representatives:</u>			
Australia / New Zealand	Mark Davie	North East	Neil Rooney
East Anglia	Luke Goldfinch	North West	Marcus Goodwyn
East Midlands	Simon Maher	Northern Ireland	Conor Gallagher
HC North East	Tony Sullivan	Republic of Ireland	Laura McMahon
HC North West	Dimple Rana	Scotland	Damien Kane
HC South East	Natalie Colcutt	Southern	Chris Hodgson
HC South West	Ruth Tatanga	South Wales	Ian Thomas
Hong Kong	Horace Mui	South West	Carla Bartholomew
MENA	Imran Shaikh	West Midlands	Anil Chandla
Merseyside / North Wales	Daniel Whitley	Yorkshire	Matthew Bell