

## **Terms of Reference of the President (approved by the Trustee Board – 24 September 2019)**

### **Role**

1. The President is the Presiding Trustee of the Institution and is responsible for leading and promoting the policies and interests of the profession both internally and in the public arena. The President is answerable at all times to the Trustee Board.

### **Term of Office**

2. The President is an officer of the Trustee Board and Council. The period of office is one year commencing on the first Tuesday in November. The role is unremunerated.

### **Duties**

3. The President shall represent the profession at the highest echelons of business, society and government.
4. The President shall:
  - a. Chair meetings of the Trustee Board and Council
  - b. Use their best endeavours to maintain and enhance the reputation of the Institution
  - c. Act as an ambassador for the Institution and the profession, raising issues of concern for or on behalf of members, industry and academia.
  - d. Represent the Institution at public events, helping to raise its profile and relevance to key audiences.
  - e. Act as a public voice of the Institution, presenting its corporate policies to government and the media.
  - f. Work in partnership with the Trustee Board, Council and the staff to stimulate visionary thinking for the profession, and achieve the mission of the Institution
  - g. Direct the overall long-term strategic policy and implementation of the business plan as agreed by the Trustee Board and Council.
  - h. The President shall be an advocate for major ICE initiatives, adding Presidential authority. They shall endorse and promote the strategic direction of the Institution.
5. The President must be FICE and a Chartered Civil Engineer.
6. The President should have *most*, if not all, of the following characteristics:
  - a. A credible record of professional success in civil engineering. This could be in the public or private sector, managing projects, overseeing technical solutions, or in academia;
  - b. Be known to a sizeable proportion of the ICE membership;
  - c. Have the necessary experience and kudos to lead the Chairmen and CEOs of the major civil engineering companies;
  - d. Have board level experience (ideally as Chair) of managing a business or project with a turnover of £35M or greater;
  - e. Enjoy the respect of opinion formers and decision makers, particularly in Government;
  - f. Have the charisma and personality to persuade, cajole or drive competing stakeholders to mould a coherent view;
  - g. Have demonstrable experience of leading a complex organisation (whether commercial, academic, or public body).
  - h. Have background knowledge and/or previous connection with the ICE.

### **Support to the President**

7. The Office of the Director General will provide administrative support to the President prior to and during their term of office.