Policy recommendations

ICE is pleased that the policy recommendations contained in our four devolved manifestos for infrastructure, and as part of our continued #Commit2Infra campaign, have been adopted by the main political parties in all devolved nations ahead of the elections on 5th May 2016.

In particular, all three of our key policy themes – delivery, resilience and skills - have been addressed in some way in each nation. There has been an overwhelming commitment to infrastructure across the UK as part of this election campaign, and by all the main political parties, which is very encouraging for the coming years.

Manifesto commitments

131 ICE policy recommendations in the devolved manifestos of all the main political parties in each nation. 70 for resilience, 42 for delivery and strategy and 19 for skills. The NI Government has adopted ICE’s new apprenticeship potentially creating jobs for young people in Northern Ireland.

Political engagement

Engaged with 42 politicians from all four nations, including leaders of all the main devolved parties: 9 in London including both Labour and Conservative mayoral candidates. 7 in Wales including Welsh Minister for Finance and Government Business. 8 in Northern Ireland including the DUP Infrastructure Minister. 18 in Scotland including the SNP Cabinet Secretary for Infrastructure and Capital Investment. 4 hustings events attended by over 1000 attendees in total from across the engineering industry.

Media

95 media hits in total, 2 million print reach. Northern Ireland Director Richard Kirk appeared on BBC Radio Ulster. ICE Scotland past chair and ICE Council member Ronnie Hunter appeared on BBC Good Morning Scotland. ICE London Vice Chair, Lawrie Quinn, interviewed on local TV station London Live. ICE Wales Director Keith Jones appeared on BBC Radio Wales’ Good Morning Wales.

Social media

Over 650 tweets and retweets about #Commit2Infra hashtag. Social media campaign engaged politicians, media and engineers.