

The Chairperson of the Liaison Committee to the Construction Industry Annual Report 2025

1. The Committee

The Liaison Committee (LC) is comprised of the following Constituent Bodies:

- Association of Consulting Engineers of Ireland (ACEI)
- Construction Industry Federation (CIF)
- Engineers Ireland (EI)
- Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland (RIAI)
- Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland (SCSI)

EI and ACEI each nominate two members of the Committee while the other bodies nominate four members, giving a total membership of sixteen. During the year, there were six meetings of the Committee with an approximate average attendance of 11.

The dates of the meetings were as follows.

- 28th January 2025 - AGM (10 present)
- 2nd April 2025 (12 present)
- 10th June 2025 (11 present)
- 19th August 2025 (11 present)
- 7th October 2025 (12 present)
- 2nd December 2025 (13 present)

The meetings were held in the CIF offices in Construction House and could be attended in person or online.

2. Committee Membership

The CIF held the Chair of the Committee for 2025, and the position was filled by Paul Sheridan. The SCSI will hold the Chair for 2026, and Joe Boyle has been nominated as the provisional incoming Chairperson.

A special note to acknowledge the work and commitment of Mel O'Reilly to the Liaison Committee, whose personality, expertise and counsel will be sorely missed.

3. Edits to RIAI Form of Contract

I am delighted to report that the RIAI Form of contract has been published.

4. Issues with Specification Writing

The LC raised its views regarding the costs associated with purchasing specification documents with the CIC whose views were aligned with the LC's members. Unfortunately, very little progress has been made with the NSAI on this matter; other than confirmation that costs are related to company turnover. The LC agreed that this matter should now be removed from the agenda.

5. Costs in Arbitration

In July the GCCC issued proposals on ADR mechanisms to be introduced into the PWC. These included proposals for changes around the use of Arbitration. The GCCC proposed:

- Introducing the ICC Rules
- Removing the pre-agreement for both parties to bear their own costs.

6. Design Matrix

The ACEI published its Design Matrix for their members following consultation with the CIF and the Mechanical and Electrical Contractors Association.

7. ARM 5

ARM 5 was launched earlier in the new year and is referenced in the new RIAI form of contract. Some of the key changes were related to full measurement of Mechanical and Electrical

Services and Contractor Design Development.

8. Building Control Ancillary Certificates

The CIF and ACEI exchanged correspondence on the provision of building control ancillary certificates and met on the matter before Christmas. Further dialogue is planned for Q1 2026 with a view to further engagement with the other professional bodies in due course.

9. Secretariat

The CIF continued to provide administrative support to the Liaison Committee for 2025, and I would like to express my gratitude on behalf of the Committee. I would particularly like to thank Helen Early for her assistance in preparing and circulating the agenda and minutes for each meeting and for arranging and setting up the meetings.

10. Finances

The Treasurer for 2025 was Paul Sheridan of the CIF. The costs of running the committee are low and are met by an agreed levy on the member bodies when funds run low. In this regard each of the members made their contribution in 2025 in accordance with the rules.

11. Conclusion

I wish to thank all members of the Committee for their help and support during the year and wish the new Chairperson, Joe Boyle, every success in 2026.



Paul Sheridan, Chairperson

Outgoing Committee

ACEI / EI	CIF	RIAI	SCSI
Eddie Comerford	John Curtin	Joe Miller	Joe Boyle
Joe Hogan	Paul Sheridan	Danyal Ibrahim	Dermot Durack
Gerard Monaghan	Sean Greally	Eilis O'Donnell	Mark McGreevy
Damien Owens	Kieran Masterson	James O'Donoghue	Aiden O'Neill