



Welcome to the latest RISQS member newsletter – providing you with important scheme info and keeping you abreast of what’s happening with RISQS. If you have any comments or questions, please get in touch.

## Countdown to conference

*The Annual RISQS Conference takes place on 28 March at the Ricoh Arena in Coventry.*

500 delegates are set to join us for the rail supply chain event of the year, taking the opportunity to network with other world-class buyers and suppliers.

The conference will feature presentations from key industry leaders in the fields of procurement and safety, and major buyers will be outlining their view of the contracting landscape in CP6, explaining what makes a successful tender.

Confirmed speakers include:

- Ian Prosser, Director of Railway Safety and HM Chief Inspector of Railways at Office of Rail & Road (ORR)
- Paul Kiteley, Senior Procurement Manager, Transport for London (TfL)
- Mark Phillips, CEO, RSSB
- Clive Berrington, Contracts & Procurement Director, Network Rail
- Allan Spence, Head of Corporate, Passenger and Public Safety, Network Rail
- Jason Chadwick, Head of Procurement, J. Murphy & Sons

We will also be providing the annual RISQS scheme report and an update on the enhancements we are continuing to introduce to add value for members.

This event is now fully booked, if you would like to be added to the waiting list please contact layana Baker - [layana.baker@rssb.co.uk](mailto:layana.baker@rssb.co.uk) – and for more information go to:

<https://www.eventsforce.net/rssb/77/home>

## **New chair: Alasdair Reisner**

*Alasdair Reisner has been appointed as the new Chair of the RISQS Committee.*

Alasdair is Chief Executive at the Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA), which is the representative body for companies who work day-to-day to deliver, upgrade, and maintain the country's infrastructure, and whose members are among the many key users of the scheme.

Alasdair brings over a decade of experience in the UK infrastructure sector, having first joined CECA as Head of External Affairs in 2008 before becoming chief executive in 2014. Prior to joining CECA, he was a journalist at a leading UK construction trade journal. Alasdair sits on the Infrastructure Client Group and Network Rail's Commercial Directors Forum.

On becoming chair, Alasdair said: "I'm excited and honoured to chair the RISQS Committee. The scheme is recognised and supported by the whole rail industry as an ideal means of deriving assurance and managing supply chain risk. Obtaining this assurance is much harder to achieve without an industry-recognised scheme. Without it, companies would suffer duplicate auditing, unnecessary cost, and the potential aggravation and harm from risk left unchecked.

I'm looking forward to building on the success of RISQS as we approach the end of the first year with new service providers and supporting RSSB in realising future developments and improvements to the scheme."

Read the full story on the RISQS website: <https://www.risqs.org/news/new-risqs-chair-alasdair-reisner/>

## **Buyer Consultation Groups update**

*Two meetings have taken place so far: one in October last year and another on 16 January 2019. Minutes have been issued to the primary point of contact for each buying organisation.*

The groups are designed to ensure you can help influence and shape the way the scheme works, so do get involved. As a reminder, the chairs of each of the Buyer Consultation Groups are:

Infrastructure Buyer Chair	-	Gareth Morris, Morson Group
T&RS Buyer Group Chair	-	Paula Owain
Infrastructure Buyer Vice Chair	-	Mike Healy, Murphy Group

The next meeting is to be held at the RSSB offices on 15 May 2019, and an invite for registration has been sent to all buyers via the RISQS portal.

## **Supplier Consultation Group update**

*Following the election, the representatives met twice, the last was held on the 16 January. Minutes were previously distributed on the 31 January.*

Following the consultation meetings, a Working Group has been set up to review the audit protocol and reporting.

Just like the Buyer groups, these are designed to ensure you can contribute to the way the scheme develops, so do get involved.

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