

RICS Chief Executive Sean Tompkins Steps Down

Sean Tompkins is to step down from his role as Chief Executive after ten years, and after a total of 19 years with the Institution.

Nick Maclean, FRICS, acting Chair of RICS Governing Council, said:

"I thank Sean for his service and his support for Chartered Surveyors and their vital work in the natural and built environment over these years."

Sean Tompkins said:

"The changes which may flow from the independent governance review will take time to achieve, time I can no longer commit to after 10 years as CEO. I believe this requires longer-term leadership to support Governing Council with the critical journey of change and, as a result, I will be standing down as CEO."

President Kath Fontana FRICS and Interim Chair of Governing Council Chris Brooke are also stepping down at this time.

Kath Fontana said:

"Following the independent review, and in the best interest of the Institution, it is appropriate for me to now hand over to the incoming President Elect Clement Lau to lead the Institution as President with immediate effect.

The time is right for the Institution to focus on the future and for me to transition the change of presidential leadership earlier than my stated term in October. I have always been passionate about my engagement in the RICS and it has been my ultimate privilege to have been elected President. I will remain a committed member of RICS and will continue to work in its best interest at all times. "

Nick Maclean said:

"We would like to thank Kath for her commitment to the RICS over a long period of time and her passion for the promotion of the Surveying profession"

Outgoing Governing Council Interim Chair Chris Brooke FRICS, whose term was due to expire this year, is also stepping down.

Chris Brooke said:

“In the light of the publication of the Independent Review commissioned by Governing Council and given the fact that my term as Interim Chair of Governing Council is nearing an end, I have decided that, in the best interests of the Institution, I will transition the Interim Chair role to current Governing Council member Nick Maclean in the short term before my permanent replacement steps into the position in the coming months.

It has been my absolute privilege to serve as a member of Governing Council, the President of the RICS and more recently as the Interim Chair of Governing Council. I believe that I have always acted in good faith in relation to my involvement with the RICS and I continue to be supportive of the organisation as it embraces the recommendations and conclusions of the Independent Review. Now is the time to look forward and I will remain a committed member of the Institution”.

Nick Maclean said:

“We would like to thank Chris for his long service in various roles within the RICS and for delivering on many initiatives which provide a foundation for further changes anticipated in the future”