



## Item 7

### Head of Engagement

### Report to Council April 2025

#### EG's Public Sector Forum

I have it on good authority that the new owners wish to continue with the Forum albeit January was cancelled. I am in contact with Michelle Tallner and Jackie Sadek to see what new form it takes.

#### Corporate Memberships

Avison Young hosted a very successful APC Away Day on 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

They also held the first of this year's Espresso which yielded a good turn out (see below)



I have been in discussion with LSH about a telecoms webinar, Carter Jonas for a FACES networking event. Hartnell Taylor Cook are in dialogue with SW branch as they are keen to be a silver Corporate Member. Wilmott Dixon have shown some interest and there is an

opportunity to engage with some of the current “outliers” as part of the outplacement discussions (see RICS).

Also just written to existing corporate members regarding their commitment to 2025/2026.

***To repeat, again - outside of the above, and our existing corporate members, if members have ideas of organisations with whom they have a good working relationship please consider them for Corporate Membership.***



## **Year 9 initiative**

Have had follow up meeting with London Borough of Southwark and Bristol as to the logistics of this. Very well received so looking to progress with at least one soon.

## **Local Partnerships**

Still working on ideas and in discussion regarding Local Government Reform. Potential speaker at 2025 conference.

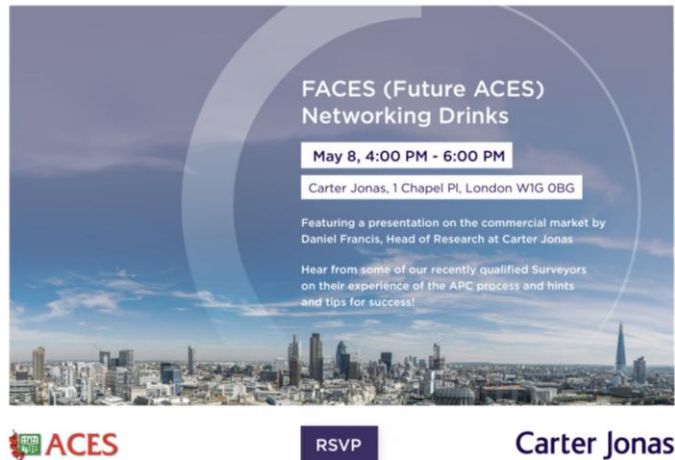
## **FACES**

FACES registrations as I write this stand at 213. (200 people reported in January). Further updates:

- More “Ask the Expert” events planned.
- LocatED have a few more networking events across the country which I have communicated to the FACES community. To secure your place at any of these events, please email [events@located.co.uk](mailto:events@located.co.uk)

London 3 June	12:30 - 14:00 at Newmark, One Fitzroy, 6 Mortimer Street, London, W1T 3JJ
Leeds 11 June	12:30 - 15:00 at Eddisons, 10 Wellington Place, Leeds, LS1 4AP
Newcastle 26 June	12:30 - 14:00 at Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP, The Spark, Draymans Way, Newcastle Helix, NE4 5DE

- APC Away-Day hosted by Avison Young held in Manchester on 23<sup>rd</sup> February (see earlier)
- FACES social at Carter Jonas London office on 8<sup>th</sup> May. **Please promote to your staff and early careers people can register here** [Future ACES networking drinks](#)



## RICS

Dan and I attended the RICS Public Sector Forum on 1<sup>st</sup> April. Agenda included:

- RICS Update – focused on the RICS re-structure.
- AI and its role in both the private and public sector (slides available if anyone wants them)
- Sustainability - the delivery of sustainability with limited resources and the impact of the current changes in international focus
- The challenges for property professionals within the public sector to achieve accreditation
- Current RICS Engagement Opportunities – openings on boards/groups and how to get involved

Dan is chairing the July meeting so Dan, Sara, Alan and I have a planning meeting at the end of the month so see how we make it more meaningful for ACES. Our current plan is to focus on:

1. CEO/CMT support for a property profession in authorities and recognition of RICS/ACES. Considering approaching a range of CEOs to get their views on property functions in authorities and support for professional subscriptions.
2. outplacements for APC candidates in partner organisations. I am in discussion with Lara Newman about writing to our respective private sector partners so see what they offer in terms of outplacements for APC candidates struggling to find certain experience for their APC.

Open to other suggestions.

### **Government Property Function**

As well as above, which several central government people attend, more recent engagement has been with Jonathan Easthope regarding the FACES community.

### **Branch Liaison**

Marcus, Trevor and I have a catch up every quarter.

**Neil Webster**

**April 2025**