

Appointments call - for representation on the Policy Forum

The Policy Forum is the key policy generating body of the Institute focusing on the overall mission and direction of CILIP; long-term policy formulation; professional issues; and making recommendations to Council accordingly (see attached specification for further details).

National Branches, English Branches, Special Interest Groups, the Affiliates Members National Committee, and the Retired Members' Guild (collectively known as representative bodies) are invited to appoint one Member of the Policy Forum and one Alternate Member (substitute) of the Policy Forum. The Alternate Member will attend meetings of the Policy Forum in the absence of the Member.

The Member and Alternate Member are appointments of the Committee of each representative body and are not elected by the membership of those bodies. However each Member and Alternate Member must be a member of CILIP and also of the representative body they have been appointed to represent. They need not be a member of the Committee of that representative body but where they are not, it may be decided by to co-opt them as a member of their Committee. Each appointment is made for a year although a representative body may change their Member or Alternate Member during the year. No Member may serve on the Policy Forum for more than six consecutive years.

Appointments do not necessarily have to be made at a meeting of the Committee of each representative body but can be determined electronically and reported to their next Committee meeting.

The first meeting of the Policy Forum will be held on 19th March at the Ibis Hotel in Birmingham. Details of the hotel can be found using this link http://www.ibishotel.com/ibis/fichehotel/gb/ibi/1459/fiche_hotel.shtml

Please note that there will be two meetings of the Forum in the year and business will also be conducted electronically using emeeting software. Details will be confirmed later.

Please note that the CILIP unit responsible for ongoing support for the Policy Forum is the Policy Unit: MSU are gathering information on the Member and Alternate Member for each representative body as the Policy Forum begins its work.