



SME Forum meeting - June 2018

Executive summary

What was discussed?

- Welcome and introduction by SME group chair, Steven Hale (Crofton Design)
- ACE presented its **Unlocking Housing** policy report which was subsequently launched on 18 June at ACE's summer reception houses of Parliament reception
- ACE launched its **Reverse Mentoring** report, at the Skills Summit on 6 June SME's to contact ACE to consider cross-company mentoring
- ACE shared findings of the annual membership survey
- A presentation was given by the guest speaker Sarah Halpin of Ramboll on **Modular Construction**.
- SME group members were informed of the European CIO Conference on digital transformation that ACE will be hosting on 20 to 21 June 2018
- SME group members were encouraged to participate in **SME Benchmarking** survey. To participate in this year's survey please contact Brian Nolk at bnolk@acenet.co.uk
- ACE gave a verbal update on GDPR, our GDPR webinar explores the issues in detail and provides a few tips on best-practice

When will the next meeting take place?

The next SME group meeting will take place in October 2018 - date to be announced soon. Invitations will be sent out to the main SME contacts in our database.

Unless otherwise advised the meetings will take place in **central London between 3 and 5pm**, followed by networking drinks at either the same venue or in a nearby bar. Please note meetings will also have dial-in/Skype options for those who are unable to join in person.

How can SME's contribute?

ACE operates an open policy for all SME group meetings, the only conditions being that companies attending must be current ACE members, and a maximum of two persons from each company attend. These restrictions do



not apply to the subsequent drinks networking reception. Please encourage your staff at different levels to attend these meetings.

If there are specific topics you would like discussed or if your company wishes to sponsor a meeting and drinks reception, please contact Anil Iyer at ailyer@acenet.co.uk