



# Navigating COVID-19

## What does recovery look like?

# Agenda

- Industry's **ideas for recovery** with **Hannah Vickers**.
- Discussion with **Andy Mitchell**, Construction Leadership Council and **Alasdair Reisner**, CECA.
- **Q&A** from attendees.

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## Why Invest?

- Sectoral – we are the accelerator or brake on the circa 3m jobs in the construction sector.
- Economic recovery of the UK – using construction as a key lever in economic recovery investing now in developing business cases and outline designs for construction as an enabler of economic growth will allow for informed, confident decisions to be made as part of the UKs recovery plans.
- Delivering Govt's policy priorities
  - Net Zero by 2050
  - Levelling up growth across the UK



## What action is required?

- Our plan is designed to sit as a sub-set of the overarching CLC Sector Recovery plan – on that basis we have utilised the same priority areas:-
- **Restart** – measures required in the short term to support the confidence and mobilisation of the sector.
- **Reset** – measures to evolve our ways of working for both COVID resilience and improved long-term productivity.
- **Reinvent** – measures taken now to support the long-term recovery of the UK economy and delivery of the Government's policy priorities.





## Restart – actions for the next 4 weeks



- Forward pipeline of work (Q3 & Q4 2020)
  - Confirm timescales for public sector near to market schemes
  - Establish a Government/Consultancy Industry forum
- Talent retention
  - Evolve the furlough scheme
  - Apprentices
  - Establish a talent retention scheme

## Reset

- Streamlining the planning process (next 2 months)
  - Extend the 'start date' planning conditions to avoid permissions lapsing
  - Encourage the continued meeting of planning committees
  - Allow for flexibility in planning surveys
  - Grants for local authorities to support digitising the planning process to operate under COVID
- Value based appraisal and procurement



## Reinvent - actions taken by the end of June 2020



- Commission a new pipeline of accelerated public sector development and design works
- Policy/Land Relief to facilitate development of affordable housing
- Town Centre and High Street regeneration schemes to promote local social capital and catalyse private sector investment
- Target some of the LEP/Local recovery funding at developing the infrastructure chapters of the local growth plans
- Infrastructure Finance Review



# Questions



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