UK-GBC welcomes all-party group report on Green Deal

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The UK Green Building Council has today welcomed a report by the All Party Parliamentary Group for Excellence in the Built Environment which calls for additional incentives to boost the Green Deal.

The report, Re-energising the green agenda, recommends a review of the Coalition’s flagship energy efficiency policy to make retrofit more financially attractive and a consultation on a new Green Deal for social landlords.

The Green Construction Board should also be given more teeth and an Existing Homes Hub, similar to the Zero Carbon Homes Hub, should be established to help industry and Government deal with the Green Deal and wider retrofit issues, according to the report.

John Alker, Director of Policy and Communications, who sat on the group, said: “This report adds yet more weight to the calls for additional incentives to get Green Deal off the ground. With the housing market on the up, Stamp Duty is surely an obvious policy lever for Government to pull.

“The strength of this report is that it is cross-party, and is a measured response to a policy that has disappointed so far, but is not beyond rescue.”

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Notes to editors

The All Party Parliamentary Groups for Excellence in the Built Environment was formed in July 2010 and its primary remit is to present a holistic and overarching view from all sectors involved in the planning, design, construction, management and maintenance of the built environment. It is chaired by Oliver Colvile MP.

The APPG for EBE launched the Commission of Inquiry into Sustainable Building and the Green Deal in 2012 with a call for written evidence. The Commission began its work in early 2013, holding five oral evidence giving sessions, between April and June and it comprised of members of both Houses of Parliament and senior members of the construction professions - Peter Aldous MP, John Alker, Sir John Armitt OBE, Patrick Bellew, Peter Bonfield OBE, Oliver Colvile MP, the Earl of Lytton, Jack Pringle, Rt.Hon. Nick Raynsford, Andrew Stunell MP, Lord Teverson, Lord Whitty.

The full report is available to download from http://www.cic.org.uk/services/reports.php.
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About UK-GBC

The UK Green Building Council’s mission is to radically improve the sustainability of the built environment, by transforming the way it is planned, designed, constructed, maintained and operated. We are a membership organisation, launched in 2007, primarily consisting of businesses from across the industry. Uniquely, we bring together anyone involved in the complex process of planning, designing, constructing, maintaining and operating buildings, along with NGOs, academic institutions and government agencies. More information about UK-GBC can be found here: www.ukgbc.org.