

Rating Tool Forum meeting

14 December 2017

Venue: UKGBC offices

Attendees

Akos Brandecker, independent consultant (AB)
 Ed Garrod, Elementa Consulting (EG)
 Jennifer Jurritz, David Morley Architects (JJ)
 Joe Croft, Overbury
 Joe Williams, FCB Studios, research (JW)
 Juliana Moiera, WSP, Sustainability Consultant (JM)
 Tom Saunders, Think Step (manages certification for Edge) (TS)
 Maria Fernandez Cachafeiro, Multiplex (MFC)
 Mina Hasman, SOM (MH)

Apologies

Swati Singh, HS2

Agreed actions

	<i>[Name/Initials]</i>	<i>[By When]</i>
Draft survey questions	JJ	16.1.18
Agree with UKGBC an opportunity to share RTF survey	AS/AM	19.1.18
Agree date for next RTF meeting	AS/AM	19.1.18

Meeting Notes

Purpose of meeting

- Agree initial model of the forum
- Agree first piece of discreet work, resources required and potential sources of sponsorship

Anna provided a summary of conversations to date about the rating tool forum.

All agreed with the three “Whats” of the Forum as on slide 6.

Anna described potential time line and 3 options of how the model could look (slides attached for those not in attendance).

Discussion

Crosswalks is the biggest issue that needs addressing ie reducing the need for assessing the same issue in two different ways. Carrying out double assessments is very expensive however in

Minutes

Germany and Sweden it is possible to carry out dual certification in a cost effective way as they have National Certification Bodies who can approve the approach taken.

The suggestion has been that UKGBC is in a good position to take on this role as a National Body. Suggestion was made that the Terms of Reference could address how a National Body could operate.

TS suggested the ToR to work towards Option 3 but for now focus on Option 1 (no cost). EG thought at this stage it would be helpful to determine the level of interest in rating tools across the UK and how useful they are.

Agreement that the Forum is about how international standards work in the UK and making UKGBC the 'go to' organisation for rating tools in the UK.

All agreed a suggested first project would be to survey UKGBC membership; the discussion addressed the following:

- Which rating tools they use in UK and abroad and why (this raises awareness and gives us a voice in the industry on rating tools)
- Want to show that is interest in the rating tools
- Output includes an intro to each rating tool and some talking heads about each.
- Also use to ask what we should do next, based on what they feel the issues are.
- Ease of use, barriers, success of outcomes, cost,
- We should also get the stats on how many rating tools are used in the UK – ask WGBC if they have this data
- Group feels it's very quick and easy and doesn't need funding, although AM said it's a project and require UKGBC staff time including comms.
- JW has done a lot of analysis and happy to allocate time.
- JJ happy to word the questions and answers and share with group.

The aim of the survey is to achieve understanding of: Scale, awareness, barriers, ease of use, role UKGBC could play. Suggested questions:

Q. What type of company do you work for (architect, contractor...)

Q. Do you certify buildings?

Q. Which of the following rating tools have you used on projects (in UK, overseas; full certification/benchmarking/design guide; tick list and "other")

Q. Which have you used in the last year?

Q. What is the percentage of your company's revenue from certified projects? (20/40/60/80/100)

Q. What is the best outcome derived from a certification?

Q. What is the worst outcome derived from a certification?

Q. Has it had a positive impact on the building?

Q. have you done dual certification

Q. Should the UKGBC be the convening body in the UK?

Q. If a forum is set up what would you like it to do?

Q. Would you be interested in engaging further on the topic with UKGBC?

Group agreed HWB rating tools should be added to the list already outlined in the slides. Others include: DGNB, Parksmart, HQE, Passivhaus, WELL, Fitwell, Home Quality Mark.

Minutes

Plan to launch survey end of Jan, carry out analysed for next workshop in March.
Anna to look at possible dates for a workshop in March and share.

Ask rating tool providers for 150-200 words on what their tool seeks to achieve.
Create ToR and then create the steering Group. ToR should include declarations of potential conflict of interests.

JC: Ska Office update in March – the group could look to feed into this.

TS: Speak to UKTI about funding opportunities. The group will be looking at highlighting UK professional services

EG: Try to get funding from industry organisations.

Project 2 (further down the line) - “National body” for agreeing on cross-walks with certification bodies (EG)

- Huge barriers to LEED and WELL use in the UK
- Lots of international and corporate clients want LEED and BREEAM.
- Cross walks would help but do increase costs.
- Such as being able to use Part L to get LEED point.
- Has to be a national body who provides equivalency. Needs recognition from the rating tool providers.
- Has to be a membership organisation and wide membership body drawn from across the industry – this needs to be reflected in the ToR. Other countries have such international bodies.
- It won't deprive BRE of ratings. BRE have done a cross walk with WELL and BREEAM USA and Fitwell.
- UKGBC could set the precedent and enable other GBCs to do the same in other countries.