

New Chief Executive Officer for CICES



The Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors (CICES) is pleased to announce that Ann Allen MBE FRICS is to become its new chief executive officer. She joins CICES from the University of Glasgow, where she has worked for eight years as executive director of estates and commercial services.

Ann Allen has over 35 years of experience in the built environment. Having graduated with a degree in land management, she has worked in various development roles within both public and private sector organizations, including head of estates and facilities for HBOS, and head of asset management for John Lewis.

Ann Allen holds a number of non-executive roles, including chair of Architecture Design Scotland, chair of the Scottish board of Women in Property, and board member of Construction Scotland and the National Museum of Scotland. She received an MBE in 2019 for services to higher education.

Challenging Time

CICES President Chris Preston commented: "I am delighted we have secured someone of Ann's calibre as our new CEO. She has a wealth of knowledge and experience in strong governance, communications and engagement with communities, stakeholders and government. Ann will be developing our strategy, particularly with regards to membership services, digital transformation and external presence to further establish the institution as the natural home for those working in civil engineering surveying. CICES is a highly regarded institution and Ann will continue our work promoting the profession, engaging across sectors and demonstrating the value our members contribute to society."

Ann Allen commented: "I am delighted and proud to be appointed as CEO of CICES. Supporting the organization to develop the long-term strategy is exciting; however, I also want to ensure that we continue the great work of the outgoing CEO Bill Pryke and ensure that we continue to reflect the needs of our members and support them through this challenging time for our industry."

Ann Allen will join CICES on 1 August 2020, at which time she will also become managing director of the institution's wholly-owned commercial publishing and training arm, SURCO Ltd. She takes over from Bill Pryke, who is retiring after over 11 years of leading the institution.