

Chair's Comments, Chris Jesson

July E-Bulletin



We continue to support our members as best we can during the current times and our e-bulletins are a chief way for you to find out about what is on, get involved and hear about some of our recent work. This month's e-bulletin places a focus on our regional news including how some of our respective local authorities have adapted their planning service to provide continuity and increase their use of technology during the pandemic.

As a result of COVID-19 and the associated suspension of all 'in person' RTPI events and volunteer travel, this has now been extended until the end of the year for the safety of the Institute's staff and its members. Since the date of the last e-bulletin we are pleased to have been able to reinstate a couple of our regional CPD occasions virtually in partnership with RTPI East of England in the form of the webinars on Biodiversity Net Gain and Climate action: Protecting communities from tidal surges, with the RTPI President Sue Manns in July. Please access our online events calendar to book your free place and expand your professional development and e-learning.

Our plan for our flagship Regional Planning Awards for Planning Excellence is still to press on virtually and early preparations for judging are in progress with entries required by 10th July. Please consider a nomination with importance as we really want to celebrate all that is being achieved in the field of planning here in our region.

May I also encourage you to consider one of our regional positions as part of the RTPI's national elections, or perhaps a position on the General Assembly. Get involved! Nominations close at 5pm on 27th July 2020.

Positions available on our East Midlands Regional Management Board

- Regional Secretary (2021 & 2022)
- Regional Treasurer (2021 & 2022)
- Regional General Assembly Representative (2021 & 2022)
- Member (non-designated role) – one vacancy (2021 & 2022)

Positions available on our East Midlands Regional Activities Committee

- Chartered Member (2021 & 2022) – 7 vacancies
- Planning Aid England Representative (2021 & 2022)

On behalf of all of the RTPI East Midlands team we wish all members and their families continued health and safety and we look forward to seeing you soon.