

Welcome to the 48th Annual General Meeting. I am pleased to present to you again online the annual report for the Institute. Although restrictions have eased, we have decided to continue to hold our Annual General Meeting online, as this has seen greater member participation since moving to this format.

I am pleased to report with the easing of Covid-19 restrictions the postponed Fulmination 2020 has been rescheduled to take place during the first week of April 2022 at De Vere Wokefield, Reading. Although at the time of writing this annual report Fulmination 2022 has not yet taken place a great deal of time and effort has been put in to ensure the event is a success and brings the industry together, towards tomorrow.

Progress and growth of the Institute continues which can be demonstrated by the steady increase in membership numbers. Member benefits are continually being reviewed to ensure members are fully supported throughout each sector of the industry.

The Institute continues to be a Licenced Member of the Engineering Council which enables members applications for professional registration to be assessed for Chartership, with a steady throughput of applicants being recommended for registration. This would not be possible without the continued effort and support of both the office team and our team of volunteer assessors.

Following on from these achievements the Institute remains committed to supporting the work of the Sector Skills Strategy Group (SSSG), and the working groups.

I am extremely pleased to confirm that despite the national lockdown and restrictions which have been in place the Institute has continued to drive forward and is in a strong position to grow further and provide support and value to membership.

For members participating in this year's meeting, the format will be again in the form of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy will be made available to any member who wishes to receive an electronic copy by contacting the office any time from the day after the meeting.



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