**Written Members’ Questions - 2019 APM Annual General Meeting.**

**Question by David Coombes**

1. **Could the APM Board please provide an update on the planned strategy for the RPP standard going forward in to 2020 and beyond?**

*The numbers applying for RPP have dropped since the launch of the Chartered status. In 2017 there were 261 applicants. In 2018 this figure had dropped to 114 and there are 23 so far for 2019. Based on these figures, and feedback regarding the value of Chartered and possible confusion in the market between RPP and Chartered, it has been decided to close entry to RPP from December 2020 but to maintain the register. The Board is also investigating an additional assessment option for very senior project leaders.*

**Question by David Coombes**

1. **Is RPP to going to be retained as an option for gaining full membership?**

*Yes, RPP will remain as a route to full membership as long as the RPP register remains open.*

**Question by David Coombes**

1. **How many people have obtained RPP in the last 12 months and then gone on to apply for ChPP via Route 2?**

*50 People have been awarded RPP since November 2018. 32 have gone onto apply for ChPP.*

**Question by David Coombes**

1. **Has there been a decline in the number of RPP holders paying to remain on the RPP Public Register and retain their post nominals?**

*There has been a small decline. On 1 November 2018 there were 1201 RPP holders on the register compared to 1185 on 1 November 2019.*

**Question by Tom Taylor**

1. **As a professional organisation what is APM doing about its own carbon footprint please?**

*APM has a staff lead and an internal working group dedicated to environmental initiatives.  This enjoys active staff engagement and several initiatives have been taken forward.  This includes HQ staff holding two successful ‘car-free’ initiatives this year designed encourage staff to think about the commuter miles they currently do.  There has also been a drive to use sustainable supplies within the office as much as possible.  Other initiatives have also been progressed to actively reduce our carbon footprint.  These include the increased use of digital delivery through webinars, APM Learning and the use of MS Teams as a tool for volunteers to work together. Project magazine has recently switched to a compostable starch-based courier bag for its delivery and has changed its cover production so that it is 100% recyclable. The office upgrade earlier in the year included the installation of energy saving equipment such as a Billi tap for hot water, which is considerably more efficient than the previous arrangement.*

**Question by Tom Taylor**

1. **How is APM getting on with advising its members and the wider PM community on Climate Change, Environmental and Sustainability opportunities and responsibilities by sectors and generally?**

*APM has already contributed to this major public issue by  focusing on the challenge of climate change and the possible role and responsibilities of our profession through the work of Professor Morris – supported by Tom Taylor – in producing the 2017 APM report* "[Climate change and what the project management profession should be doing about it](https://www.apm.org.uk/media/7496/climate-change-report.pdf)"*, which set out a number of challenges to the profession and some suggested solutions.*

*More recently, and as part of the horizon scanning work the board asked the group chaired by Tim Banfield  (and now entitled the ‘Projecting the Future’ group) to undertake and identify key challenges for the APM and the profession as part of its work. The main Projecting the Future paper was launched in June with climate change, sustainability and clean growth issues were identified as one of the six key strands for debate across the profession. To this end,  the second paper in the series was published  in September on this topic*[*https://www.apm.org.uk/projecting-the-future/climate-change-clean-growth-and-sustainability/*](https://www.apm.org.uk/projecting-the-future/climate-change-clean-growth-and-sustainability/)*and this paper set out a number of key questions for the profession to debate.  It is still early days in this consultative process but there have been some good contributions already and a number of corporate partners have indicated they want to engage and events to discuss this for Fellows, corporate partner and branches have or are being arranged.   We have recently used this paper to engage with a number of external bodies with a focus on this issue – including other professional bodies – for example, this includes contributing to the CBI’s recent clean energy event. We also received a helpful response from Rebecca Pow MP, minster at DEFA amongst other replies. We hope some of these bodies will be involved in 2020 when we hope to develop responses and recommendations to these and other themes. In the past few days we have been invited to join the Constriction Industry Council climate change experts group being set up.*

*On more specific actions and a policy stance relating specifically to the climate emergency issue over and above this work set out above see below.*

**Question by Tom Taylor**

1. **What is the position of the APM Board and Executive on the “Climate Crisis / Emergency” please?**

*The board had a provisional discussion on this challenge at its last meeting in September. This followed the launch of a number of individual and cross cutting professional body initiatives and third party organised declarations.  The board will be discussing an options paper this afternoon to identify and agree a way forward for:*

*1) what actions and initiatives APM needs to take on its own carbon footprint and further actions required, including reporting on progress; and*

*2) what role and activities APM needs to adopt and actions to take to ensure it is best positioned to support the project profession to meet the generational challenge of climate but which reflects that our community operates in a wide spread of sectors and projects and therefore a one size fits all approach is not necessarily possible. If agreed this will be in a form of a statement/pledge.*

**Question by Olubukola Feyisetan**

1. **The APM, as an organisation currently have Associate, Full, Fellow and Honorary Fellow members. Is the APM open to the possibility of members becoming Life members after reaching a certain age e.g. 60 years? If so, will this initiative form part of the APM's Inspiring Change Strategy?**

*Lifetime membership is not something that APM currently offers, though there is a 50% rate for retired members in place and the plan is for this to continue. There are currently 365 number of members taking advantage of the retired rate.*