



September 2023

MHA+ annual event – have you booked your place yet?

Value and Skills - Annual Event
Wednesday 20 September 2023 - 9:00am – 4:00pm

PROGRAMME	
9.00 - 9.30	Coffee, networking and supplier marketplace
9.30 - 9.45	Welcome & Opening Address
9.45 - 10.10	Value for Money for Projects and Frameworks
10.10 - 10.20	Human Capital Management
10.20 - 10.30	Value through a Transport Skills Academy
10.35 - 11.00	Launch of the Professional Services Partnership 4 Framework (PSP4)
11.00 - 11.20	Coffee, Networking and supplier marketplace
11.20 - 12.40	Workshop 1: Engaging with young people Educate the Educators? & other initiatives Engaging young people for the workplace of the future

There's still time to [book your place](#) at this year's free members only event.

The event is being held on 20 September and will see the formal launch of our new Professional Services Framework (PSP 4).

We will be continuing our 'value -added' theme from last year and will also address the issue of skills and how to attract more people into the sector.

The programme will focus on how MHA+ members and their supply chain(s) can work collaboratively and includes breakout sessions with expert panels, and chaired by content experts, to discuss:

- engaging with young people
- growing our own
- diversifying the workforce
- adding value through digital working
- adding value through carbon reduction
- adding social value

We look forward to seeing you there.

PSP 4 update

Key Features

In PSP4 we took the opportunity to build on the work of our earlier frameworks, reflect on client and supplier feedback, and consider likely future requirements to develop a framework that aims to meet the needs of our client authorities and further raise the standard on performance and value.

The principle of providing a collaborative, high quality, cost-based approach has not changed, but the new framework has been augmented with improved opportunity for relationship development; service improvement; performance management; cost control; and social value benefits.

Key features include:

- Longer term of up to 8 years allows strong open and honest relationships to develop and more benefits to be realised through collaborative working with Suppliers.
- Suppliers have enhanced offers, not only at framework level but also tailored to individual client requirements relating to: learning and workforce development, social value, carbon reduction, climate impact, and digital working (including common data environments).
- Enhanced performance management at framework and delivery levels to drive continuous improvement throughout the life of the framework.
- Additional supplier selection options offer more client choice and cater for new delivery mechanisms, such as off-shore resourcing.
- Additional X clauses for Lot 1 include optional clauses relating to sectional completion and delay damages.
- A third Lot 1 Supplier improves mini-competition.
- Lot 2 default period speeds up the process.
- Revised criteria for framework extensions beyond the initial four years adds workload share to criteria on performance and contract conditions.
- Earlier review point to extend the Framework beyond the initial four years allows sufficient time for MHA+ Boards to consider the extension criteria and re-procure if necessary.

Framework approvals

We recognise that many authority members will need to provide framework information to their procurement teams for approval before raising Works Orders under the new PSP4 Framework.

The Contract Award Notices have now been published and can be found online at '[Find a Tender Service](#)' and '[Contracts Finder](#)'.

The [framework documentation can be found on the website](#) and we are currently working with our Suppliers to finalise the Commission Manual and develop guidance and support, including roadshow materials

Keep checking the website for [the latest news](#) on PSP 4 procurement and planning.

PSP 3 Overview

PSP 3 was used by 31 local authority members, issuing Over 1300 briefs and spending over £140 million over the length of the extended framework. Over 1500 360° performance assessments were undertaken, achieving average scores of between 8.31 and 9.06 out of 10, consistently above the 8.0 target.

The website gives [details of projects and case studies](#), including 34 case studies across a diverse range of projects undertaken for 13 different local authority clients.

All of our [PSP 3 Suppliers shared learning content](#) with us. They provided lunchtime seminars on a range of subjects, from technical guidance to more general discussion topics with invited experts. Of these, 67 were recorded and made available as You Tube content, receiving over 1400 views. Many of our Service Improvement Groups (SIGs) and working groups benefitted from their industry knowledge and expertise. They also provided sponsorship, expert presentations and support to our annual events.

The framework supported a number of apprenticeships and student placements and the tailored social value benefits to individual local authority clients included staff training and mentoring; support at career fairs; delivery of, or participation in, local community projects; school visits; and tree planting.



ICE Update – Career Appraisals

Did you know that there are new, recently introduced streamlined procedures for ICE Career Appraisals?

Find out more about the new, streamlined [career appraisals](#) process if it may be of interest.

Career Appraisal fast-track programme

If you have not previously completed a training agreement or Career Appraisal, and have:

- The academic base for the grade of membership you aspire to,
- Sufficient relevant experience to demonstrate the ICE Attributes, and
- Adequate Continuing Professional Development (CPD),

then you can take advantage of a Career Appraisal fast-track programme to submit your Career Appraisal submission for Chartered (CEng) or Incorporated (IEng) Engineer in about 4 months, targeting your ICE Professional Review application for about six months after submission. The workshops are four two-hour sessions on Teams, but you will need to attend all four sessions and develop your documents between sessions.

Details of the ICE East & West Midlands workshops (September – December) can be found on the ICE website here:

<https://www.ice.org.uk/careers-learning/professional-qualification-support/professional-qualification-training/career-appraisal-fast-track-workshop-em-wm-20-sep-23>

Contact your local ICE Membership Development Officer for details of the next programme in your membership area.

Service Improvement Group (SIG) Update

Our latest [SIG meeting update](#) provides more details of the five SIG meetings held since June. Agendas, minutes and presentation slides from all SIG meetings are available on the [MHA Plus SIG members website](#).

Details of all upcoming Service Improvement Group meetings are available on the [MHA+ Calendar](#) and further information on each service improvement group is available from [Alice Russell](#).

MHA+ Thematic Groups update

MHA+ has expanded the role of a further two Thematic Groups so they now cover the whole of MHA+ membership. The Social Value Working Group (SVWG) and the Digital Working Group (DWG) were formed via the Medium Schemes Framework (MSF) 3 & 4 to help provide focus on these key areas of activity for members. In light of the excellent work being completed by both groups it was agreed via the Programme Board that their role would be expanded to cover all of MHA+ and its membership, whilst still ensuring that both groups continue with their work covering key topics for MSF 4.

This now ensures MHA+ has a clear overview of the important industry cross cutting themes of Carbon (via the Carbon Steering Group), Social Value and all things Digital. Each of the Groups are running an afternoon workshop session at the Annual Event so please take advantage of the opportunity to engage with the work they are doing.

If you want more information about the Thematic Groups, to contribute, or learn more, please contact MHA+ Support, [Ian Bamforth](#) or [Kay Smith](#)

Carbon Steering Group (CSG).

The CSG continues to provide a focus for all things pertaining to Carbon Reduction & Net Zero for MHA+. Key areas of discussion are as follows:

- **The National Highways & Transport Network (NHT)** – development of their carbon tool to assess the 'Value of Carbon' in Highways for Local Highway Authorities
- **Carbon & Transport Business Cases**, linking to Active Travel
- **Active Travel**
- **Local Authority Development Design Guides**
- **Devon County Council Carbon Measurement** - their ground-breaking approach to measuring carbon in relation to all things Highways
- **Carbon News Bulletin** – The next bulletin is due out this month so watch this space. As ever it will cover the topics above and many other items - regional, national and beyond. The previous carbon news bulletins can be found on MHA+ ISP.

Social Value Working Group (SVWG).

The SVWG looks to cover a wide range of issues in relation to Social Value and ensure these are shared with members. Key topics covered at the last SVWG and coming up include:

- **New Procurement Bill around “Public Benefit”** - currently in the House of Commons, which is where Social Value will sit if this passes through the full Government Legislative process. The SVWG Chair as a part of Advisory Body Social Value UK, are keeping a close eye on progress of the Bill and will update members on any key further development.
- **Association for Consultancy Engineering (ACE)** are working with the Cabinet Office putting best practice together for Frameworks as well as how to measure Social Value. Tom Gifford from Lincolnshire County Council attends these sessions and reports back.
- **Measuring Social Value** – The Group are reviewing how we all measure SV in our work. This includes considering the available tools out there and the potential for the development of a bespoke approach as well as liaising with the Considerate Constructors Scheme regarding the effective measurement of SV in projects. Watch this space for more information in the near future.
- **Social Partnership Portal** – The group will be reporting back following their September meeting.

Digital Working Group (DWG).

The DWG provides coverage on all things digital (which includes BIM activity) and looks to ensure that progress is made on supporting members in their Digital journey.

The DWG are looking at a wide range of issues, including:

- GG104 – Requirements for Safety Risk Assessment.
- Lessons Learned - Digital & BIM - preconstruction to handover.
- Digital Platforms, Tools and System, what do we use, what do they do.
- Level of Detail / level of information need – specifying it and how it can be used.
- Different graphical model types, how, what for 3D, 2D, 4D.
- Drones / remotely operated vehicles, what they can and can't do.
- Handover – methods of capture for handover information and how do authorities share and store and make available information including on H&S.

A key focus for the DWG is the delivery of a series of Digital workshops for MHA+ members focusing on adding value through digital working through the lifetime of the asset. The second workshop for 2023 due to take place in October (see item below). A key topic to be covered at the December DWG meeting will be Asset Handover, with a presentation from Balfour Beatty.

Skills and development supporting PSP 4

It is recommended that our members maximise their use of our new PSP 4 framework by completing the ICE accredited virtual learning content – available on our MHA+ [Learning Management System \(LMS\)](#)

NEC 4 – Introduction to the Professional Services Contract (PSC) and the Professional Services Short Contract PSSC – ICE accredited

N.B. Once you have reached the required 'pass' standard - the LMS enables you to print/download a NEC certificate - to evidence your continuing professional development.

Next Digital workshop – 12 October 2023

This is the second of four planned workshops; organised and hosted by the digital working group – for the benefit of MHA+ community. This workshop focuses on **adding value through digital during the lifecycle of an asset.**

This interactive session is suitable for complete novices as well as seasoned practitioners and will be held at the [ibis, New Street, Birmingham](#). More information on the workshop can be found on the [MHA+ calendar](#)

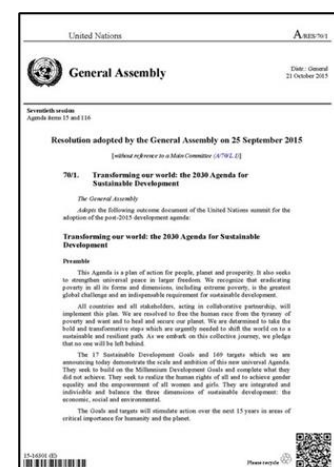
Guidance on how to access the learning, training and continuing professional development gateway is available in the Learning Management System user guide. [You can download a copy here](#)

Digital working group information is available on the secure MHA+ [Information Sharing Platform](#) for registered users.

Learning Point: Sustainable Development (one of the seven ICE Attributes)

The United Nations' [Sustainable Development Goals \(UNSDGs\)](#), also known as the **Global Goals**, are **seventeen interlinked objectives designed to serve as a "shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future."** They recognise that action in one area will affect outcomes in others and that [sustainable development](#) must balance environmental, social and economic aspects by putting sustainability at their centre. The Department of Economic and Social Affairs [lists them all online](#).

They were formulated in 2015 by the [United Nations General Assembly](#) (UNGA) as part of the Post-2015 Development Agenda, titled "[Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#)" which sought to create a future global development framework to succeed the [Millennium Development Goals](#), which ended that year. They were formally articulated and adopted by the 193 countries of the UN General Assembly on 25 September 2015 in a UNGA resolution known as the 2030 Agenda involving its Member States and global civil society. It is a broad intergovernmental agreement building on the principles agreed in a non-binding document released as a result of the [Rio+20 Conference](#) in 2012.



Implementation of the SDGs started worldwide in 2016. The following year, a UNGA resolution [identified specific targets for each goal](#) and provided indicators to measure progress. Most targets are to be achieved by 2030, although some have no end date. In 2019 [António Guterres](#) (secretary-general of the UN) issued a global call for a *Decade of Action* (from 2020 to 2030) to deliver the SDGs by 2030.

The SDGs are not legally binding and are purposefully designed to provide leeway. National governments and sub-national authorities (state actors), and corporations and civil society (non-state actors) can interpret the goals differently and according to their interests.

There are cross-cutting issues and synergies between the different goals. Critics and observers have identified trade-offs between the goals. Other concerns include there being too many goals, a weak emphasis on environmental sustainability, and difficulties tracking qualitative indicators.

The SDGs are monitored by the [UN High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development \(HLPF\)](#), an annual forum held under the auspices of the [United Nations Economic and Social Council](#). An online SDG Tracker was launched in June 2018 to present available data across the indicators. The [COVID-19 pandemic](#) had serious negative impacts on all 17 SDGs in 2020 and in 2022 a scientific assessment of the political impacts found that the SDGs have only had limited *transformative political impact* thus far.

[The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2023: Special Edition](#), presents an assessment based on the latest data and estimates. According to the report, the impacts of the climate crisis, the war in Ukraine, a weak global economy, and the lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have revealed weaknesses and hindered progress towards the Goals. It points out areas that need urgent action to deliver meaningful progress by 2030, highlighting the existing gaps and urging the world to redouble its efforts. The report also emphasizes the immense potential for success through strong political will and the utilization of available technologies, resources, and knowledge.



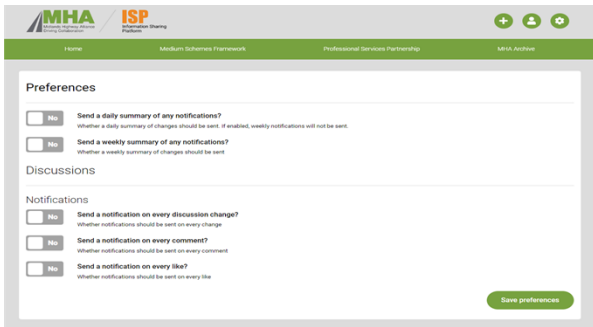
Message from MHA+ Skills



It would be really helpful to us if you could make sure that your details are up to date – particularly your job title/role on the MHA+ LMS. This helps us when we are compiling attendance data.

Did you know? You can also amend your accounts if you change your employer – keep your MHA+ accounts so that they move with you – just amend the details

Thank you in anticipation.



Remember you can set up ISP preferences and notifications to receive the latest updates for any ISP tags you follow.

Make sure you opt to **follow**. Click on your profile icon and choose 'my preferences' – on this screen choose your options.

Save your preferences – and you will be sent update alerts.

MHA+ Annual Report 2022/23

The [2022/23 MHA+ annual report](#) is now available on the website.

The report provides a range of content that includes a retrospective as we celebrate 15 years of the sustained development of the alliance. The annual report provides financial outcomes, impacts achieved by our work streams, frameworks and groups that have a specific focus on service improvement.

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