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**The
Executive
Committee
Wish our
Members
and their
Families a
very Happy**

**Christmas and a Prosperous New
Year**

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New HQ for Gwent Police

BAM Construction have been awarded a contract to build a new headquarters for Gwent Police in Cwmbran.



Work is expected to start on site around May 2018 after clearing planning.

The two-stage design and build project includes several design options, which will be developed by BAM with the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Gwent and Gwent Police through to a planning submission.

The lead designer is Atkins and proposals

include a significant amount of external works to create roads and access.

Cardiff City Centre Construction

Sir Robert McAlpine is set to start construction of the next project at Cardiff's Central Square development.



Work will start imminently on the £100m office project, which has been fully pre-let to the HMRC. The 12-storey building will be known as 6 Central Square and will provide 265,000 sq ft office space for the Government tax hub building. The HMRC deal is expected to release around £10m towards the cost of the new bus station at the Interchange, which has a cost between £20m to £25m. Joint developers Rightacres and Legal & General also have further plans for a 180,000 sq ft office building next to the HMRC building, which could also house other public-sector departments. The project is set to get underway as Legal & General announced it had sold 2 Central Square, which was started as a speculative 148,000 sq ft scheme for

£56.5m to Credit Suisse Asset Management. This project will complete in September 2018 and is fully pre-let to Cardiff University and Cardiff based law firm Hugh James. Work is also progressing on plot 3, which will include a new £120m headquarters for BBC Cymru Wales. Both these schemes are being built by ISG.

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The CITB

The Construction Industry Training Board is leaving its historic home in remote Bircham Newton, quitting training delivery and outsourcing back office functions.



CITB chief executive Sarah Beale said the restructuring of the organisation would create “the strategic, forward-looking and agile skills body that the industry is seeking”. In effect, CITB will exist simply to collect and redistribute levy money, as a commissioner, and to accredit courses. Plans for reforming the Construction Industry Training Board are contained in the document *Vision 2020: The Future CITB*. The document is a three-year plan to slim down the organisation, turning it into ‘a commissioner of

outcomes’. CITB will no longer deliver training itself except where it is unavailable on the market, or not good enough. The National Construction College at Bircham Newton in rural Norfolk faces sale or closure.

CITB will also no longer administer the card schemes, including the Construction Skills Certification Scheme and the Construction Plant Competency Scheme. These operations will now be privatised.

The proposed plan includes a move for the organisation’s head office from Bircham Newton, with Peterborough earmarked as the likely new base. In addition, there will be small co-located offices in London, Scotland and Wales. Around two-thirds of the workforce will remain ‘mobile’, as now.

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New Dumper Guidance

The Construction Plant-hire Association has published new guidance for operators on the safe use of forward tipping dumpers

. The publication has been compiled following several fatalities on site in the past couple of years, where operators have been crushed by overturning dumpers or have run over infantry due to full loads impairing their view. Some organisation that have borne witness to the dangers of dumper trucks have advocated banning driving on spoil heaps.

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