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ACTIONS TAKEN OR OUTSTANDING

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1. Issue

To provide a report to Council on actions arising from its most recent meetings.

2. Timing

Council meeting, 19 March 2020.

3. For Note

Council is invited to note this report.

4. Report to the Board of Trustees

4.1. At its meeting on 3 October 2019 Council agreed to refer three papers to the Board of Trustees, on Climate Change, Fifty Year Strategy, and President's Themes.

4.2. At its meeting on 8 November 2019 the Board of Trustees agreed that the paper on Climate Change be referred to the Director of Governance and External Engagement for response, the paper on a Fifty Year Strategy be referred to the Director of Finance and Planning for response, and the paper on the President's Themes be referred to the Director of Membership and Professional Development for response.

4.3. At its meeting on 8 January 2020 Council noted report with feedback from the Board of Trustees on the proposals made after the Council meeting on 3 October 2019 (CO(20)1). During discussion the following comments were made:

4.3.1. Professor Phillips commented that the Briefing Report on *Engineering Priorities for Delivering Net-zero* had not been published in a form that could be referenced by academics. Although it was stated that it would be "regularly updated", the document was undated. He suggested that it ought to indicate whether it originated from a Policy Panel or, if not, who its authors were.

4.3.2. Mr Joshi asked whether Council would have any further involvement in Climate Change. Dr Ward replied that one member of Council was a member of the Working Party on Sustainable Planet.

4.3.3. Mr Prebble suggested that greater efforts should be made to publicise the Factfiles and Briefing Papers published by the IET.

5. 150th Anniversary of the IET

5.1. At its meeting on 8 January 2020 Council noted a progress report on the 150th Anniversary of the IET in 2021 (CO(20)2). During discussion the following comments were made:

- Dr Ward commented that Professor George would welcome suggestions from Council about what contribution Council and the IET membership might make to the 150th Anniversary celebrations.
- Dr Muthamizhchelvan commented that he would like to encourage activities in India to mark the 150th Anniversary.
- Mr Joshi asked whether any events would be held in the Americas region to mark the 150th Anniversary. Ms Losecaat replied that events were planned to be held in Boston and San Francisco. In addition, Local Networks could bid for funding for specific activities.
- Miss Ho asked whether there would be any events held simultaneously in several Local Networks. Ms Losecaat replied that this was being considered, but at a city-wide rather than Local Network level.
- Dr Ward commented that Professor George would welcome suggestions from Council about what contribution Council and the IET membership might make to the 150th Anniversary celebrations.

5.2. It was agreed that further discussion should take place on Yammer, with a deadline of the end of January 2020, and that Miss Singhal should produce a report on the comments and feedback.

5.3. The report prepared by Miss Singhal (CO(20)4) was sent to Professor George on 5 February 2020.

6. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy

6.1. At its meeting on 8 January 2020 Council noted a progress report on the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy (CO(20)3). During discussion the following comments were made:

- Professor Phillips suggested that a feedback channel should be created.
- Ms Ho asked whether a report could be made on the IET's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion activities globally.
- Dr Smith congratulated Ms Foster on the document and asked whether there was any tools that other organisations could use. Ms Foster commented that once the IET knew its impact it would start documenting and demonstrating what other organisations could do. Ms Foster agreed to share the framework tool and give further updates to Council on the subject.

6.2. It was agreed that further discussion should take place on Yammer and to invite Ms Foster to be part of this group.

7. Risk

No risks have been identified in connection with this paper.

8. Resources

No resource issues have been identified in connection with this paper.