

Building Standards Bulletin

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Welcome to Leeds City Council's first edition of "Building Standards Bulletin" for the latest news and announcements in the world of Building Control and Public Safety in Leeds.

What's new:

The LABC Partnership Scheme is proving very successful and is continuing to expand with more Architects, Agents and Developers wanting to "partner" with us. We have close working links with all the Local Authorities which

therefore provides you with a single point of contact ensuring consistency and continuity for all your applications.

Whether you have a project in Plymouth, Newcastle Upon Tyne or even here in Leeds, we are able to provide the Building Control service.

If you are interested in the Partnership Scheme or would like to become a "partner" with Leeds Building Standards contact David Pickles on Tel: 0113 247 8104. More information can be downloaded [here](#).



Staff news:



David Little

Following the recent retirement of Clive McKeivitt, David Little is now our new Head of Service. David has not been in post long but changes to in-house working practices are already being developed and implemented including this "Newsletter". David joined Leeds City Council in 1987 when he was appointed as a District Surveyor.

Before his recent appointment David was a Building Standards Manager,

responsible for marketing, training and safety issues at Headingley cricket and rugby grounds.

He has also been heavily involved in the LABC which promotes the use of Local Authority Building Control and is a well known figure in the Building Control world. His aims as Head of Services are to streamline the service, with customer care being his main goal. With this in mind he proposes to achieve the Customer Service Excellence award which will recognise Building Standards



David Pickles

as one of the finest service providers in our field.

Leeds Building Standards is also pleased to announce the appointment of a new line manager for the West Building Control Team.

David Pickles has been with Leeds Building Standards for 8 years and was originally appointed as a District Surveyor. He has a wealth of experience starting his career in Building Control in 1986 at Bradford Metropolitan Council. More recently, he was heavily involved with new city centre developments including the high profile development of Bridgewater Place. He currently manages the West Building Control Team and he will take the responsibility for business development. David has made his mark in Building Control with his expertise in energy conservation, particularly Part L, Standard Assessment Procedure (SAP) calculations and Energy Performance Certificates (EPC).

David and a small team can offer their services as qualified SAP Assessors for those complex calculations to make new and existing dwellings comply with Part L. They are more than happy to answer your queries regarding Part L and energy assessments. SAP application forms can be downloaded from [here](#).

LABC West Yorkshire Built In Quality Awards 2009



The Awards ceremony

This year's annual awards ceremony was held at the Holiday Inn Hotel, Tong Lane, Bradford on the Thursday 18th June 2009. The awards celebrate high quality and innovative building projects in the West Yorkshire region, from small extensions to major mixed use developments.

The awards were organised and hosted by representatives from the Building Control sections of Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds and Wakefield councils. The winners may be invited to the LABC National Building Excellence Awards

in October. This can be best described as the "Oscars" of the Building Control world and is the highlight of the year in Local Authority Building Control.

This year's ceremony featured 24 awards across nine categories. The nominations representing every corner of the West Yorkshire region.

This year's winners were:

Domestic Extensions:

Mr. and Mrs. Stroud for Briery Wood Barn, Hebers Ghyll Drive, Ilkley

New Dwellings Under 10 Units:

Mr. Hunter for Birchdene, Linton

New Dwellings Volume:

Hanover Developments for Development at Barnsley Road, Wakefield

Restoration:

Aldersgate Estates for Eastbrook Hall, Bradford

Conversion:

Ronan Developments Clayton West Huddersfield

Commercial Projects:

CTP St James Ltd for Wakefield Waterfront

Community:

AEDAS for Cathedral House, Huddersfield

Education:

ISG Regions Ltd for All Saints Primary School, Little Horton, Bradford

Sustainability:

Mr. and Mrs. Marchant for Old Cragg Hall, Cragg Vale, Calderdale.

The ceremony also featured a fund raising event and raffle on behalf of Yorkshire Air Ambulance. A photo slide show of the evening can be accessed [here](#).

Vision for the Future:

Building Standards is currently undergoing a major restructure which will see changes to the way we deliver our service. You should see the improvements when using Leeds City Council Building Control. Here are some of the ways we intend to improve our service delivery:

- 1 Carrying out requests for site inspections promptly.
- 2 Responding to reports of potential Dangerous Structures without delay.
- 3 Providing a polite, courteous, helpful, friendly and responsive attitude at all times.

- 4 Being punctual and keeping to appointments.
- 5 Giving pre-application advice and guidance before you submit an application.
- 6 Explaining the Building Regulation process as simply as possible.
- 7 Setting standards for ourselves and ensuring we maintain them.
- 8 Considering your application impartially and treating everyone fairly.
- 9 Giving clear advice and guidance as work proceeds.
- 10 Providing a helpline during office hours to ensure your enquiries are dealt with efficiently.
- 11 Delivering an effective service in a professional and user-friendly manner.
- 12 Provide you with an opportunity to comment on any of our services.
- 13 Consult regularly with our customers with a view to constantly improving our service.

We are committed to providing a high quality, friendly and value for money service to all of our customers, from householders to major developers, as well as the Community.

Building Regulation Changes: Part G



Part G is undergoing an update and comes into force on 1st October 2009. The main changes in the technical guidance will be:

G3 Hot water supply and systems

G3 (1) is a new requirement that requires the need to provide hot water to baths, showers, washbasins and sinks.

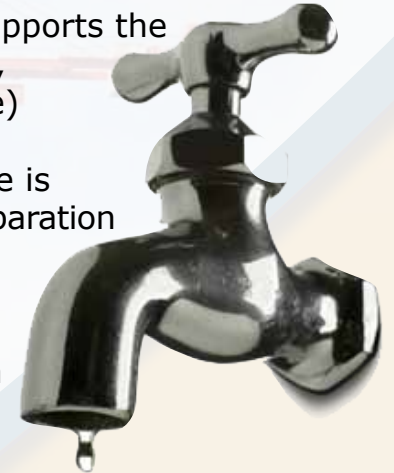
G3 (2) is a new requirement that extends measures to ensure safe operation of all types of hot water systems. It includes controls and other safety devices to prevent the temperature exceeding 100°C, and the requirement for robust installation.

G3 (3) enhances the previous requirement G3, and applies it now to all hot water storage systems. Its scope has been extended to include primary thermal stores.

G3 (4) is a new requirement for the prevention of scalding through the installation of protective devices that limit the temperature of water supplied to fixed baths.

G4 Sanitary conveniences and washing facilities

Previously G1, reference is made to the Approved Code of Practice for workplaces that supports the Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992. Additional guidance is provided on the separation of sanitary accommodation from places used for the preparation of food.



The document is currently in draft form which can be freely downloaded [here](#).

Please see also the following web site: www.planningportal.gov.uk which is your one-stop-shop for planning and building services.

Updates:

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