## Annual Report 2019 BICC Regeneration of Property Working Group Presented by Perit Amber Wismayer 02.12.2019

The BICC Regeneration of Property Working Group was appointed by the BICC Chairman, Perit Charles Buhagair, through nominations put forward by the represented stakeholders. The undersigned represents the Kamra tal-Periti and has accepted the role of Working Group Coordinator. The Working Group was appointed for one year, starting from 1st January 2019, and met four times over this period.

This report summarises the topics discussed during the meetings held during this past year.

## **Regeneration of UCAs and Heritage Building**

Further to the previous term's decision to draft a guidance document addressing obstacles encountered during the undertaking of heritage building regeneration projects, and in line with the recommendations of the undersigned's PhD research, which focused on the sustainable regeneration of built heritage, and which was presented to the Working Group, it was agreed that the BICC would release a formal publication. A content list has been approved, and the undersigned is currently formulating the draft.

## Assessment of Heritage Building Applications by the Planning Authority

Given the Superintendence of Cultural Heritage's (SCH) involvement in the assessment of applications for proposed interventions on heritage buildings, the Working Group agreed to extend an invitation to the SCH to nominate a delegate on the BICC Regeneration of Property Working Group.

## **Green Initiatives**

The Working Group firmly agreed to identify avenues to encourage the implementation of green initiatives as part of the sustainable regeneration of property. Rather than focusing on renewable technology, it was decided that other solutions should be explored, with particular focus on green roofs. Mr Antonine Gatt was invited to present the findings of the Green Roofs Project undertaken by the University of Malta. The Working Group is currently formulating a proposal further to this presentation.

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