

Utilities and Subsurface Mapping Panel

Terms of Reference



The Utilities and Subsurface Mapping Panel (USMP) is a specialist panel of the Geospatial Engineering Practices Committee (GEPC).

Vision

To lead the utility surveying profession with knowledge and expertise.

Mission

To drive improvements and ensure high quality training, education, standards, accreditations and regulation within the utility surveying profession and to stay abreast of current industry developments.

General

- USMP assists members of the Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors (CICES) with their queries concerning utility detection, verification and location.
- USMP seeks the advice of other panels as necessary and where practical, when the USMP is requested to assist members concerning matters which impinge on technical aspects covered by those panels.
- USMP contributes articles to *Civil Engineering Surveyor*, other publications, social media channels and the website from time to time and encourages other members to do the same.
- USMP promotes the work of the panel to members and outside of CICES.

Utility Detection, Verification and Location

- USMP considers and promotes good practice in methods of underground utility detection, verification and location.
- USMP establishes CICES as the foremost institution within the utility survey industry.
- USMP provides a focused drive to improve standards and accreditations within the utility survey industry.
- USMP informs members of developments relating to standards and accreditations within the utility survey industry.
- USMP provides a focused drive to improve education and training within the utility survey industry.
- USMP develops a professional membership route for utility surveyors within CICES.
- USMP drives for collaboration and information sharing with other institutions and trade associations within the utility survey industry.

Membership composition

- The chair of USMP will be appointed for a fixed term of four years.
- The vice-chair of USMP will be appointed for a period of up to four years. This appointment should take place after Year 2 of the chair's tenure. It is anticipated that the vice-chair at any time will succeed the chair at the expiry of the chair's term of office.
- Where USMP is responsible for nominating CICES representation to external bodies (for example the Geospatial Commission, Construction Industry Council, Institution of Civil Engineers) then such appointments shall be for a maximum term of three years.
- Membership of USMP shall be for a fixed term of four years initially.
- The maximum number of members of USMP is 10. This excludes CICES staff members and representation from other panels, committees and external organisations.
- If a member does not attend a meeting on three consecutive occasions, that member may be asked to resign from USMP.