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Sue Illman to become Landscape Institute President in 2012

Sue Illman CMLI will serve as President Elect from July and will take up the post of President of the Landscape Institute in July 2012. Illman said, 'Despite the current economic rollercoaster and its impact on employment, being a landscape architect is still a fantastic career.' Illman is director of the Cheltenham-based landscape architecture practice Illman Young Landscape Design Ltd. Illman has been a landscape architect for 25 years and a member of the Landscape Institute for twenty. She is currently Honorary Secretary and has also been a member of the Education Committee and the Professional Practice Committee. She was one of the key architects of the Pathway to Chartership system whereby landscape architects gain Chartership.

Illman commented: 'I am proud to have been involved in delivering the Pathway to Chartership process. At its heart is a mentoring approach which has transformed professional learning by encouraging experienced practitioners to share their knowledge with graduates.' Illman – who was up against Brodie McAllister – polled 59.9% of members' votes.

Elections also took place for Vice President, Honorary Treasurer and for members of the Institute Council. The Vice President will be Brian Clouston OBE, PPLI and the Honorary Treasurer will be Penny Beckett CMLI.

Those elected to the Council are: Helen Brown CMLI; Brian Clouston OBE, PPLI; Annie Coombs FLI; Merrick Denton-Thompson OBE, CMLI; Peter Hutchinson CMLI; Edward Hutchison CMLI, Adrian Wikeley CMLI and Ian Phillips CMLI. Additional members of Council are elected by local branches and by standing committees of the Institute.

President of the Landscape Institute Jo Watkins said, 'I offer my congratulations to the candidates who have been successful and my thanks to those who have not on this occasion been elected. I look forward to working with all of the trustees and members of council to continue to represent all of our members and to build the organisation.'

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Notes to editors:

1. Voting closed on 31st May 2011. Votes have been counted in accordance with the LI Regulations. The official declaration of the results will take place at the first meeting of Council on 7th July when post holders will take up their positions.
2. To find out more about the Landscape Institute visit www.landscapeinstitute.org
3. The Landscape Institute is the professional body for landscape architects. It is an educational charity and chartered body responsible for protecting, conserving and enhancing the natural and built environment for the benefit of the public. It champions well-designed and well-managed urban and rural landscape. The Institute's accreditation and professional procedures ensure that the designers, managers and scientists who make up the landscape architecture profession work to the highest standards. Its advocacy and education programmes promote the landscape architecture profession as one which focuses on design, environment and community in order to inspire great places where people want to live, work and visit. The Institute provides services to assist members including support and promotion of the work of landscape architects; information and guidance to the public and industry about the specific expertise offered by those in the profession; and training and educational advice to students and professionals looking to build upon their experience.