Terms of Reference for the Sustainability Committee

The Committee is responsible for advising on issues relating to sustainability and to work with other organisations to share knowledge and to seek opportunities for ANC involvement.

The responsibilities of the Committee are as follows:

1. To co-ordinate ANC's approach to sustainability issues and how these affect acousticians.
2. To assist with raising the profile of sustainability matters within acoustic consultancy practices and construction engineering and architectural practices
3. To agree and put in place support and guidance on sustainability both within the Association and also that member companies can use within their own businesses.
4. To help acousticians understand what is meant by sustainability and how it affects acoustic consultancy work
5. To provide training and information for ANC members on improving sustainability
6. To consider how to link acoustic performance with Life Cycle Analysis
7. To bring together the initiatives already taking place, work with IOA and other organisations where appropriate and develop a co-ordinated approach directed at consultancy practices
8. To identify other relevant issues and seek agreement from the Board to pursue these.

UN sustainable development goals

Goal	Internal facing	External facing
Good Health and Well-being - Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.	Encourage and support member organisations in ways they can promote sustainable health and well-being within their own organisations	Promote control of noise at work, education on noise exposure, regular audiological assessment etc. Raise awareness of impacts of noise on health to clients-residential, offices etc (WHO etc)
Quality Education - Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.	Continue to provide inclusive access to educational material relevant to our profession.	Assist clients with the design of sustainable education facilities (in terms of acoustics). CPD for clients and wider industry on acoustics matters to remove some of the "dark arts" associated with acoustics, greater awareness will lead to adoption of acoustic engineering at the "correct" project RIBA stage.
Gender Equality - Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.	Refer to other ANC groups - Future Acousticians group	

Decent Work and Economic Growth - Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.	Support member organisations with guidance and tools to achieve these goals.	
Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure - Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialisation and foster innovation.	Provide advice to upgrade and retrofit member's offices to be more sustainable and energy efficient. Promote high quality research within the industry (eg, better performing windows or overheating research)	Assist clients with the design of sustainable infrastructure (in terms of acoustics). Battery Storage, Wind, Anerobic Digestion (Bio Gas) etc.
Sustainable Cities and Communities - Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.		Assist clients with the design of sustainable developments (in terms of acoustics).
Responsible Consumption and Production - Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.	Support member organisations with guidance and tools to achieve these goals.	Assist clients with the design of sustainable developments (in terms of acoustics).
Climate Action - Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.	Support member organisations with guidance and tools to achieve these goals.	Assist clients with the design of sustainable infrastructure (in terms of acoustics). Battery Storage, Wind, Anerobic Digestion (Bio Gas) etc.
Life on Land - Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss.	Soundscape research and development of approaches.	Soundscape applications.
Partnerships for the Goals - Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.	ANC to seek and partner with international professional acoustics bodies and other organisations such as RIBA and CIBSE.	