

2016: a year of change for commercial moving

A 'people centric' approach to commercial moving will impact movers, CMG Chairman Sarah Cole told workshop delegates.

Moving to more agile office space

Clients are looking for a new workplace which enables their organisation to be:

Leaner and more flexible

Smarter

Technology has been a key factor in change for buildings

Agile workplace enhances business continuity

Self managed teams with strong leadership

Make up of office space is shifting - less desks, more break out areas and touch down space.



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In a recent CMG/BIFM survey, 64% of companies said they were anticipating growth in the number of commercial moves in the next three years. This was the backdrop for the talk to delegates by CMG Chairman and Universal Commercial Relocation Managing Director, Sarah Cole.

She believes that "2016 is a year of change." The approach being taken by companies is "people centric, not building centric." Staff were shaping the workspace, as "half of the UK's services sector employees are being hampered by inadequate workplace management and design," according to a report last year commissioned by support services company Mitie.

There were new systems in furniture, filing and IT, and greener building profiles with modern lighting and

ventilation systems. In the short term there were cost savings through reduced space and more energy efficiency. In the long term, staff were happier and more productive, organisations were more dynamic with strengthened cohesion and culture.

These trends impact movers in areas including: environmental clearance, IT relocation, filing and their role in a transformation project.

Movers, she said, can keep ahead of the game with move managers having strong project management skills and forming strategic relationships with workplace specialists. It was important to have a "collaborative" approach with clients and other service providers and to have effective performance data.



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