

## **Proposal**

### **Objective**

To compare the cost of cladding a building in brickwork with a range of commonly used alternatives.

### **Aims**

- Identify comparable specifications
- Price specifications from three major price books
- Collect costs from BQs for live projects

### **Introduction**

The Brick Development Association (BDA) believe that there is a perception that brickwork is an expensive option for external cladding to buildings.

The objective of this study is to collect and present cost data for brickwork and some of the common alternatives.

### **Identifying specifications**

BCIS will agree with BDA the alternative specifications to be included in the study. It is intended that this study should be limited to the external skin of cladding systems.

### **Pricing specifications from price books**

Each of the agreed specifications will be priced from the following current price books using standard assumptions as to quantity, location, site conditions etc:

- Spon's
- Laxtons
- Wessex

### **Collect data from live project**

BCIS surveys approximately 20 projects a month where it has access to a Bill of Quantities. BCIS will abstract the following data, where available, for this report:

- Type of building
- Value of project
- Location
- Floor area
- Specifications of external cladding systems
- Unit rates for cladding systems
- Identifiable ancillary costs

### **Timescale**

Assuming that we can agree the specifications to be included, the price book exercise could be completed within a month.

The data collection from BofQ's depends on the flow of data but a sample of 50 projects should be analysed within three months.

### **Costs**

Price book exercise - **£3600**

Data collection (based on 50 projects) - **£5650**

Costs exclude VAT