



Housing for All Modern Methods of Construction Leadership and Integration Group

Tuesday, 23 May 2023 at 2.30pm
DETE Offices, Kildare St

Meeting Minutes

Item	Update/Action	Owner
1. Introductions	The minutes of the last meeting were duly adopted.	
2. Presentation on DHLGH research on Design Innovation & Delivery Efficiency for Affordable Housing	Martin Colreavy, Head of Housing Affordability/Cost Rental, Strategic Delivery and Urban Advisory Unit, DHLGH provided an overview his Department's research on design innovation and delivery efficiencies. The presentation was followed by questions and answers.	DHLGH
3. MMC Actions in Housing for All	<p>DETE provided updates on selected MMC-related actions in the Housing for All plan:</p> <p>Action 13.8 regarding MMC training for Building Control Authorities.</p> <p>DHLGH advised that the NBCO is supportive of the action.</p> <p>Action: DHLGH to consider options for commissioning course content.</p> <p>Action 13.9 regarding MMC training for construction sector professionals.</p> <p>DETE advised that there has been positive early engagement with RIAI regarding this proposed CPD course in the context of their DfMA guidelines.</p>	DHLGH

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	<p>Action: DHLGH to write to relevant professional bodies on MMC training.</p> <p>Action 13.12 regarding a MMC data dashboard.</p> <p>DETE advised that they plan to publish a RfT for the project on eTenders on w/c 12 June.</p>	DHLGH
<p>4. Roadmap for MMC in Public Procurement of Residential Construction</p>	<p>DETE provided an overview of the latest draft of the MMC roadmap, noting that some input is still outstanding.</p> <p>DETE flagged a joint DHLGH & DETE targeted stakeholder event in June (date TBC) to consult on the emerging roadmap and procurement environment.</p> <p>Action: DHLGH & DETE to have further engagement on the draft roadmap, with a view to receiving final sign off by the LIG Group at its next meeting.</p> <p>DFHERIS advised that the Construction Sector Skills Group is being reconstituted, with the first meeting in the new format planned for 19 October.</p>	DETE/ DHLGH
<p>5. Updates</p>	<p>The Chair invited updates on the various initiatives via a tour de table.</p> <p>(i) Demonstration Park & Skills/Training Update:</p> <p>DFHERIS advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The second Expression of Interest process closed on 19 May. Evaluations to commence 31 May; - LOETB expect to apply for planning for all five pads in Phase 1 w/c 29 May; - Aim to commence groundworks in September/October with delivery in Q4. <p>(ii) Construct Innovate (Tech Centre)/ Built to Innovate Update:</p> <p>Enterprise Ireland provided a brief summary of recent developments in respect of Construct Innovate, noting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There has been a positive reaction to the recent appointments to the team, namely 	

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	<p>the Centre Manager and Chair of the Steering Board, who both bring strong industry experience;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Centre's first Academic-Industry Meeting day (AIMday) is due to take place on 30 May in University of Galway; - Contract for the accelerated housing research projects has been signed; - The quarterly DHLGH-DETE-Construct Innovate meeting is scheduled for 13 June. <p>In respect of Built to Innovate, Enterprise Ireland advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Built to Innovate team has been delivering presentations to the IHBA regional roadshows, with the final one in the series due to take place in Dublin on 25 May. - A pilot project aimed at smaller scale contractors and homebuilders to implement a Digitalisation programme is being explored. - An online marketing initiative is being developed for rollout in the autumn. <p>(iii) Build Digital Update: DPENDPDR advised that Build Digital is organising a workshop, to be hosted by CIF, on 16 June.</p>	
<p>6. AOB Next Meeting</p>	<p>The next meeting was proposed and agreed for Thursday, 22 June 2023 at 2.30pm.</p> <p>DHLGH updated the Group that the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine has agreed to provide the secretariat for a new interdepartmental-industry working group to consider the use of Irish timber in construction.</p> <p>DHLGH advised that a workshop on the recently published construction cost study is planned for 21/22 June.</p> <p>DHLGH noted the Department of the Taoiseach has indicated that preparations will soon begin in relation to Housing for All presence at the Ploughing Championships in September.</p>	<p>All</p>

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	Action: Group undertook to consider participation in the Housing for All tent.	ALL
	Action: DE TE to circulate the MMC lines to take document and an indicative common diary.	DE TE

Attendance

Declan Hughes (Chair), D/ETE
 Feargal Ó Coigligh, D/HLGH
 Seán Armstrong, D/HLGH
 Éadaoin Ní Fhearghail, D/HLGH
 David Kelly, D/DHLGH
 Martin Colreavy, D/HLGH (presenting)
 Sarah Miley, D/FHERIS
 Kevin Meaney, D/PENDPDR
 Neil Kerrigan, Enterprise Ireland
 PJ Rudden, Construction Sector Group
 Geraldine Larkin, NSAI
 Céline McHugh, D/ETE
 Manus O'Donnell, D/ETE
 Veronica Miller, D/ETE

Apologies

William Beausang, D/FHERIS
 John Conlon, D/PER
 Philip Nugent, D/ECC
 Leslie Carberry, D/ECC
 Andrew Brownlee, SOLAS
 David Smith, SOLAS
 Ross O'Colmain, Enterprise Ireland

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