



## **Housing for All Modern Methods of Construction Leadership and Integration Group**

Thursday, 18 April 2024, 2.30-4.00pm  
DETE Offices, Kildare Street, Room 110

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **1. Introductions**

The Chair proposed the adoption of the December and February minutes and the group agreed.

The Chair noted updates since the February meeting including;

- Members of the Construction Innovation Unit visited the Laing O'Rourke factory in Nottingham.

#### **2. MMC and Compliance**

The Chair noted that following the discussion on compliance at the February meeting, DETE are currently finalising a note of the discussion along with potential follow up actions, which will be circulated to the LIG in the coming days.

**Action: Draft note to be circulated as soon as finalised. [DETE]**

#### **3. House of Lords MMC Letter**

DETE provided an overview of the contents of the House of Lords Built Environment Committee Letter (report) to the UK Government which reported on the findings of their review of the MMC sector and MMC policy in the UK.

A short draft paper was circulated to the group on same, which outlined the issues witnessed in the UK and resulting considerations in the Irish policy context.

**Action: It was agreed that the summary paper would be circulated to the LIG once finalised. [DETE]**

#### **4. Procurement**

David O'Brien, from the Office for Government Procurement presented an overview of public procurement considerations for MMC based public works projects, which was followed by a discussion. The areas covered by the overview included:

- Critical point for MMC incorporation
- Determining procurement strategies
- Risk profiles under public work contracts
- Technical specifications



- Tender assessment criteria
- Quality assurance and rectification
- Warranties and insurance
- Payment schedules
- Knowledge sharing

The discussion noted that garnering further industry perspectives on MMC procurement would be useful, with DETE to consider. It was further noted that the topic of insurance merits further consideration including outreach to insurance expertise.

**Actions:**

- **Further industry engagement on MMC procurement to be arranged, with a format to be explored by DETE [DETE]**
- **Garner insurance industry perspectives on MMC [DHLGH]**

## **5. AOB**

The next meeting on July 4th was noted by the Chair.

Other AOB raised included:

- DHLGH noted in relation to standardised design that the tender response was very good, with submissions of a very high standard received. The tender evaluation is completed, and notification letters issued. On expiry of the standstill period, the contract is expected to be awarded and commence.
- A presentation on MMC was made at a recent meeting of the LEEF Sub Committee of Housing. The subcommittee was supportive of the MMC initiatives and the role of MMC to support the delivery of housing. The subcommittee would welcome further engagement on the subject in the future.
- DHLGH advised that the project being undertaken by EY is concluding. Comments from key stakeholders have been received on a final draft document.
- DFHERIS advised that Skillnet Ireland are developing a number of CPD courses in MMC. The Department has also contracted a media company to create a series of informational and promotional videos on MMC.
- Members of the MMC LIG are invited to visit the Glenveagh Nua factory on the 10th of May.



### **Attendees**

John Newham, DETE  
Céline McHugh, DETE  
Manus O'Donnell, DETE  
Hannah Bolton, DETE  
Sean Armstrong, Housing  
Éadaoin Ní Fhearghail, Housing  
Martin Searson, NSAI  
PJ Rudden, Construction Sector Group  
Kevin Meaney, DPER  
Sarah Miley, DFHERIS  
Damien Henahan, DFHERIS  
Ross McNamara, DFHERIS  
Mark Kelly, D/Education  
David O'Brien, OGP  
Paul McDonnell, Enterprise Ireland

### **Apologies**

Chris Daly, Housing  
John Conlon, DPER  
Ross O'Colmain, Enterprise Ireland  
Neil Kerrigan, Enterprise Ireland  
Liam Harding, Housing  
Andrew Brownlee, SOLAS  
David Smith, SOLAS

*DETE, Adopted 24th July 2024*