



Housing for All Modern Methods of Construction Leadership and Integration Group

26 October 2023, 2.30pm

Online

Meeting Minutes

1. Introductions

Minutes for the September Meeting were duly adopted.

Updates:

- MMC LIG ToR were updated to reflect the expanded membership, with an updated draft circulated to the group.
- Work on the EGFSN MMC skills report has started, and the first Steering Group meeting took place on 25 October.
- Budget 2024 was announced on 10 October and provided additional funds of €1.35m for Construct Innovate to undertake additional research, and funding for the DETE contribution to the MMC Demonstration Park.
- The Timber in Construction Steering Group was launched on 4 October. DAFM are providing secretariat to the Group.

2. Roadmap Implementation

The MMC Leadership and Integration Group has implementation oversight of the Roadmap for Increased Adoption of Modern Methods of Construction in Public Housing Delivery. 7 Roadmap actions were due for delivery in Q3 2023.

Updates were given on the following Roadmap Milestones:

- The Accelerated Social Housing Delivery Project
- Design Standardisation
- Training for Government Procurers, Building Control Authorities (BCAs) and Assigned Certifiers

Actions:

- **SOLAS to update at next meeting on Milestone 18 (information on MMC courses) [SOLAS]**
- **DHLGH to engage with NBCO on establishing a training slot early in 2024 [DHLGH]**



3. Presentation on Modular Homes Programme

Gerard Harvey, Assistant Principal Architect for the Office of Public Works presented on the ongoing work of the OPW under the Modular Homes Programme (refugee accommodation), followed by discussion.

4. Summary paper on Joint Committee on Housing, Local Government and Heritage on MMC

DETE provided a brief overview of the Report published by the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Housing, Local Government and Heritage on Modern Methods of Construction, which was published in October.

5. Updates on Various Initiatives

The Chair invited updates on the various initiatives:

- Demonstration Park: The project has gone for planning permission. Final costings and designs are to be given to the Oversight Group.
- Construct Innovate: Recruitment process is underway for 3 positions. AIM (Industry) Day took place on 24/10/2023 with approximately 70 attendees. The Centre is submitting a graduate programme application, and a capital equipment call. An MMC workshop will take place in November, with the date to be finalised shortly.
- Built to Innovate: EI is currently undertaking various promotional initiatives to support further take-up of supports by industry, including attending the Construction Industry Federation conference in October and attending the Lean Construction event on 9/11/2023.
- Build Digital: It was agreed to circulate a Build Digital written update.

6. AOB

DHLGH noted that the EU (DG GROW) High-Level Construction Forum is taking place on the 23/11/2023 on prefabricated and offsite manufacturing.

NSAI is aware of emerging insurance industry queries re ICF above 2 stories.

DETE noted they will present at the RIAI DFMA CPD training on the 10/11/2023.

It was mentioned that the EY Euroconnect conference will take place on the 1/12/2023.

The next meeting date of 7th of December was noted.



Attendance

John Newham, DETE
Sean Armstrong, DHLGH
Damien Henehan, DFHERIS
Ross McNamara, DFHERIS
Martin Searson, NSAI
Ross O'Colmain, Enterprise Ireland
Mark Kelly, D/Education
Gerard Harvey, OPW
Céline McHugh, DETE
Manus O'Donnell, DETE
Hannah Bolton, DETE

Apologies

Éadaoin Ní Fhearghail, DHLGH
Feargal Ó Coigligh, DHLGH
Chris Daly, DHLGH
David Kelly, DHLGH
Sarah Miley, DFHERIS
Andrew Brownlee, SOLAS
David Smith, SOLAS
Neil Kerrigan, Enterprise Ireland
PJ Rudden, Construction Sector Group
Kevin Meaney, DPER
John Conlon, DPER
Ciarán O'Connor, OPW
Sally Cao, DFHERIS