



Housing for All

Modern Methods of Construction Leadership and Integration Group

27 February 2025 2.30pm-4.30pm

DETE Offices, Kildare Street, Conference Room 13A

Meeting Minutes

1. Introductions, updates and matters arising

The Chair noted apologies and welcomed Caroline Timmons from DHLGH who will soon take up her new role as Assistant Secretary on Housing Policy and Standards.

The Minutes from the previous meeting on 5th December were agreed.

Matters Arising from the previous meeting were discussed:

- It was agreed that the LIG would aim to meet once per quarter with a break over the summer months. DETE will issue a draft schedule shortly.
- The Terms of Reference has been updated following feedback from the Group and is for approval under Item 2.

DETE also provided some updates since the last meeting:

- Launch of a new Training Suite at Mount Lucas. LOETB has recently introduced the MMC Essentials Programme aimed at delivering MMC skills.
- There was a meeting of the Industry Capability Group on 12th February at which Construct Innovate provided an update on its activities to date.
- Construct Innovate has an ongoing series of webinars on MMC.
- The MMC Data Dashboard Report (KPMG) is almost completed. The project included a review of MMC data sources and availability, an industry survey, a data dashboard on MMC adoption in Ireland, and recommendations for future data collection.

Actions:

- **Present the final MMC Data Dashboard report to the Industry Capability Group and the LIG at the next available opportunity. [DETE]**
- **Issue a draft schedule of meetings for 2025. [DETE]**



2. Update to Terms of Reference

Updated draft Terms of Reference, previously circulated were agreed.

The new ToR will facilitate at least biannual attendance at the LIG by Industry representatives.

Action: Inform industry representative bodies of the decision and invite them to join the next meeting of the Leadership and Integration Group. [DETE]

3. Update on MMC Initiatives

The Chair invited updates to ongoing MMC-related Government initiatives.

DFHERIS provided an update on:

- The National Construction Training Centre, noting the MMC Essential Programme.
- The development of a Framework for Analysing Construction Skills Needs where work with consultants is underway.
- The National MMC Demonstration Park, including plans to document the construction processes.
- Ongoing training initiatives including the development of the MMC Skills Action Plan and the Skillet/MMC Accelerate programme.

Enterprise Ireland updated on:

- Construct Innovate, highlighting that there would be an Industry Exchange Day on the 27th of March.
- Built to Innovate where industry interest has steadily increased. EI noted the productivity improvements that LEAN construction can bring and plans to extend the work to public housing.

DPER updated on Build Digital:

- There has been a change in relation to Public Works Contracts. By July all public works over €20 million must include BIM.
- A restructuring of the project has seen the development of three hubs; 1) Digi-Adopt, 2) Digi-Implement, 3) Digi-Innovate. BIM training will be available with funding for builders and contractors.



4. New Public sector working group on standardised MMC approaches in public housing delivery

DHLGH presented on the establishment of a Working Group on standardised MMC approaches in public housing delivery.

The group is comprised of key players at senior level in public housing delivery and will collaborate on: further embedding a standardised delivery approach, early collaboration in public procurement, the use of Lean or similar processes and developing a pipeline for public housing delivery. The Group met in January and February.

5. Discussion on LIG work priorities for 2025

DETE presented a draft action plan of LIG activities for 2025, subject to an updated Government Strategy on Housing. The group discussed the plan.

6. AOB

DHLGH provided a debrief on recent initiatives of Ireland-UK cooperation, under IE-UK Strategic Dialogue.

DETE, and DHLGH will contribute on MMC under a potential “infrastructure workstream”. DFHERIS has identified MMC cooperation possibilities in the skills space.

It was also noted that DHLGH and DETE have been invited to present to an upcoming UK Cross Government MMC Steering Committee on the 5th March.

Action: The next meeting of the LIG will be arranged in alignment with forthcoming Industry Capability Group meetings yet TBC and confirmed in the coming weeks. [DETE]



Attendees

John Newham – DETE (Chair)
Caroline Timmons - DHLGH
Seán Armstrong – DHLGH
Liam Harding – DHLGH
Diarmuid McGowan - DHLGH
Damien Henahan - DFHERIS
Ross McNamara - DFHERIS
Mark Kelly – Department of Education
David Smith - SOLAS
Martin Searson – NSAI
Neil Kerrigan - Enterprise Ireland
Paul McDonnell – Enterprise Ireland
PJ Rudden – Construction Sector Group representative
Julian Pringle - DFHERIS
Sarah Miley – DFHERIS
Kevin Meaney - DPER
Céline McHugh – DETE
Sandra O'Reilly – DETE
Alannah O'Donnell - DETE
Alison Mannion - DETE

Apologies

James Shaw – DPER
Joan McMahon – DHLGH

DETE, adopted 30 April 2025