



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

3 October 2024, 2.30-4.00pm  
DETE Offices, Kildare Street, Room 12A

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **1. Introductions, updates and matters arising**

The Minutes from the July LIG were adopted.

Updates since the July meeting were noted:

- The MMC Data Survey closed on the 16th of September, data analysis is underway alongside the completion of the report.
- On 19 September, NESC published a report on MMC development, “Boosting Ireland’s Housing Supply: Modern Methods of Construction”.
- A funding allocation of €5 million to Construct Innovate for a housing research programme was announced by Minister Burke in September.
- DETE, DHLGH and DFHERIS have been engaged with D/Taoiseach on additional MMC related actions for the annual Housing for All Plan update. DETE will circulate to the Group for information once actions are finalised.
- DHLGH and DETE participated in a research visit to Finland and Estonia from 9-12 September hosted by the Estonian Ambassador to Ireland and the Estonian Woodhouse Association.

#### **2. Construct Innovate Housing Research Programme**

Colm McHugh, Construct Innovate Centre Manager, and Daniel McCrum, UCD based project lead on the MMC Standardised Design project, presented on the housing research programme which is now underway. The research is being supported by Enterprise Ireland’s Technology Centres programme.

The programme of housing research will support a number of applied research projects to advance innovation in the residential building industry, the largest of which is focused on the creation of open-access standardised design details for residential MMC.

#### **3. MMC Procurement Criteria - EY**

Under Action 59 in the Housing for All Action Plan, DHLGH commissioned EY to “Develop MMC Criteria for use in evaluating tenders for public contracts for housing”. The objective of this report was to provide research and analysis to support development



of appropriate criteria to evaluate the use of MMC in procurement of public housing in Ireland.

Pia Feeney, Director Government and Infrastructure EY, presented on the findings of this work.

#### **4. Adoption of MMC on public works contracts – Discussion**

The Group had an open discussion to consider any further measures to enable increased adoption of MMC on public works contracts.

**Action: Office of Government Procurement to progress a procurement pilot to develop the concept of early supply chain engagement, that will facilitate MMC (including 3D) working with DHLGH. [OGP, DHLGH]**

#### **5. AOB**

The next meeting will take place in late November/early December.

The Chair invited LIG Members to consider how to increase industry representation in future meetings.

**Action: DETE to circulate a proposed date for the next meeting to take place in advance of scheduled Industry Capability working group meetings. [DETE]**



### Attendees

John Newham, DETE (Chair)  
Áine Stapleton, DHLGH  
Sean Armstrong, DHLGH  
Éadaoin Ní Fhearghail, DHLGH  
Joan McMahon, DHLGH  
Diarmuid McGowan, DHLGH  
Derek Kavanagh, DHLGH  
Neil Kerrigan, Enterprise Ireland  
Paul McDonnell, Enterprise Ireland  
Martin Searson, NSAI  
Sarah Miley, DFHERIS (VC)  
Damien Henahan, DFHERIS  
Ross McNamara, DFHERIS  
David O'Brien, OGP  
Kevin Meaney, DPENDPR  
Mark Kelly, D/Education (VC)  
Céline McHugh, DETE  
Sandra O'Reilly, DETE  
Hannah Bolton, DETE (VC)

### Presenters

Colm McHugh, Construct Innovate (VC)  
Daniel McCrum, Construct Innovate  
Pia Feeney, EY (VC)  
Arslan Yousaf, EY (VC)

### Apologies

Ross O'Colmain, Enterprise Ireland  
Andrew Brownlee, SOLAS  
David Smith, SOLAS  
Geraldine Larkin, NSAI  
Chris Daly, DHLGH  
Liam Harding, DHLGH  
PJ Rudden, Construction Sector Group

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