



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 Henehan, 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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