



Housing for All Modern Methods of Construction Leadership and Integration Group (Industry Format)

30 April 2025 2.30pm-4.30pm
Conference Room 13A, Kildare Street

Meeting Minutes

1. Introductions, updates and matters arising

The Chair welcomed the industry representatives, from MMC Ireland, the Construction Industry Federation, and ITFMA.

The Minutes from the previous meeting on 27th February were agreed.

Matters Arising from the previous meeting were discussed:

- Industry representatives will now attend a minimum of two LIG meetings annually, and the Group's Terms of Reference have been updated accordingly
- The Group was advised of meeting dates to the end of the year.

DETE also provided some updates since the last meeting:

- DETE's work with KMPG to identify the metrics of MMC Adoption is now complete (Item 4)
- Wexford County Council has launched the tender of the MMC Category 1 (3D Volumetric) pilot project and LIG members have been circulated with the details.
- DETE is working with consultants to establish an appropriate baseline of timber use and understand the potential market opportunity of timber in construction in Ireland. A report is expected in H2.
- The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland has launched a public consultation as part of the work of the Embodied Carbon working group. Views are invited.
- On 10th March, DETE and DHLGH met with Edward Jezeph of Homes England to exchange views on challenges and enablers in the provision of housing.
- The MMC Ireland Conference took place over the 11th and 12th of March this year.
- The Irish House Building Association had their 2025 Summit at Croke Park on the 8th of April.



2. Update on New Housing Strategy

DHLGH updated the Group on the new Housing Strategy.

The intention is to publish the Strategy by end of July 2025. DHLGH are hosting stakeholder consultations. Submissions are invited from various stakeholders, including Industry bodies. The closing date for submissions is 2nd May 2025.

3. Update on MMC Initiatives

The Chair invited updates to ongoing MMC related Government initiatives

DPER updated on Build Digital:

- Build Digital will partner with the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland in May to undertake work on International Cost Management Standards (ICMS).
- This dataset will underpin procurement processes and the BIM mandate.
- Build Digital and SCSi will host an event on 21 May on Adopting and implementing International Cost Management Standards (ICMS), for efficient cost and carbon reporting.

DFHERIS provided an update:

- The MMC Demonstration Park has received Ministerial approval for Phase 1A to put first units on site.
- Financing mechanisms are in place.
- It is expected that groundworks will have started by mid-May.
- The MMC Skills Action Plan will be launched soon.
- LOETB have engaged consultants to work on supporting SMEs to access MMC training.
- LOETB are working with TU Dublin to create an MMC apprenticeship.

Enterprise Ireland updated on:

- Built to Innovate, under which, three new offers are available, with a focus on implementing Lean and the Last Planner systems.
- Latest developments in Construct Innovate

Actions:

- **EI to present a case study example of Lean in practice, including detailed benefits at a future meeting. [Enterprise Ireland]**
- **EI and MMC Ireland to liaise in relation to promotion of Lean and the supports available. [Enterprise Ireland]**



4. Presentation on MMC Data Project and next steps

The chair thanked the Advisory Group for the research and LIG members for their engagement in designing and disseminating the survey.

DETE presented some of the findings of the report as well as noting some of the challenges of the work carried out. The Group discussed next steps in relation to Data gathering.

5. Round table with Industry: Discussion on MMC in the new Housing Strategy

DETE presented on progress made under Housing for All in terms of MMC.

The Group discussed future MMC initiatives and potential for collaboration between industry and government. In response to a query from Enterprise Ireland, Industry representatives confirmed that fire competency and capability in the construction industry is of relevance to them. The group also discussed the role industry can play in driving the reforms needed for increased productivity.

Action: Enterprise Ireland to engage further with the sector in relation to competency and capability [Enterprise Ireland]



Attendees:

John Newham – DETE (Chair)
Eadaoin Ní Fhearghail – DHLGH
Sean Armstrong - DHLGH
Liam Harding - DHLGH
Caroline Timmons -DHLGH
James Shaw - DPER
Kevin Meaney - DPER
Sarah Miley - DFHERIS
Ross McNamara -DFHERIS
Julian Pringle - DFHERIS
Neil Kerrigan - Enterprise Ireland
Paul McDonnell - Enterprise Ireland
Tom Maguire – Enterprise Ireland
Mark Kelly - D/Education
Geraldine Larkin - NSAI
Martin Searson - NSAI
David Smith - Solas
PJ Rudden - Industry expert
Céline McHugh – DETE
Sandra O'Reilly – DETE
Alannah O'Donnell - DETE
Alison Mannion - DETE

Invited Industry Representatives:

Denise Tuffy - CIF
Brian Kennedy - CIF (Vision Built)
Peter De Lacey Staunton - ITFMA
Sean Fox ITFMA
Paul Tierney – MMC Ireland
Pat Kirwan - Chair of MMC Ireland

Apologies:

Damien Henahan - DFHERIS

DETE, adopted 10 July 2025