



Housing for All
Modern Methods of Construction Leadership and Integration
Group
5 December 2024, 2.30pm-4.00pm
Online
Meeting Minutes

1. Introductions, Updates and Matters Arising

The Minutes from the October LIG were adopted and will be published on the DETE website.

The Acting Chair noted apologies from John Newham, chair.

Updates since the October meeting were noted, including:

- The allocation of €1.5 million in funding under the Housing for All Implementation Fund to support the MMC development agenda including to NSAI and Enterprise Ireland.
- Enterprise Ireland facilitated a site visit to companies who are applying Lean in manufacturing and onsite settings, supported by EI's Built to Innovate programme. The event was attended by officials from DHLGH, DETE, LDA, LGMA, The Housing Agency, and others.
- The Chair circulated slides shared on the 18th November with the Industry Capability Group identifying potential areas for further work in 2025.

The Group discussed mechanisms for strengthening industry participation and agreed that industry representatives would be invited to future meetings as a dedicated agenda item.

Action: A proposed amendment to the Terms of Reference will be circulated to LIG Members for observations and sign-off. [DETE]

2. Alliance Procurement Model

Sulev Senkel from Estonian Business Consultancy "Brain Team" presented on the Alliance Procurement Model. The model, first presented to Irish officials visiting Estonia in September 2024, illustrates mechanisms used in Estonia and Finland to encourage greater cooperation between parties in public procurement contracts. The presentation was tailored for the LIG to focus on public housing and MMC. A Q&A session followed.



3. Update on MMC Initiatives

The Chair invited updates on various ongoing MMC-related Government initiatives:

Build Digital:

- The Build Digital Conference took place in Cork on 17th November.
- Significant work has been undertaken to develop templates to assist industry in implementing BIM requirements under the BIM mandate.
- Work is underway to drive engagement.

Built to Innovate:

- The emphasis in 2025 will be to drive wider industry uptake of supports, especially in the area of Lean, both onsite and in the factory.
- The Built to Innovate site visit to Cork was noted.
- Further consideration will be given to promoting Lean (and the supports available) through stakeholders such as Local Authorities.

MMC Skills Action Plan:

- DFHERIS outlined progress on the EGFSN report recommendations on Skills for MMC.
- An update to the Report on the Analysis of Skills of Residential Construction and Retrofitting was provided.
- A table of proposed actions has been drafted for consideration by partners.

4. Update on 3D Pilot Programme and Procurement Approach

DHLGH provided an update on two Pilot 3D volumetric Projects initiated in Carlow and Wexford. These projects will develop social housing using offsite 3D construction methods and will be managed by the relevant County Council and external consultants as required.

5. AOB

The next meeting will take place in January or early February. DETE will revert with proposed dates for 2025.

Action: DETE to circulate dates for the Group for 2025. [DETE]



Attendees

Céline McHugh, DETE
Sean Armstrong, DHLGH
Éadaoin Ní Fhearghail, DHLGH
Liam Harding, DHLGH
Neal Higgins, DHLGH
Anne Marie Griffin, DHLGH
Kevin Meaney, PER
Martin Searson, NSAI
Ross O' Colmain, EI
PJ Rudden, CSGI
Sarah Miley, DFHERIS
Ross McNamara, DFHERIS
Tom Maguire, EI
Sandra O'Reilly, DETE
Alison Mannion, DETE

Apologies

John Newham, DETE
Áine Stapleton, DHLGH
Colm Farrell, PER
Neil Kerrigan, EI
Andrew Brownlee, SOLAS
David O'Brien, OGP
Diarmuid McGowan, DHLGH
Joan McMahon, DHLGH
Philip Nugent, DECC
Leslie Carberry, DECC
John Conlon, PER
Geraldine Larkin, NSAI
William Beausang, DFHERIS
Mark Kelly, DOE
Emma Leonard, DOE
David Smith, SOLAS

Presenters

Sulev Senekel, "Brainteam"

DETE, adopted 27 February 2025