

Housing for All Modern Methods of Construction Leadership and Integration Group

Thursday, 16 September 2022 at 10.00am
Meeting Minutes

Item	Update/Action	Owner
1. Adoption of Terms of Reference	The minutes of the last meeting were duly adopted.	All
2. Presentation	<p>The Construction Technology Centre (CTC) presented on the work to-date to establish the centre, touching on its mission, management structure, year 1 implementation plan, including 'quick wins', future direction, and ways of working.</p> <p>The presentation was followed by questions and answers.</p> <p>Action (carried over): EI to engage with DHLGH and CTC consortium to consider prioritised areas for CTC work programme.</p>	<p>CTC</p> <p>EI</p>
3. Updates	<p>The Chair invited updates on the various initiatives via a tour de table.</p> <p>Build Digital Update: DPER advised a survey of industry will be conducted this month as part of <i>Build Digital</i> to inform the National BIM Roadmap. Last measured in 2016. The Build Digital steering group met for first time in June this year. Recruitment of researchers/innovators for the project is progressing well, with 8 partners in place around the country and researchers coming on board. The annual conference is planned for the 26th of October.</p> <p>Action: DPER to compile metrics on BIM adoption.</p> <p>Demonstration Park & Skills/Training Update: SOLAS advised that an expert advisor has been appointed to the MMC Demonstration Park at Mount Lucas project. The design team and technical advisor are due to meet next week (w/c 19 Sept). Intends to liaise with Build Digital also.</p>	<p>DPER</p> <p>DPER</p> <p>SOLAS/ DFHERIS</p>

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	<p>Mount Lucas is on track to exceed its targets for retrofitting courses this year.</p> <p>Action: SOLAS to share the expert advisor’s presentation with the Group.</p> <p>Built to Innovate Update: EI team in place to engage with top house builders and house builder association (part of CIF). Consists of two business advisors to engage with businesses and a third role will focus on raising awareness about the programmes available.</p> <p>DFHERIS noted in this context that the Industry Capability Group is also looking at awareness building – synergies.</p>	<p>SOLAS</p> <p>EI</p>
<p>4. MMC Development Action Plan</p> <p><i>(i) Themes</i></p> <p><i>(ii) Ways of working and consultation</i></p>	<p>DETE presented a proposed way forward for the development of an MMC Action Plan, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broad themes for a rolling action plan, namely: Industry Collaboration and the Business and Finance Model sophistication; Public Procurement reforms to include MMC from planning and design stages; Training and Skills; Standards and Regulation; KPIs and Data. • Specific actions to be included in the Housing for All update. <p>Action: DETE to submit agreed proposal for specific actions to D/Taoiseach.</p> <p>During the ensuing conversation it was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland is developing guidelines to support MMC & digital upskilling of project design, generally referred to as Design for Manufacture and Assembly (DfMA) guidance. • The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage published a design manual for social housing earlier this year (Design Manual for Quality Housing). 	<p>DETE/All</p> <p>DETE</p> <p>DHLGH/</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EPA is working to finalise the Green Public Procurement policy by the end of next year. Criteria for residential construction should factor in MMC. <p>Action: To close any gaps, the DfMA should identify the social housing designs from the Design Manual for Quality Housing that are conducive to MMC.</p>	EI/CSG
<p>5. AOB Next Meeting</p>	It was agreed to schedule the next meeting for 11 October at 2.30pm.	All

Attendance

Declan Hughes (Chair), D/ETE
 Feargal Ó Coighligh, D/HLGH
 Céline McHugh, D/ETE
 Sarah Miley, D/FHERIS
 Seán Armstrong, D/HLGH
 David Kelly, D/HLGH
 Kevin Meaney, D/PER
 Leslie Carberry, D/ECC
 Manus O Donnell, D/ ETE
 Veronica Miller, D/ETE
 Neil Kerrigan, Enterprise Ireland
 David Smith, SOLAS
 PJ Rudden, Construction Sector Group
 Jamie Goggins, Construction Technology Centre
 Magdalena Hajdukiewicz, Construction Technology Centre

Apologies

William Beausang, D/FHERIS
 Philip Nugent, D/ECC
 Éadaoin Ní Fhearghail, D/HLGH
 Andrew Brownlee, SOLAS

DETE, 5 October 2022