

Housing for All Modern Methods of Construction Leadership and Integration Group

Thursday, 17 November 2022 at 3pm
Meeting Minutes

Item	Update/Action	Owner
1. Introductions	The minutes of the last meeting were duly adopted.	All
2. Updates	<p>The Chair invited updates on the various initiatives via a tour de table.</p> <p>Demonstration Park & Skills/Training Update: SOLAS advised the project is on target for Q4 2023 delivery. A visit to the BRE Innovation Park in Watford is planned for 28 November. Apprenticeship incentivisation measures are coming to an end but this has so far not affected registration numbers. NZEB/Retrofit training uptake remains on target to reach 3,000 learners by the end of the year. DFHERIS advised that a focus group is being convened to develop the Action Plan to promote careers in construction.</p> <p>Construct Innovate (Tech Centre) & Built to Innovate Update: EI provided a brief summary of recent developments involving Construction Innovate, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Construct Innovate met with Mount Lucas regarding the Demonstration Park on 28 October; - Meeting between Construct Innovate and DHLGH and DETE to discuss work programme scheduled for 18 November; - Deadline extended by 2 weeks in recruitment of Centre Manager to ensure diverse field of candidates; <p>In respect of Built to Innovate, EI advised it is considering sectoral initiatives in 2023 to build SME capacity.</p>	<p>SOLAS/ DFHERIS</p> <p>EI</p> <p>All</p>

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	<p>Action: EI invited suggestions from the Group to maximise the impact of sectoral initiatives for SMEs.</p> <p>DECC advised that Irish Manufacturing Research (IMR) has been chosen as a centre of excellence for circular manufacturing, with an official announcement due later in November.</p> <p>Build Digital Update: DETE (on behalf of DPER) advised that Build Digital’s inaugural annual conference took place on the 26th of October. Initial survey results from the annual survey were presented at the conference. The next meeting of the Technical Oversight Group is scheduled for the 1st of December.</p> <p>Action (carried over): DPER to compile metrics on BIM adoption.</p> <p>DHLGH provided a general update, noting the updated Housing for All Action Plan was published on the 2nd of November. Construction sector productivity and capacity are highlighted within the Plan, giving renewed relevance to the work of this Group.</p>	<p>DECC</p> <p>DPER</p> <p>DPER</p> <p>DHLGH</p>
<p>3. Roadmap for Public Procurement of Residential Construction</p> <p>(Representatives from relevant sections in DHLGH, as well as the Housing Agency, the Local Government Management Agency, the Office of Government Procurement, and the Land Development Agency were invited to join the discussion.)</p>	<p>DHLGH presented on the proposed approach to the new actions in the updated HfA Action Plan on public procurement and MMC, namely:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to develop an incremental roadmap with targets for compliant MMC adoption in publicly procured residential construction [DHLGH, DETE]; and 2. to develop proposals to enable a significant increase in public housing delivery using MMC (to include Rapid Builds), in light of the urgent needs associated with accommodating the Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection from Ukraine and our longer term need for social housing [DHLGH]. <p>The presentation provided an initial scoping of requirements across the combined actions and identified challenges as well as next steps. The presentation was followed by a discussion amongst the extended group referencing: previous OGP and Local Authority frameworks</p>	<p>DHLGH/All</p>

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	<p>from 2017 and 2019; 2D and volumetric; transition to design & build; scale; standardisation; and MMC procurement know-how.</p> <p>Action: DHLGH to establish a MMC Public Procurement working group in Q4 2022, comprising relevant government departments and agencies.</p> <p>Action: SOLAS to consider how MMC Demonstration Park could support implementation/awareness and in due course share the EOI with the Housing Agency/DHLGH.</p>	<p>DHLGH</p> <p>SOLAS</p>
<p>4. AOB Next Meeting</p>	<p>It was agreed to schedule the next meeting for Friday, the 16th of December at 10am-11.30am.</p> <p>It was agreed to invite Build Digital to present at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Chair proposed the hosting of an outreach event for professional bodies and industry groups to increase awareness of the ongoing work to activate and accelerate MMC adoption. The Group welcomed the initiative.</p> <p>Action: DETE to propose a date in early spring for the event, to be agreed at the next meeting of the Group.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>DETE</p> <p>DETE</p> <p>DETE</p>

Attendance

Declan Hughes (Chair), D/ETE
 Feargal Ó Coighligh, D/HLGH [Online]
 Sarah Miley, D/FHERIS
 Seán Armstrong, D/HLGH
 Neil Kerrigan, Enterprise Ireland
 Ross O'Colmain, Enterprise Ireland
 Leslie Carberry, D/ECC [Online]
 Andrew Brownlee, SOLAS [Online]
 Marcella Murphy, Construction Sector Group (for PJ Rudden)
 Éadaoin Ní Fhearghail, D/HLGH
 Céline McHugh, D/ETE
 Manus O'Donnell, D/ ETE
 Veronica Miller, D/ETE

Additional invited attendees present

Derek Kavanagh, D/HLGH
Joan MacMahon, D/HLGH
Peter Hesse, Housing Agency
Eddie Taaffe, LGMA
David O'Brien, OGP
David Kelly, D/HLGH [Online]
Paul Altman, D/HLGH [Online]

Apologies

Philip Nugent, D/ECC
William Beausang, D/FHERIS
John Conlon, D/PER
Kevin Meaney, D/PER
PJ Rudden, Construction Sector Group
David Smith, SOLAS
Phelim O'Neill, Land Development Agency
Robert Farrell, Land Development Agency

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