



Modern Methods of Construction Leadership and Integration Group

22 April 2026 2.30-4.30pm

DETE Offices, Kildare Street, Conference
Room 13A.

Introductions, updates and matters arising

Brian Walsh (chair) opened the meeting and welcomed the Industry Representatives.

The Minutes for the previous meeting had been circulated and there were no amendments made. The Minutes were agreed.

Update on MMC Initiatives

DFHERIS gave an update on the MMC Demonstration Park. Groundworks are now complete and the final design stage is underway with OCC and Rattigans. The first units should be on site by the end of year. DFHERIS also gave an overview of other work they are doing on MMC skills, including MMC Accelerate and developing educational pathways for upskilling in the sector.

EI gave an update on Built to Innovate. The programme is working to connect designers, factories and builders. Built to Innovate now supports 50 companies, including 16 factories and 34 builders.

EI updated on Construct Innovate. Construct Innovate underwent a Mid-Term Evaluation last November, from a panel of independent international members. The

feedback from the evaluation was very positive, and Construct Innovate was praised for achieving substantial results in a short period of time. Key recommendations included: continuing to fund the centre for the next cycle, and to strategically orient the centre towards larger, wider projects. MMC Ireland gave positive feedback on their work with Construct Innovate to date and stated they strongly support it and collaborate; both Construct Innovate and Standardize Project presented at the last MMC Ireland Conference. They cited the 'Standardize' project as one which is quickly making progress and is a model that could be used more widely across the industry. DETE asked industry to consider what funding or support they might be willing to give Construct Innovate in its next phase; perhaps a level of 'matching' funding with Government funding.

D/PER updated on Build Digital: BIM supports are to be made available to all construction clients. Grant funding ends in November 2026, and after this, the next phase will be rolled out. The role profiles for various construction grades are now published and the intention is to provide further practical assistance. The Local Authority Steering Group is working with Build Digital to create a standard response to BIM.

MMC Ireland's Public Sector Housing Procurement Survey

Paul Tierney, CEO of MMC Ireland presented on the initial results of MMC Ireland's recent Public Sector Housing Procurement Survey. The survey was conducted as part of the MMC Procurement Report produced collaboratively by MMC Ireland, RIAI, SCSi, Engineers. Ireland and the CIF. Work has been taking place on this project over the last six months, and the report is currently in draft format. The MMC Procurement Report will be ready for publication and presentation by the end of May.

The Public Sector Housing Procurement Survey ran over three months, and responses were received from 95 companies. The initial results indicated that procurement is a large blocker to progress; early contractor engagement and collaboration is key. Pipeline certainty, wide use of standardized designs,

accessible and consistent fire testing, and efficient certification are also key enablers to increase delivery. Across all five performance metrics, practitioners rated MMC better than traditional construction. (Performance Metrics: Health & safety, programme certainty, build quality, environmental performance and cost certainty).

It was noted that the recommendations for Government in the final report should be practical and reflect the work already undertaken to mandate standardized designs in public housing.

Update on BCMS Data Project

DHLGH updated on the BCMS Data Project. The data will be publicly available within the next few weeks on the Housing Information Hub. The data shows a positive uptake in timber frame and that 76% of scheme housing is now using MMC which is positive. It was noted that the data being produced is very useful for industry.

DHLGH Presentation on Social and Affordable Housing

DHLGH presented on the Government's target for the use of MMC in 25% of Social and Affordable Housing. DHLGH is currently working with the Local Authorities on gathering data on Social and Affordable Houses with positive results to date. The Pathfinder project in Wexford and Limerick are proceeding well.

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It was noted that DHLGH have been working with DG Grow on a Competitiveness Coordination Tool which is currently at the exploratory stage. MMC Ireland will discuss their proposals further with DHLGH.

It was noted that resourcing the NSAI for Agrément certification is a priority for MMC Ireland. DETE is engaged with NSAI on this and on progressing the process review of Agrément, as committed to in Action 3.3 in the Housing Plan.

Industry representatives noted that the publication of the Department of Education's School Building Framework is awaited. Industry representatives were concerned about the impact on the sector without the expected pipeline of projects commencing. It was agreed to liaise further with Department of Education to get an update on timelines.

Attendees:

Caroline Timmons DHLGH

Damien Henahan DFHERIS

David O'Brien DPER

Éadaoin Ní Fhearghail DHLGH

Liam Harding DHLGH

Mark Kelly D/Ed

Martin Searson NSAI

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Sean Armstrong DHLGH

Dermot Mulligan DETE

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Industry Representatives:

Paul Tierney MMC Ireland

Denise Tuffy CIF

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Regrets:

Peter De Lacey Staunton - ITFMA