

Minutes of the sixth Meeting of the Construction  
Sector Group  
22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020



**Present**

Robert Watt (Chair, DPER), Sarah Ingle (ACEI), David Howard (BMF), Tom Parlon (CIF), Pat Lucey (CIF), Shane Dempsey (CIF), Dermot Carey (CIF), Caroline Spillane (Engineers Ireland), Patricia King (ICTU), Orla Purcell (IPI), Kathryn Meghen (RIAI), Patrick King (SCSI), Micheál Mahon (SCSI), Tomas Kelly (SCSI), Shirley Coulter (SCSI), Kevin Daly (DBEI), Alan Power (DBEI), Phil O'Flaherty (DES), Tony Sheppard (DES), David Bolger (DHEALTH), Maria Graham (DHPLG), Ray O'Leary (DTTS), John Shaw (DoT), John Browner (HSE), David O'Brien (OGP), Ciaran O'Connor (OPW), Owen Joyce (D/Finance), Ed Hearne (DPER), Fionn Jenkinson (DPER), Bláithín O'Donovan (DPER), Graham Rigney (DPER), Christina Mohan (DPER), Áine Griffin (DPER), Sinead O'Donnell (DPER), Struan Charters (DPER), Maria Rochford (Future Analytics-Agenda Item 1), Roisin Murphy (TUD - Agenda Item 1), Robert Costello (KPMG - Agenda Item 1).

**1. Minutes of meeting held on 16th July 2019**

- The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

**2. Productivity and Innovation (KPMG/DPER/All)**

KPMG and Future Analytics gave an overview of their assessment of productivity in the Irish construction sector and detailed the recommended actions stemming from their work. The assessment included a review of factors contributing to existing productivity and performance in the construction sector, an international comparative report and consultation with stakeholders. Following the discussion, the group discussed key issues drawn from the report, including collaboration, digitisation of procurement, skills passports and regulation.

The IPPO circulated the 'Building Innovation in 2020,' report which was informed by research from the review. In particular the report highlights the priority actions to be undertaken in 2020 and in doing so forms a work plan for the Construction Sector Group for 2020.

**Action Points**

- The IPPO propose to publish 'Building Innovation in 2020' and asked for CSG members to revert with any feedback.

**3. Update on construction procurement review (OGP)**

OGP provided an update on construction procurement review, including the Capital Works Management Framework, Consultancy and Contractor Engagement, Building Information Modelling and Price and Risk.

**Action Points**

- Indicative timeline to be produced by OGP for delivery on the separate cross-cutting elements of the review.

#### **4. Ongoing construction skills initiatives (DES/DBEI)**

DES and DBEI presented an overview of the work ongoing regarding construction skills. DES provided an overview of apprenticeships, higher education and further education. DBEI updated on the work of the Expert Group on Future Skill Needs and its construction skills analysis.

#### **Action Points**

- DBEI to press on with construction skills supply analysis.