



District Heating Steering Group

Meeting Note from meeting #3 6th April 2022

1. Opening remarks

Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) gave a brief overview of matters to be discussed.

2. Agreement of Minutes of 9th March meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 9 March were agreed.

3. Agreement on the DHSB Terms of Reference

Terms of Reference for the Steering Group were agreed and DECC and National Treasury Management Agency (NTMA) agreed to liaise directly in relation to the working document for the Finance Working Group.

4. Agreement on options to resolve Building Energy Rating (BER) issue

Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH) advised they would be ready to go to public consultation on the Renewable Energy Directive (RED) II Article 15.4 transposition in approximately two weeks. They stressed the importance of resolving the issue of verification of District Heating (DH) system data, i.e., identifying a responsible body and agreeing a methodology for how the verification would be conducted.

Agreement was sought from all parties to Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) proceeding on the basis of a zero Primary Energy Factor (PEF) value for waste heat. SEAI stated that any methodology put in place would be subject to review going forward. SEAI suggested that required changes to the Dwelling Energy Assessment Procedure (DEAP) / Non-Domestic Energy Assessment Procedure (NEAP) could take from six months to a year to complete. DECC highlighted the importance of having DH, based on renewable energy sources, in place in the context of security of energy supply.

5. Presentation

City of Dublin Energy Management Agency (CODEMA) gave a presentation on 'Developing DH in Ireland – where we are now and options for implementation'.



6. Next Steps

The below actions were agreed to.

7. Any other Business (AOB)

There was no AOB.

Following the meeting a site visit to the Tallaght District Heating Scheme project took place.

8. Table of Actions

	Action	Assigned to
1	Follow up meeting of the Working Group chairs to be convened in the coming weeks. Invitations with proposed dates/times to be circulated.	DECC
2	District Heating Steering Group webpage to go live.	DECC
3	Completed methodology to be made available to Dublin City Council (DCC) and South Dublin County Council (SDCC) in advance of the public consultation and an interim solution for the purposes of current district heating projects to be proposed.	SEAI
4	A note for the Senior Officials Group on the Environment updating it on the work of the Steering Group to be prepared and submitted.	DECC