



District Heating Steering Group (DHSG)

Meeting Note from meeting #5 15th JUNE 2022

1. Agreement of 18th May 2022 meeting note

Note of the meeting of 18 May was agreed with minor amendments.

2. Potential of Geothermal Energy for District Heating (Geological Survey Ireland (GSI) & Geoscience Policy Division)

GSI and the Department's Geoscience Policy Division gave a presentation on the potential of Geothermal Energy for District Heating (DH) and a Q&A followed. Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) is preparing a policy statement on Geothermal Energy and the Group noted potential for linking this to the wider Heat Policy Statement currently being drawn up.

3. Update from Research and Policy Insights Working Group (Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI))

SEAI is undertaking a feasibility study into the viability of replacing gas in communal heating systems with renewable heat (primarily geothermal energy).

Further work is being undertaken by SEAI to construct a roadmap out to 2030, in relation to the CAP target for 2.7TWh of heat demand to be met through DH. The Working Groups (WG) is seeking strategic direction in terms of identifying projects that might fulfil that target. Input will be required from all the WGs and the Research WG will circulate questions in that regard. It was suggested that the DHSG meet again in a week to discuss the issue of strategic focus for DH projects. City of Dublin Energy Management Agency (Codema) also suggested a discussion of operational requirements for structured development of DH be added to the agenda. DECC will circulate a proposed date/time for this asap.

4. CRU presentation on regulation (CRU)

CRU presented on the regulatory work of the Commission and potential regulatory issues facing DH as it develops.

5. Next Steps

The below actions were agreed to.



6. Any other Business (AOB)

There was no AOB.

7. Table of Actions

	Action	Assigned to
1	Questionnaire on key issues around the strategic vision for DH to be circulated	Research WG
2	Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) / Appropriate Assessment (AA) screening process relating to DHSG report to be examined as required and progressed	SEAI