



## **District Heating Steering Group (DHSG)**

### **Meeting Note from meeting #8 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

#### **Attendees**

- Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC)
- Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage (DHLGH)
- Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI)
- Commission for Regulation of Utilities (CRU)
- National Treasury Management Agency (NTMA)
- City of Dublin Energy Management Agency (Codema)
- Dublin City Council (DCC)
- South Dublin County Council (SDCC)
- Limerick County Council (LCC)
- National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI)

#### **1. Agreement of 21 July meeting note.**

Note of the 21 July meeting was agreed.

#### **2. Update on proposed Blanchardstown District Heating project**

CODEMA gave a short update in relation to the above project.

#### **3. Update re. Building Regulations/Waste Heat Primary Energy Factor**

An interim default Primary Energy Factor for waste heat, and carbon emissions factor has been agreed by the Group tasked with examining the issue. These will be used in relation to the Tallaght District Heating System (TDHS) and Dublin District Heating Scheme (DDHS) schemes until verifiable data becomes available. Scheme operators will make monthly metered data available to SEAI.

A submission in relation to designating SEAI as the responsible body for verification of District Heating (DH) has been approved by the Minister for the Environment, Climate, and Communications.

The Regulations transposing Article 15.4 of Renewable Energy Directive (RED) II are close to being finalised by the Department of Housing, Local Government, and Heritage. Once the transposition has been completed, and DHLGH has amended the Technical Guidance Documents (TGD) Part L accordingly, SEAI will amend the Dwelling Energy Assessment



Procedure (DEAP) manual.

The Group will continue to meet in order to resolve outstanding issues and relevant new issues should any arise.

#### **4. SEAI update to SG**

This item was postponed until the next meeting of the DHSG.

#### **5. Planning Working Group update**

The Planning Working Group shared current thinking from the Group and outlined potential topics for inclusion in the planning section of the DHSG Report. In terms of planning for expansion of DH, national policy is seen essential to underpin actions and capacity to deliver is key.

Also highlighted were supports that might be required from the DHSG and other Working Groups (WG) to help shape the planning element of the Report.

DHLGH recently surveyed the local authorities in relation to their policy position on DH. The survey is intended to assist in identifying pilot locations for DH.

#### **6. Discussion - Economic and Consumer Protection Regulation and Standards WG Paper**

A discussion took place around the draft Economic and Consumer Protection Regulation and Standards WG.

#### **7. Report for Government**

A roundup on the State of play of the DHSG Report took place covering progress to date, anticipated timelines for completion, etc. The Chair emphasised the tight timeframe for completing the DSHG Report.

#### **8. Next Steps**

SEAI will provide an update on the draft Research and Policy Insights Chapter at the next DHSG.

The below actions were agreed to.

#### **9. AOB**

There was no AOB



Date for next meeting, week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022.

## 10. Table of Actions

	Action	Assigned to
1	Working Groups to continue preparing respective Chapters for input to the DHSG report.	All
2	SEAI to provide an update on the draft Research and Policy Insights Chapter to the next DHSG.	SEAI