



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

### **Meeting Note from meeting #9 6<sup>th</sup> October 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 minutes of 15 September meeting**

The draft minutes of the 15 September meeting have yet to be circulated to the members for observations. DECC will arrange for same.

#### **2. Geothermal Feasibility Study Update**

SEAI, who are leading on the Carlinn Hall feasibility study, provided a short update on the work. The study has gone out to tender. It is hoped to commence work shortly with the aim of having the study completed by year end. DECC and Geological Survey Ireland (GSI) are represented on the group overseeing the study.

Initial contact was made with LCC in relation to potential engagement in the feasibility study process. The Chair requested SEAI to follow up with the local authority.

#### **3. Update - Research and Policy Insights Chapter**

The Chair of the Research and Policy Insights Working Group gave a progress update on their draft Chapter. The draft is in its final iteration prior to being submitted to the DHSG and contains a number of recommendations designed to support the expansion of District Heating.

#### **4. Update on Finance WG chapter**

There was a short presentation from the Finance WG outlining topics contained in their draft Chapter. NTMA is working to finalise a paper on private financing options for inclusion in the draft



Chapter. DECC will circulate a clean draft to the Working Group (WG) members for further comments and these should be submitted by 11th October. Another meeting of the WG will then be held, after which the draft Finance Chapter will be submitted to Steering Group for review.

## 5. Report for Government - State of Play

It is anticipated that the draft WG chapters currently being finalised will be collated in the coming weeks and a draft Report will be prepared for circulation to the Steering Group with a view to sign off by the Group at the next meeting at the end of October.

The Chair again emphasised the tight timeframe for completion of the DSHG Report given that it will not only have to be reviewed by the Group but will also have to go through DECC internal review processes before being submitted to Government.

## 6. Next Steps

It is planned to hold the next Steering Group meeting as an in-person event, to take place on Friday, 28th October 2022. SEAI has offered to host the meeting in their offices on Park Place. Due to space constraints, in person attendance will be limited to DHSG Members only. Observers, however, will be able to participate remotely. Log in details, papers etc. will issue in due course.

## 7. Any other Business (AOB)

There was no AOB

Date for next meeting, week beginning 3rd October 2022.

## 8. Table of Actions

	Action	Assigned to
1	SEAI to follow up with Louth County Council re: Carlinn Hall Feasibility Study.	SEAI
2	Working Groups to finalise respective Chapters for input to the DHSG report.	All