

**Gloucestershire Economic Growth Scrutiny Committee
(GEGSC)
Wednesday 17th November 2021**

1. Modern Methods of Construction (MMC)

This topic was considered at a meeting of this Committee in the previous County council term and reported to this O&S Committee. The presentation delivered at that meeting was from the perspective of registered housing providers and the affordable housing sector on MMC. The papers and minutes of this meeting can be found here:

For this particular GEGSC meeting, Mike Dawson provided some background in advance of the presentations that were delivered. He explained that this was the second of three presentations to the GEGSC. The third presentation had yet to be scheduled but would involve building develop. The messages from all the presentations will be distilled to inform the Gloucestershire Economic Growth Joint Committee

- **3 Different Modern Method Construction approaches;**
- **Ilke Homes – Dave Sheridan**
- **Beattie Passive – Ken Mercer**
- **Forest Home Collaboration – Mark Power / Andrew Darke**

The slides from the above presentations can be accessed via the following link:

<https://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk/documents/b20173/Modern%20Methods%20of%20Construction%20slides%20Wednesday%2017-Nov-2021%2013.30%20Gloucestershire%20Economic%20Growth%20.pdf?T=9> (from page 3)

(For all links within this report, if you are not taken directly to a presentation, please copy each link and paste it into your browser's address bar)

The presentations and subsequent questioning took a very interesting two hours. I noted several dot points to complement the above slides:

- One aim of MMC is to build homes people want to live in not have to live in

- MMC homes can be delivered quickly – can shave 6 months off delivery time
- A home can be built on site in 15 days
- Quality is “built in” under factory (rather than building site) conditions
- One can attract more young people to a factory working environment – “young people don’t want to be bricklayers”
- Factory construction increases productivity
- MMC should be as well as not instead of traditional builds
- MMC homes have greatly reduced associated energy costs – An example was given of a home costing only £70 per year to provide hot water via air source heat pumps
- Air source heat pumps are current best technology only – however, they are not considered to be a suitable retrofit solution
- “In 3 years MMC homes will be cheaper than traditional builds”.
- MMC can deliver to building standards that far exceed current standards for traditional builds
- Bromford are aiming for an EPC of “C” by 2028
- Cotswold District and TBC are implementing MMC

2. GIIF Programme and Employment and Skills

The Gloucestershire Infrastructure Investment Fund (GIIF) is Gloucestershire’s way of utilising an awarded capital grant of £8.4m. This grant was secured through a competitive bidding process in 2012 to the “Growing Places Fund”. The “Growing Places Fund” was promoted by the then Department for Communities and Local Government.

A report and a presentation were delivered regarding the GIIF. The report that was provided can be found below:

<https://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk/documents/g10206/Public%20reports%20pack%20Wednesday%2017-Nov-2021%2013.30%20Gloucestershire%20Economic%20Growth%20Scrutiny%20Committee.pdf?T=10>

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The slides that were provided can be found below:

<https://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk/documents/b20174/Gloucestershire%20Infrastructure%20Investment%20Fund%20slides%20Wednesday%2017-Nov-2021%2013.30%20Gloucestershire%20.pdf?T=9>

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3. Executive Director's Report

An update report (for noting) was provided by Colin Chick, Executive Director of Economy, Environment & Infrastructure on Economic Growth issues in the County (to include Quarter 2 2021/22 performance data)

That report follows:

<https://glostext.gloucestershire.gov.uk/documents/s76395/Econ%20Growth%20Scrutiny%20Q2%202.11.2021.pdf>

Cllr John Murphy – November 2021