

Jersey Energy Forum

Meeting notes and action points

8th October, 2021, 10.30-12.30pm

Attendees:

Jim Hopley [Chair]
Bertrand Dellinger
Richard Le Sueur
Chris Ambler
Peter Cadiou
Ian Wilson
Jo Cox

From Government of Jersey:

Assistant Minister for the Environment, Deputy Guida joined the meeting at 11.40

Dr Louise Magris, Head of Sustainability and Foresight
Lisette Jones, Senior Policy Officer, Sustainability and Foresight

Apologies:

Colin Russell
Tina Langdon
Ali Cambray

		Action	Lead
1.	Welcome and apologies Jo Cox, CEO of IEG introduced herself and was welcomed by the group Deputy Guida joined briefly to apologise that he was detained by the overrunning States Assembly. He re-joined the meeting at 11.40.		
2.	Minutes from July's meeting were agreed		
3.	Carbon Neutral Roadmap update Dr Louise Magris provided an update on the Preferred Strategy to the Forum. Questions and open discussion on the Preferred Strategy covered the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">It was noted that other countries have jumped ahead in their decarbonisation plans because they have provided incentives to change behaviour where Jersey has done so to a lesser degree.		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certain technologies are going to be hard to implement at a large scale in Jersey but there are some low hanging fruit. Has the Energy Forum agreed who will focus on tackling what within the group? • There has been resistance to changes in the visual environment which will slow progress • Members had a discussion on the penalties and the incentives needed to change behaviour and agreed that a mixture of sticks or carrots will be crucial • They noted that technology prices will come down quickly – don't make decisions for tomorrow based on technology of today • Policy measures are likely to mimic other countries • Clarification was provided that there is no intention to dilute the ambition that's coming out of the Citizens' Assembly but to recognise that there was limited support for the purchase of carbon offsets that will be needed for carbon neutrality from the CA and the clear focus needs to be ambitious emissions reductions • The option to buy offsets and become carbon neutral remains at any point • A formal response to the Citizens' Assembly recommendations will be published as an appendix within the Preferred Strategy • Members felt that the Island is not doing nearly enough to decarbonise the economy • Members agreed that we need to be ambitious in order to tackle the scale of the challenge 		
4.	<p>COP26 update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Forum were informed of an inter-Island webinar on Climate Change hosted by Jersey in the lead up to COP26 on 20th October - Plans for Jersey delegation attendance at COP are progressing, as is work towards the extension of the Paris Agreement to Jersey 		
5.	<p>Future stakeholder engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members agreed that it will be considered as part of the work of the Carbon Neutral Roadmap - Noted that the balance of forum is open to challenge in a few areas – no representation from renewables and transportation, environmental lobbyist - Forum members agreed for the Chair to extend invitations to representatives of the above sectors for the next few meetings 	Extend invitation to next Energy Forum meeting to representatives of the agreed sectors	Chair

6.	AOB and date of next meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forum members requested an additional session for Energy Forum in November to discuss the policies being developed and to speak with Deputy Guida - Agreed to bring forward the December session so that they can be briefed on the draft Carbon Neutral Roadmap - The Forum thanked Deputy Guida for the letter of response they had received to their comments on the Citizens' Assembly and his commitment to engagement going forward 	<p>Diarise additional session of the Forum in November, inviting Deputy Guida to attend</p> <p>Confirm date and time of in person meeting in December to receive briefing on Carbon Neutral Roadmap</p>	Lisette Jones