

Jersey Energy Forum
Friday 15th January 2021
Teams meeting

Notes and Action Points from meeting

Attendees:

Jim Hopley [Chair]
Ali Cambray
Richard Le Sueur
Chris Ambler
Nick Crolla
Ian Wilson
Peter Cadiou
Tina Langdon

From Government of Jersey:

Louise Magris
Jane Burns
Louisa Phillips
Lisette Jones
Steve Skelton

External speakers joined between 11-11.30am

Brett Hennig, Sortition Foundation
Diane Beddoes, Involve
Sarah Allan, Involve

		Action
1.	Welcome and apologies Apologies from Bertrand Dellinger, Colin Russell	
2.	Minutes and matters from last meeting Note the change in organisation representing for Ian Wilson to the Jersey Construction Council and Peter Cadiou (former Jersey Energy Trust)	To amend
3.	Explanation / reminder of role / position that carbon offsets will play in Jersey's Carbon Neutral Strategy and confirmation that it hasn't changed from the CNS LM confirmed that the following extract from the CNS remains current:	

	<p>3.3 Principle 3</p> <p>We will require high standards in the use of carbon offsetting</p> <p>A. It is appropriate to use carbon offsetting where emissions cannot be abated, but offsets on their own are not a route to carbon neutral and should only be used where they are accompanied by a robust and ambitious measures to reduce emissions.</p> <p>B. As a responsible and ambitious jurisdiction any offset arrangements that Jersey enters into will be of the highest recognised standards.</p>	
	<p>Members noted that they were happy with this clarification.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Sustainable Transport Policy – introduction to Louisa Phillips and workplan for 2021</p> <p>The Forum welcomed Louisa.</p> <p>Louisa joins the Sustainability and Foresight Team from Highways England, bringing extensive experience in transport policy to the Island.</p> <p>Louisa detailed the four key areas of focus for 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Travel Plan • Bus development Plan • Parking Plan • Mobility as a Service <p>Louisa explained the immediate priority was commissioning the relevant pieces of work.</p> <p>Questions from Forum Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • questioned where the ‘sticks’ for discouraging car use will fit? - explained that there is an overlap between the work of the STP and the Carbon Neutral Strategy and therefore with the Citizens’ Assembly. Policy levers and economic instruments will be an important discussion point of this to inform the LTCAP. • raised the importance within a small island of using the road space for different users – explained that her experience of the Safe Systems approach to road management gave good insight into how to manage the needs of different users. • raised the issue of e-mobility and the barrier that planning processes put in the way of industry delivering the required infrastructure at pace - asked for thoughts on the role that electric vehicles would play in the transition to low carbon transport, in addition to driverless vehicles. • raised the issue of considering transport alongside changes to the retail and service economy. 	

5.	<p>Citizens' assembly and explore</p> <p>LM provided a high level overview and timetable of the Citizens' Assembly and the development of the Long Term Climate Action Plan in 2021.</p> <p>JB provided more details of what the Explore phase and the Citizens' Assembly, focussing on the roles and responsibilities of the Chair convener, the Advisory Panel, speakers, advocates, facilitators and assembly participants.</p> <p>Confirmation was provided that a local Chair Convenor was being sought.</p> <p>Brett Hennig from the Sortition Foundation was welcomed to the meeting. Brett provided an overview of the sortition process. Key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sortition is random selection • Sending out 9000 invitations to local households with a financial incentive to participate • A high proportion of people that are invited to participate would be those that would normally put themselves forward to engage with the Government • Looking to get 300-400 people responding • Will then use a computer programme to run a process to narrow it down to a stratified representative sample • This will include a attitude question so that attendees are not skewed towards those that feel passionately about climate change <p>Diane Beddoes and Sarah Allan from Involve were welcomed to the meeting. Diane provided an overview of how the Citizens' Assembly would be designed. The key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The question being posed to the Citizens' Assembly is massive and how we get participants into a position to be able to provide an informed view on it • Agreeing scope is going to be absolutely key – need to focus on things people can input on • Making sure information is balanced and is not technical – 'bitesized' • The advisory panel will have a key role in ensuring that the information is presented in small chunks and is balanced • Time – participants need time to have quite detailed discussions and to learn, reflect, interrogate and deliberate to develop their recommendations 	

- Should not underestimate the amount of time that needs to be given to build an atmosphere of trust within participants

Sarah provided learning and context from the UK Climate Assembly. The key points were:

- UK Climate Assembly 'How should we get to net zero by 2050?'
- 4 expert leads – headed by Chris Stark – role was to assure the assembly focussing them key trade offs while providing balanced, accurate information
- The UK assembly had nearly twice the hours with participants than Jersey has
- Also need to be aware of the smaller amount of time people can spend on zoom than meeting face-to-face
- In order to be able to have enough time for participants to properly discuss the issue needed to narrow down the topic
- 10 minutes per speaker and a maximum of 4 speakers per session
- 1st weekend – introduction
- 2nd and 3rd weekends – looked at demand in split out groups
- 4th weekend – supply side issues
- Had to drop certain issues completely – divestment, waste etc
- Need to pinpoint exactly what we want to get the public insight on and provide the key information needed to address the questions
- Content of the speaker and panel sessions taken to the advisory panel to ensure that is balanced, accurate and comprehensive

Questions from Forum Members:

- How will the local situation be taken into account? - Design comes from the context – in order to be able to answer the question in the Jersey context they need to be provided with local information. Will work with local businesses and organisation to gather this information.
- How able are the CA in answering the question – is asking them about a date not too difficult? – Need to give people the right information to be able to answer the question. Would very much like the Assembly to give us a date but it is up to them to decide whether they can do that.
- The UK had an independent lead on the Expert Panel – the GoJ is playing the roll of gathering the content – they are not independent? – confirmed that for the local climate assemblies / juries it is standard for the council to co-ordinate it

Role of the Energy Forum – role on advisory panel and opportunity to be called to speak as advocates

	<p>The Chair of Energy Forum has been invited to sit on the Advisory Panel. The Forum is being asked if they agree that Jim Hopley takes on this role and to consider how they will provide input via him.</p> <p>Forum members to consider their views on their continued role throughout the Citizens' Assembly and the development of the LTCAP.</p> <p>Noted that there will be a mechanism for people to contribute to the debate via the website but can't guarantee it will be read.</p> <p>Questions from Forum Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will the outcomes of the CA be plugged into our political system? – the CA will prepare a report with recommendations will be published at the end and sent out to Ministers. It will inform the LTCAP, which will go for consultation to the public before being presented to the States for debate. Confirmed that anything that the GoJ doesn't accept will have to give a reasonable justification 	<p>Action – ALL – Forum members are asked to read the Terms of Reference for the Advisory Panel</p> <p>Any objections to JH representing the Energy Forum on the panel to be fed to LM / LJ</p> <p>JH invited members to reach out to him directly with any questions or concerns.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>AOB and date of next meeting</p> <p>Suggested dates of Energy Forum meetings for 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday 5th March (before the CA starts) • Friday 21st May (after the CA has finished) 	