

Jersey Energy Forum

Meeting notes and action points

10th March 2022

Attendees:

Jim Hopley [Chair]
Richard Le Sueur
Ian Wilson
Peter Cadiou
Nick Crolla
Colin Russell
Tina Langdon
Alison Cambray

From Government of Jersey:

Deputy Jess Perchard, Assistant Minister for Environment
Dr Louise Magris, Head of Sustainability and Foresight
Lisette Jones, Senior Policy Officer, Sustainability and Foresight
Jodie Le Marquand, Assistant Policy Officer, Sustainability and Foresight

Apologies:

Chris Ambler
Mark Preece

		Action	Lead
1.	Welcome and conflicts of interest		JH
2.	Minutes from January's meeting were agreed <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Board marked these minutes as an accurate representation of the meetingDuring the last meeting, the Forum agreed to respond to the draft Carbon Neutral Roadmap consultation. This was actionedThe Forum noted that they are yet to receive a response from the Minister	Upload to gov.je	JLM
3.	Update from GoJ Sustainability & Foresight team on changes to the Carbon Neutral Roadmap [30 mins] <ul style="list-style-type: none">Louise ran through the slides that were presented to the Council of Ministers highlighting the journey from the declaration of the Climate Emergency to nowThe final Roadmap will be lodged today (10th March)The final Roadmap has strong political ownership and scrutiny oversightConsultation feedback provided officers with rich feedback. Many of the responses were regarding policy development rather than higher level points to be included within the Roadmap.	Send the final Roadmap document, Statement Response document and the citizen assembly recommendations response to the Forum	JLM

	<p>Survey responses received were second only to responses regarding Fort Regent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The increase in electrical capacity needed for the move towards electrification was a key theme throughout the consultation. This will be developed within the energy market review and by working closely with Jersey Electricity • The volatility of energy markets was raised as a concern. There has never been a more important time to consider affordability and security of supply • Scrutiny have overseen the entire process and are currently reviewing the final Roadmap • The vehicle scrappage policy did not receive a good level of support through the consultation. This policy has been removed and the money allocated to strengthen other policies • Further explanation has been included in the final Roadmap to the difference between carbon neutrality in 2030 and net zero in 2050 • The role of blended biofuel petrol and diesel products was highlighted in the consultation responses and an investigative policy has been highlighted to look into the right move for Jersey with regard to mandating these fuels • There is also a commitment to work with other Channel Islands on renewable energy • The funding of £23m in the Climate Emergency Fund remains the same as the draft Carbon Neutral Roadmap • The distributional impact assessment is now published and looks at the potential impact of these policies on different socioeconomic groups. Social and environmental policy officers must work together • A programme office must be funded and set up to deliver the policies • The implementation schedule is included within the appendix of the Roadmap. Each policy's implementation route and political accountability. For example, the update on building byelaws will require secondary legislation • The Roadmap also highlights the need for a Ministerial portfolio specific to this workstream 		
<p>4.</p>	<p>Opportunity for the Forum to ask AMENV questions [20 mins] Deputy Jess Perchard addressed the forum and provided the opportunity to ask questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This piece of work has been welcomed across the political spectrum 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AMENV has been working closely with MINF to ensure that the document and language are agreed• Clarity was provided on biofuel policies. TR3 remains unchanged. An additional policy to investigate E5 and E10 specifically has been added• There is also the potential for the fuel switch policy HT1 to include the conversion of boilers to run on biofuels. This is TBC• Fuel poverty / just transition are fundamental in the Assembly's view on this. Government mechanisms to help those most vulnerable in society remain through the Cold weather bonus and social security. Social policy colleagues will take ownership of this. There are increased pressures with increased fuel prices for those just outside the low-come bracket and this cannot be forgotten• It is recognised that the fuel providers on island look after their customers and ensure that they are able to continue to receive service• Jess outlined her political position of distributional impacts: islanders cannot be made worse off through environmental efforts. However, we cannot use environmental policies to directly improve islander's social situations, though there may be co-benefits. The positive outcomes must come from social policies and the cross section of this work between colleagues is very important. We must raise issue of consumption inequality – often a more accurate measure of issues than GDP. AMENV expressed her confidence that the policies are being considered through many different inclusive lenses• Alison Cambrey was on the call and gave additional comments on the DIA. The policies that could potentially have an adverse impact on equality and made recommendations on how these could be improved• There is a case, due to current global events and price volatility, to journey to net zero and step away from fossil fuels as soon as possible• Skills shortages for input of air source heat pumps have been identified and Highlands Colleges are setting up courses to work on this• There is also a shortage of mechanics able to work with electrified heavy machinery. This will be incorporated into the skills policy work with is vital to the just transition. This needs to happen at the beginning of the journey and the breadth of the requirement for different skills is		
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	<p>recognised. This ranges from carbon accounting to maintenance of electric boilers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PwC are bringing a project to Jersey to analyse the number of green jobs in Jersey compared to the UK • Speed of vehicles and road safety was raised as an issue to allow more alternative vehicles, cycling and walking on the roads • Carbon Neutral Alliance has been renamed as the Carbon Neutral Network. AMENV reiterated that the Forum's input is greatly welcomed • There is lots of work for officers in engaging with key stakeholders and developing the policy delivery plans in more detail 	<p>The Forum will draft a letter of support from the final Carbon Neutral Roadmap.</p> <p>Lisette & Jim to discuss the timing of the letter with regard to political timeframes</p>	<p>JH</p> <p>LJ & JH</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>AOB and date of next meeting</p> <p>The Forum will reconvene mid-May</p>	<p>Send out a meeting request to the Forum</p>	<p>JLM</p>