



Energy Suppliers Group

Terms of Reference

1. Background

The Energy Partnership, and later the Energy Forum, were originally set up to include representation from the energy industry, business and the third sector and designed to provide an opportunity for key stakeholders to input on the progress of Pathway 2050. Since then, the climate emergency was declared, and both the Carbon Neutral Strategy and Carbon Neutral Roadmap were approved by the States Assembly. The priorities of this group have therefore changed and so, the Energy Forum was disbanded and reconstituted in its new format as the Energy Suppliers Group.

The Carbon Neutral Roadmap builds upon the ambitions of Pathway 2050 with more stringent carbon reduction targets. The policies within the Roadmap detail the actions required to set us on the pathway to reach net zero by 2050, with interim targets of a 68% reduction of 2030 and 78% reduction by 2035, against a baseline of 1990 levels. Delivery against these targets will be the key focus of the Energy Suppliers Group.

In July 2022, former members of the forum reviewed their current format. Key points of the review included:

- The agreement that, with the adoption of the Carbon Neutral Roadmap, the original context for the Energy Partnership / Energy Forum has changed and the Forum must adapt to the new situation
- The then Terms of Reference were overdue a review as was the membership constitution
- The suggestion that a Forum could morph into a group representing energy suppliers and generators that could be represented within the new structure of engagement within the Carbon Neutral Roadmap

The Carbon Neutral Roadmap made a commitment to establishing a broader network of representative groups across different business sectors and interest areas to contribute to the formulation and delivery of the decarbonisation policies for the Island. With the establishment of new groups within this, such as a sustainable construction group, the benefits of having a specific group for energy suppliers and generators, that could have wider industry specific representation (for example from renewable energy providers) was recognised.

The announcement that the Energy Forum would be disbanded was made by the Minister for Energy and Climate Change at their most recent meeting in November 2022. The newly reconstituted Energy Suppliers Group will monitor delivery of policies within the Carbon Neutral Roadmap. The group will be chaired by the Minister for Energy and Climate Change who will provide political oversight.

Note that a Climate Council is also in the process of being set up. An amendment calling for the creation of a Climate Council, was brought forward by the previous Environment Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel - (Carbon Neutral Roadmap (P.74/2022): amendment). The Terms of Reference have now been agreed by the States Assembly (p.117-2022.pdf (gov.je)). The Climate Council will provide an independent progress report on delivery of the Carbon Neutral Roadmap every four years. The first report will be submitted in 2026.



2. Wider structure

The Carbon Neutral Roadmap includes a policy (EN2) to establish a Carbon Neutral Alliance (now named the Net Zero Network). The Net Zero Network will be supported by the Government of Jersey, led by Jersey businesses and local organisations from the voluntary, community, social enterprise and other sectors. The Net Zero Network aims to provide a focal point for the vast amount of support and energy for decarbonisation that exists in the Island. The overall aim is to mobilise action across the Island, support businesses and organisations in decarbonising their activities and provide a Decarbonisation Impact Fund to support and fund small-scale decarbonisation projects. Planning for the Net Zero Network is currently underway with the expectation that it will be launched in 2023.

The Energy Suppliers Group will interact with the Net Zero Network. The interplay of different Forums and detailed design of the Network is in development. This work is being developed with the eco active engagement team.

The Chair of the Energy Suppliers Group will act as a liaison point between the Energy Suppliers Group and the Future Energy Group.

3. Purpose

The Energy Suppliers group has been launched as an opportunity for valued stakeholders to discuss and advise on progress against the Carbon Neutral Roadmap and against our emissions reduction targets. There will be a particular focus on policies related to Jersey's current and future energy supply due to the expertise across membership.

The group will now have political leadership and be chaired by the Minister from Energy and Climate Change. The Chair will present a four-year review of the group to the States Assembly and an annual progress update to the scrutiny panel, ahead of the Climate Councils progress report

The secretariat function will be provided by the Strategic Policy Performance and Population department (Cabinet Office).

4. Objectives

- Inform the development and delivery of policies within the Carbon Neutral Roadmap to support the aim of reaching net zero and meeting the interim targets as per Jersey's international commitments through the Paris Agreement
- Advise on policies related to the energy mix on island
- Provide insight into security of supply and price changes across the island's energy supply
- Feed into the Net Zero Network with the potential to work with other working groups within the Net Zero Network
- Provide input as requested into the Climate Council and their 4-yearly report
- Provide updates on the energy market and new and developing technologies to the Minister as appropriate
- The Group will not hold any budget responsibility



5. Membership

Members invited to join will be limited to representatives from energy suppliers, domestic and utility scale generators and energy consultants across the island. A mix of different types of energy providers will be required to advise on a just transition.

Members will be invited from the following industries that have a Jersey presence:

- Oil, gas and electricity suppliers
- Domestic scale renewable technology companies
- Utility scale renewable technology companies

Future members will be invited to join by the Chair. Members may also approach the group directly to join. New members will be reviewed by the membership at the next meeting. Members will vote on whether they agree for the new member to join the group. The decision will be recorded within the minutes and the organisation will be contacted directly with the decision.

A maximum of 12 members will be permitted to join the group at any one time. Only one representative per organisation will be allowed to attend meetings.

The group may call on members of other Net Zero Network working groups to provide input into specific topic areas. It is anticipated that members of this group would also be invited to input by other working groups within the network.

More broadly, experts from outside of the island, for example off-island energy consultants, may also be invited to join meetings on an ad-hoc basis.

6. Suggested initial membership:

It is anticipated that the following would be invited to join the group (noting that this is not an exhaustive list):

- ATF
- Channel Island Fuel Suppliers
- Ener.je
- IEG
- Isle-eco
- JE
- PDJ
- Rubis
- Sunworks

7. Meetings

- Members, together with assistance from the Government of Jersey secretariat, will set the agendas for meetings
- Minister to provide political oversight but not responsible for steering agenda of meetings
- Any issues will be carried over to the next meeting
- The group will meet once a quarter, as a minimum, either in person or online
- For transparency purposes action-based minutes will be published on www.gov.je



8. Quorate

As membership to the forum is voluntary there is no requirement to attend and consequentially no quorate requirement.

9. Data Protection

As the secretariat, the Government of Jersey's Strategic Policy, Performance and Population department, soon to be the Cabinet Office, will be the 'data controller'. More information on how data is handled can be found [here](#).

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