

Jersey Energy Forum
Wednesday 13th November 2.00-4.00pm
Committee Room, Howard Davis Farm

Notes and Action Points from meeting

Attendees

Bertrand Dellinger (BD)	Jeremy Harris (JeH) (Chair)	Chris Ambler (CA)
Peter Cadiou (PC)	Ian Wilson (IW)	Clive Doyle (CD)
Jim Hopley (JH)	Richard Le Sueur (RLS)	

In attendance

Louise Magris (LM)	Lisette Jones (LJ) (Minutes)
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Apologies

Colin Russell (CR)	Ali Cambray (AC)
Ayisha Ashworth (AA)	Ian Plenderleith (IP)

		Action
1.	<p>Welcome and apologies</p> <p>Apologies from Ian Plenderleith, Ali Cambray, Ayisha Ashworth and Colin Russell</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes and matters arising from the last meeting</p> <p>The group approved the minutes of the last meeting</p> <p>The Forum discussed the proposed Government Plan amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Emergency fund. Scrutiny amendment – not to raise fuel duty by 4p a litre in the first year, reducing the income by £1m in the first year. • Governance – can only spend from the CEF if it's in the Government Plan process. Amendment – would like a Members board to vote on and administer the fund. • Scrutiny amendment – not take seed money from consolidated fund but for it to come out of the strategic reserve. • Proposition to take £350k from climate emergency fund to sponsor hydrogen yacht to sail around the world. • Deputy Ward amendment to raise GST on cars over £30K with a list of environmentally positive things to reduce GST on. 	
3.	<p>Carbon Neutral Strategy update</p> <p>Resourcing – presentation from LM followed by discussion</p> <p>The group discussion included points raised on the following topics:</p>	<p>Action – send round link to Citizen's Assembly on Climate Change from Ireland</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does carbon offset purchasing need to be done through a financial market, could it be done informally at cheaper cost? • Agreed that there's the opportunity to go directly to the project rather than through an intermediary but have to make sure we do it all to a high standard. • Questioned whether there would be limitations set around what the Citizen's Assembly should be discussing – will parameters be set by Ministers or will they have free rein? • It was confirmed that the Citizen's Assembly would be advisory • The question was raised as to what the Energy Forum's role would be in the Citizen's Assembly? • It is unlikely that the output from the Citizen's would go straight to the States Assembly. The ideas would need to be worked up and taken to key stakeholders. • The group felt it was important that the costs of doing nothing were understood and worked into the case for action. • Members felt that there was strong reputational benefit to leading on this but questioned how we could quantify this opportunity. • Discussion ensued around the likely international response to climate change – the thoughts were that international obligations would soon be set at net zero by 2050 and the question then becomes what are the benefits of us going earlier than that. It was noted that these benefits would not be quantified in the Carbon Neutral Strategy. • It was noted that the CNS would need to clarify the difference between carbon offsets and carbon credits. • The Citizen's Assembly will provide an insight as to what level of ambition the people of Jersey have for carbon neutrality once they have heard the evidence and been given the chance to debate it amongst themselves. • Energy Forum agreed that competitive seed funding for community-led initiatives would be a good idea. • Need to be clear that some of this is going to fail – be prepared for that. • The proposition taken to the States Assembly will ask them to accept the principles (scope), permission to go out to a Citizen's Assembly and to ask for additional expenditure. 	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Sustainable Transport Policy update Presentation from LJ followed by discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Forum members discussed where responsibility for the different pieces of work sit. • It was confirmed that the Council of Ministers has delegated responsibility for Carbon Neutral Strategy to the Environment and Infrastructure Ministers. • Transport is the responsibility of the Infrastructure Minister. • Carbon emissions from transport sit with Council of Ministers. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was confirmed that we are hoping to lodge both the Carbon Neutral Strategy and the Sustainable Transport Policy by 20th December. 	
4.	<p>AOB and date of next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeremy Harris informed the Forum that he would be standing down from the end of the year. • LM confirmed that the Governance of the Energy Forum and Executive would need to be discussed at the beginning of next year as part of the evolving Carbon Neutral Strategy. • Noted that the next meeting needs to be moved from 4th December due to the clash with Council of Ministers. • The next Wednesday 11th December – afternoon 2-4pm, confirm meeting venue and send out meeting request 	