

**Jersey Energy Forum - Second Meeting
13th October 2015**

**Brief Notes and Action Points from meeting held in the Arthur Maurant Room,
Société Jersiaise, St Helier @ 12:30-3:30pm.**

Attendees

Chris Ambler (CA)	Sir Nigel Broomfield (NB)	Peter Cadiou (PC)
Alison Cambray (AC)	Nicholas de Breyne (NDB)	Anne King (AK)
Richard Le Sueur (RLS)	Louise Magris (LM)	Glyn Mitchell (GM)
Nick Palmer (NP)	Andrew Robinson (AR)	Colin Russell (CR)
Ian Wilson (IW)	Holly Lefebvre (Minutes)	

Apologies

Norman Murray
Mike Waddington

		Action
1.	Welcome and introduction from the Chair	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noted that NB has resigned as Chair of the Energy Forum, due to other commitments, and that AC has been appointed as Chair. NB to remain as Vice Chair. - Minutes from the previous meeting, held on 17th March 2015, were approved. - An exchange of letters between the Forum and the Minister for Environment over the summer was also noted. Key actions arising were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To continue to press for a joined-up approach to mainstreaming the objectives of the Energy Plan in the States-wide budget setting process (covered in Item 2 below) - To continue to press for a clear long-term vision for the island (covered in Item 4 below) - For the Forum to respond to the request in the Minister's letter to share practical case studies with the Energy Executive to demonstrate effective implementation action in Jersey or elsewhere. This will help to build momentum and encourage further action, in particular where these actions are led by business or civil society (also covered in Item 2 below) - Energy Forum members were invited by the Chair to share individual areas of progress relating to the Energy Plan which have occurred since the last meeting held on 17th March 2015. Highlights included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AC thanked everyone who had participated in the BBC Jersey climate week in August and encouraged Forum members to continue to engage in public debate on Energy Plan issues - IW explained JeCC is planning consultation discussions on Building Bye Laws - GM highlighted his work at Royal Jersey Golf Club on soil management with potential for carbon sequestration. He will keep us posted on progress - CA highlighted good progress on JE interconnector projects that will further improve security of supply - AC highlighted the Durrell business breakfast on 5th November which will discuss the business implications of the outcomes of 	<p>All Energy Forum members</p> <p>IW to update</p>

	<p>the COP21 talks in Paris in December.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AC highlighted the latest annual PwC Low Carbon Economy Index and the potential good news story and future challenge for Jersey. Forum agreed it would be important to include this in engaging with the Executive and in the media in the context of the upcoming global climate negotiations in Paris, including the implications of a new global deal 	<p>AC to engage and draft and share with Forum members for input</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>Year 1 annual Progress Report on the Energy Plan and Forum inputs into proposed Year 2 priority actions</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LM presented on the Year 1 Progress Report, as well as key areas of progress planned for Year 2. - Whilst noting the Year 1 Progress Report is welcome, the Forum expressed concerns as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Progress Report does not include all Action Statements. Although some Action Statements were not due for any direct action in Year 1, there is still a need to include them and state this, to avoid gaps in reporting. - The Progress Report is not clear enough about when progress is as originally set out in the Energy Plan and, when there are deviations from this, the implications for whether Action Statements are still on target or not. This is particularly concerning in relation to AS2/3 and AS 14/15. - It is important that the reference document continues to be the original Energy Plan and not the Progress Report. - Overall there is a concern that it will be very difficult to keep track of progress compared to the original Energy Plan if these matters are not addressed for future years. There are concerns that actions will be lost, watered down or reframed without being transparent about the implications. For next year it would be good set out progress towards the Energy Plan targets more clearly. The Forum is keen to engage with policy leads to further advice and comment on this. - Actions arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LM to circulate key details and dates on Building Bye Law changes to Energy Forum members. - LM to circulate Able to Pay report to Energy Forum members once complete. - LM to note Forum concerns and consider other ways of communicating progress for future years, noting the time lag in international reporting on emissions and the implications for carbon accounting for Jersey. - The Chair invited suggestions for Energy Forum focus in the year ahead, building on a paper circulated by the Chair in advance of the meeting. - Forum members each have different interests in different parts of the Energy Plan agenda, each of which they are encouraged to pursue in their own right. In order to maximise the collective inputs of the Forum as a whole, it was agreed the Forum itself should focus on a few priority sectors with the biggest potential for energy and carbon savings in order to achieve the objectives of the Energy Plan. These are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Domestic able-to-pay sector - Business sector - Transport - These and many other areas were discussed; three main priorities arose: 	<p>LM</p> <p>LM</p> <p>LM</p>

	<p>1. Engagement with Energy Executive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Energy Forum to meet with the Energy Executive in December to discuss year 2 plan and best focus for the Forum’s activity for 2016. Further details to be confirmed. <i>Note @ 23 November: The Chair has been invited to attend the meeting on 8 December and present the Forum’s view of priorities, based on a Chair’s note of key messages arising from this meeting. AC to circulate draft to Forum members for comment.</i> - Energy Forum suggested that the States of Jersey could be providing exemplar case studies of how they are embracing Energy Plan targets across their property portfolio. <p>2. Consultation feedback :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was agreed that a clear priority for the Forum would be to respond to SoJ consultations. Key consultations for the next 6 months include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Future of St Helier (FoSH) – Forum members participated in workshops over summer, but next steps are less clear. - Permitted development proposed orders (due 6 November) – Forum members thought this was positive but we should reemphasise this in response. - Sustainable Transport Plan (STP) – as yet unavailable for public consultation. AC to draft a letter to the TTS Minister expressing the Energy Forum’s interest in helping develop the STP further and asking how best to engage in this process. Letter to be circulated to members for input/approval. <i>Note @ 23 November: To be included in Chair’s note to Energy Executive as well as follow up at officer level</i> - Housing Strategy – AC asked that member feedback reach her by 1st Nov 2015 to allow time for a formal response to be drafted. A particular focus on Fuel Poverty was suggested. - Building Bye Laws – expected to be available in November 2015 for consultation - Longer Term Plan process (see Item 4) – engagement will be over next 3-6 months - Review of Rural Economy Strategy – engagement anticipated in 2016 <p>3. Providing Case Studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Energy Forum members to provide expertise and case studies specific to Jersey as appropriate. - Additionally members noted interest in being involved in the climate change adaptation / economic impact work stream arising in 2016 (under Action Statement 1) 	<p>LM / AC (All Forum to comment on draft)</p> <p>LM</p> <p>All Energy Forum members</p> <p>All Energy Forum members</p> <p>LM to advise</p>
3.	Micro-renewable energy work stream first discussion	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agreement was reached that the Energy Forum should undertake a project in relation to the development of micro renewable energy within Jersey, with particular focus on conversion of high carbon homes within the domestic sector. - Several members wished to be involved in a project working group (see updated concept note for details), however no nominations for a project lead were made. AC to lead initially but was clear this would need to be 	

	<p>handed over to another member as appropriate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was agreed that the scope of the work would be narrowed to focus on fuel switching from hydrocarbon to low carbon micro-renewables. An updated concept note is circulated to the Forum with these minutes for approval. - Additional technical and sectoral experts will be invited to join the project working group; SunWorks and Advanced Heating were suggested. AC to reach out direct and via IW. - Once the Forum has agreed the updated concept note, AC to develop a workplan for 2016 for comment and agreement by the project working group. - The project working group will report back to the full Forum at the next meeting. 	<p>AC All Forum members</p> <p>AC</p> <p>Project working group</p>
4.	Long term vision and planning initiative and the Energy Plan – an opportunity for progress	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Due to time constraints this Item was not discussed in detail. However, as per subsequent email exchanges amongst the Forum, it is noted that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As per the States of Jersey Strategic Plan 2015-2018, the government is currently developing an approach to a Longer Term Plan, taking a 20 year vision and planning horizon for sustainable development - Integration of Energy Plan objectives into this vision and plan is key to achieving the long-term Pathway 2050 targets, and to retaining Jersey’s international competitiveness in the context of a global shift to a low carbon economy - The Forum requests to be involved in the development of this plan at an early stage 	<p>AC to work with LM and others to ensure Forum engagement</p>
5.	Wrap up of progress and next steps	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reflecting the priorities identified in Item 2, and the interests of Forum members, the creation of 5 Energy Forum subgroups were suggested for the coming year: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Able to Pay – to note the report and participate in Action Statement 3 work stream as appropriate. 2. Transport – to participate in STP update 3. Business Sector – To champion and support decarbonisation in this sector (this might also include a PwC led round table with the financial services sector to look at assets under management and appetite for climate leadership) 4. Economy – To assist scoping the economic impact assessment (Action Statement 1) / Climate adaptation work 5. Agriculture – For those with a particular interest in soil as a carbon sink (to be led by GM) 6. Micro-renewables project working group (as per Item 3 and Action Statement 4/5). This will also link in closely to subgroup (1) above - Forum members are now asked to confirm their interest in each subgroup. Volunteers to lead are also welcome. - In order to better understand the interests of Forum members, AC will set up bilaterals with those she has not yet met with over the next few months - For each subgroup, there will be a dedicated folder on the Egress workspace and a dedicated informal discussion thread for sharing views on a Jersey Energy Forum LinkedIn Group. All Forum members will be 	<p>AC to consolidate efforts in respect of sub-groups.</p> <p>All Forum members</p> <p>AC</p>

	<p>able to track progress and will be able to join subgroups at any time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the interests of keeping Forum meetings and influence practical and action-focused, it was agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus on doing 1 or 2 things really well in 2016 from within this priority list - Keep full Forum meetings to 2 per year - In between, to hold meetings on specific sectors and sets of issues i.e. subgroup meetings open to all in the Forum who wish to attend to discuss that set of issues - Communicating views, experience and examples is key – all Forum members to think further about our engagement strategy beyond the actions in this note - In Q1-Q2 2016, the following workshop meetings will be set up in due course: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transport and STP - Able to pay domestic sector - Business and commercial sector - Economic impact assessment - Microrenewables project 	<p>AC and NB to guide</p>
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