Jersey Energy Forum - Second Meeting 26th April 2017

Brief Notes and Action Points from meeting held in the Committee Room, Howard Davis Farm, Trinity 12:00-1:30pm.

Attendees

Sir Nigel Broomfield (NB) Peter Cadiou (PC) Ian Wilson (IW)
Anne King (AK) Nicholas de Breyne (NDB) Glyn Mitchell (GM)
Nick Palmer (NP) David Walwyn (DW) Louise Magris (LM)

Fiona Glover (FG) Holly Lefebvre (Minutes)

Apologies

Chris Ambler Andrew Robinson

Not in attendance

Norman Murray Colin Russell Richard Le Sueur Mike Waddington

		Action
L.	Welcome and introduction from the Chair	
	- Welcome from acting Chair, NB	
	- Election of new Chair	
	- AK, Jersey Consumer Council, proposed by NB, seconded by	
	PC	
	- AK unanimously voted in as Chair	
	- Welcome and introduction from new Chair, AK	
	Energy security, affordability and sustainability in light of BREXIT	
	- AK and NB met with DoE Minister to discuss BREXIT in advance of this	
	meeting.	
	1. David Walwyn, Director of External Relations, summarised the work	
	SOJ has been doing to prepare for BREXIT.	
	- A Ministerial Group has been formed, Chaired by the Chief Minister,	
	to oversee wider BREXIT issues.	
	- 6 main work streams – one of which is Customs union, which	
	includes:	
	- Trade	
	 Tariff schedules (i.e. tariff freight quotas) – this is where 	
	energy imports and exports tie into BREXIT discussions.	
	- 8 th June UK general election	
	- BREXIT talks will commence quickly after new government	
	is in place.	
	- Estimate Sept/Oct will likely be when broader talks about	
	energy will commence in the UK. AK emphasised the	
	importance of the Forum reporting back to the Executive	
	before this time.	All members
	- DW encouraged Forum member, and their affiliated bodies, to follow	
	the 'Let's Talk Brexit' channels on social media so that they can easily	
	share content with their own social media followers.	

 LM advised that Jersey and Guernsey have already spoken with officials from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS).

LM & DW

- PC asked which other stakeholders will be liaised with regarding BREXIT as he wanted clarity on the Forum's role to avoid any overlap. LM emphasised that the Forum should focus specifically on how BREXIT will impact on delivering the Energy Plan. NB suggested the Chairs of various stakeholder groups could meet to discuss the high level issues of BREXIT. LM offered to coordinate this with DW.
- 2. AK invited each Forum member to present what they consider to be the main issues BREXIT could pose for the delivery of Jersey's Energy Plan:

IW – Representing Jersey Construction Council (JeCC)

- Construction Council will be meeting on 4th May to discuss BREXIT's potential impacts on the construction industry.
- Due to tight timescales only a small number of JeCC members were able to provide their comments on BREXIT.

Main concerns:

- Exchange rates
- Product costs gone up by 0-20% since BREXIT was announced
- Getting the right stakeholders involved

PC – Representing former Jersey Energy Trust

Main concerns:

- Energy market industry stability
- Increase in prices as a result of instability
- People underestimating the potential impacts on the Jersey energy market

GM - Representing NGO sector

Main concerns:

- Need to focus on looking at alternatives ways to capture CO₂ (carbon draw down into soils)
- Use and cost of chemicals and fertilizers in agriculture
- Food security

NP expressed concern over scientific evidence around soil sequestration, highlighting that a lot of research is still required to prove if it is a viable approach. GM asked for the opportunity to report back to Ministers on soil sequestration. AK to check Forum terms of reference to see if this would be appropriate.

NDB - Representing energy industry

Main concerns:

- Exchange rates vulnerable to fluctuations across the World Market as a well specifically BREXIT
- Fuel prices 8% increase since BREXIT announcement
- Fuel suppliers shipping fuel to Jersey cross border tariffs
- DW confirmed that tariffs do not currently, and will not, apply to movement between the UK and crown dependencies.

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	- NB advised that 20% of exports are covered by GATT, but 80% are not, making them vulnerable.	
	NB – Representing former Jersey Energy Trust	
	Main concerns:	
	 Uninterrupted supply of energy – want confirmation that EDF electricity imports from France will continue not to be taxed. Suggests looking to extend the current EDF contract now (due to expire in 2019). 	
	 Is there a common tariff for export of energy outside of the EU? Is it 0%? Want this confirming. 	
	 Ensuring energy is prioritised in Jersey BREXIT negotiations Jersey's constitutional position – will Jersey be able to act separately from UK when negotiating with the EU? 	
	NP – Representing Jersey Climate Action Network (J-CAN) Main concerns:	
	 Security of supply of low carbon electricity importation from France – France may decide not to supply, or increase their prices. 	
3.	Any other business	
J.	2016 Forum work-streams	
	PC asked for clarification on last year's work-streams. LM asked that anyone interested in progressing any of last year's work-streams further to send through any updates.	All members
	Micro-renewable energy project IW confirmed this has not progressed any further since April 2016. LM advised that the Executive were expecting a report back from Forum in October 2016, which is yet to happen. IW and LM to meet separately to review progress to date and decide how best to proceed.	LM & IW
4.	Wrap up of progress and next steps	
	AK and PC to summarise Forum main BREXIT concerns to be presented to the Executive. Will be obtaining feedback from Forum members who could not be present at the meeting.	AK & PC
	AK emphasised the importance of the Forum refocusing attention on their original Terms of Reference and setting themselves realistic aims for 2017.	
	AK suggested meeting quarterly to encourage collaborative working and push progress forward, rather than just meeting twice a year and then working independently. AK proposed reviewing attendance at the next meeting and making a decision from there. Concluded that the Forum would meet at least twice, but no more than four times per year. Forum members agreed they were happy to meet at HDF moving forward.	AK to set-up next meeting
	AK asked that the Forum's virtual workspace be cancelled and removed as it is not being used.	LM to cancel
	LM suggested the Forum could input virtually, by commenting on policy development which can be reviewed and commented on without the need for a meeting.	
	AK asked Forum members if a retail representative would be a valuable addition to the Forum. LM suggested that someone from the recently	AK to source new members

disbanded Chamber of Commerce Sustainability Group may be appropriate. GM suggested that a Jersey Water rep would also be a valuable addition.	
LM reported that the year 2 report and action plan for 2017 would shortly be available.	All to note.
https://www.gov.je/government/pages/statesreports.aspx?reportid=2815	Action - Link added
LM advised that the Energy Trends report would soon be updated.	All to note.
https://www.gov.je/environment/generateenergy/pages/energy.aspx	Action – Link added