

**Jersey Energy Forum
15th March 2019**

**Notes and Action Points from meeting held in the Committee Room,
Howard Davis Farm, 2-4pm**

Attendees

Melanie Cavey (MC)	Richard Le Sueur (RLS)	Ian Wilson (IW)
Colin Russell (CR)	Jeremy Harris (JeH) (Chair)	Jim Hopley (JiH)
Bertrand Dellinger (BD)	Peter Cadiou (PC)	Chris Ambler (CA)

Joining at 3.15pm Gregory
Guida, Assistant Minister

In attendance

Louise Magris (LM) Lisette Jones (Minutes)

Apologies

Helier Smith (HS)	Norman Murray (NM)	Mike Waddington (MW)
Ian Plenderlieth (IP)	Simon Le Huray (SLH)	

		Action
1. Welcome and apologies	The Forum welcomed Bertrand Dellinger, from Fuel Supplies Channel Islands.	
2. Minutes and matters arising from the last meeting	The Forum approved the minutes of the previous meeting. It was noted that the minutes and agendas from previous Energy Forum meetings are now on gov.je	
3. Finalise review of the Forum and 2019 work programme	The Forum discussed the Chair's paper on the 2019 work programme. The Forum questioned whether Fuel Poverty should be included. Officers advised that work with Social Policy colleagues was necessary to take it forward but that they do not have that capacity currently. Officers explained that policy priorities will be set via the Government Plan.	Action - Officers to report back on progress on fuel poverty later in the year.

<p>The Forum felt it should have a role in encouraging the GoJ to manage its property portfolio in an energy efficient manner / example of best practice.</p> <p>Officers advised that the Forum could comment on that through the review of the Energy Plan.</p> <p>Additional membership</p> <p>Discussion ensued on the membership of the Forum, particularly about representation from Transport.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Forum could invite officers from across the organisation to present to them at any point.</p> <p>Transport Policy falls within Strategic Policy, Performance and Population within LM's team but as yet it is not known when work on this area will commence.</p> <p>It was agreed that membership would stay as it is currently and that this can be revisited as the work streams progress.</p>	<p>Action - LM to feedback to Forum in June on progress with the Transport Policy.</p>
<p>4. Proposition from Deputy Rob Ward on 13.3.19</p> <p>LM explained the change to the agenda in order to get feedback from the Forum on P27 from Deputy Ward which will be debated on 30th April.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jersey should declare a climate emergency aim to be carbon neutral by 2030 2. Publish a climate impact assessment of proposals within the Government Plan by June 3. Climate change to be on every agenda of Council of Ministers <p>There was a lively discussion amongst the Forum as to the definition of a climate emergency and carbon neutrality and whether it was possible for Jersey to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030.</p> <p>The Forum agreed that the GoJ could do more to publicise the good work that has been done and what we are currently trying to achieve.</p> <p>The Energy Forum felt that carbon neutrality could be a creditable aspiration and that the Island should be as ambitious as it could be in tackling climate change. CA felt that it could be achieved</p>	<p>Action – agreed to postpone the discussion on renewable energy policy until the June meeting.</p> <p>Action – Chair to draft and circulate a note regarding the JEF's response to the proposition.</p>

<p>(taking the definition zero net carbon) and that it would make the Island distinctive. The Forum agreed that carbon neutrality would be very difficult for Jersey to achieve, although not impossible, and this could be done through a reduction in carbon emissions combined with other means such as offsetting</p> <p>However, the Forum members questioned how the Deputy anticipated it being delivered and identified the limited capacity of the Environmental Policy team who would be tasked with delivery.</p> <p>The Forum agreed that climate change needs to be on the COM agenda on a regular basis but not necessarily for every meeting given the role of the Energy Executive in overseeing the delivery of the Energy Plan and reporting lines in the ToR.</p>	
<p>5. Divestment</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed the Assistant Minister to the meeting and reported back on his meeting with Rathbones Greenbank.</p> <p>The Assistant Minister questioned whether shareholders really have any influence on the activities of the company. He explained that he was satisfied from his discussion with Treasury officers that they are very careful regarding the reputational aspect of the investment of GoJ funds, particularly regarding weapons and tobacco. He felt that GoJ staff are quite removed from the purchase of investments and therefore have little influence over what is done.</p> <p>He explained that any changes to investment strategy would need to have a long lead in period. He also felt that any narrowing of the potential investment pool will result in a lower return on the investment. Therefore any decision to follow ethical investments would be at the expense of profit.</p> <p>The Forum members felt that if it was possible for the GoJ to move away from investment in arms and tobacco it could also do so with fossil fuels – however, it was acknowledged that a lot of the big oil / gas companies are also the biggest investors in renewables.</p> <p>Some Forum members articulated their beliefs that it is possible to make money through ethical and green funds. They were keen to understand what</p>	<p>Action – LJ to email JeH’s note on divestment meeting to Forum.</p> <p>Action – GG to make a request to Treasury to clarify in writing exactly what their brief is to investors regarding ethical investment. The Forum are keen to understand how this decision was made and who made it.</p>

	the considerations are that are being taken on investments by the GoJ and what would be the impact of limiting the opportunities by excluding fossil fuel investments, in terms of return.	
6.	Home Energy Audit update Shoreline Management Plan update	LJ to email a brief summary update to the JEF on the Shoreline Management Plan and Home Energy Audit project.
7.	Next meeting	13 th June, 10-12pm 13 th September, 10-12pm 4 th December, 12-2pm