

## Written Report

### Pathway 2050: Energy Partnership

#### Amendment to the Terms of Reference for the Energy Forum in light of P.27, declaration of a climate emergency and the aim to be Carbon Neutral by 2030

##### Background

The Energy Partnership was set up under Pathway 2050 to 'monitor, review and work towards a low carbon Jersey in line with actions outlined in Pathway 2050.' The Partnership comprises two parts – the Ministerial Energy Executive and the multi-stakeholder Energy Forum. The proposed amendment to terms of reference only applies to the Energy Forum.

The draft terms of reference of the Energy Executive and Forum were confirmed at the first meeting of the Executive on August 28<sup>th</sup> 2014<sup>1</sup>.

##### The Declaration of a Climate Emergency P.27/2019

The terms of reference for the Energy Forum needs to be amended to reflect the states assembly decision to declare a climate emergency (P27/2019 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019). The declaration of the climate emergency is reflected in the proposed Government Plan.

In agreeing P.27, as amended, The States have agreed that:

*“there exists a climate emergency likely to have profound effects in Jersey, and that in order to deal with this situation:-*

- (a) Jersey should aim to be carbon-neutral by 2030, and the Council of Ministers is accordingly requested to draw up a plan to achieve this, for presentation to the States by the end of 2019;*
- (b) The Minister for the Environment is requested to carry out, as part of the process for drawing up the forthcoming Government Plan for 2020, an examination and assessment of more ambitious policies to accelerate carbon reduction. This will include an assessment of the use of fiscal levers to change behaviour and raise awareness*
- (c) The Chief Minister is requested to ensure that consideration of action to tackle climate change in Jersey is included as a standing item on the agenda of the Council of Ministers.”*

##### The extended role of the Energy Forum

In order to discharge the requirements of P.27/2019 the Council of Ministers has agreed that it is vital to bring stakeholders on board. The Council agreed that the Energy Partnership would be reframed to cover the broader carbon neutral remit and that they will extend their existing terms of reference to provide governance and political oversight of the carbon neutral journey through the Ministerial Executive and stakeholder representation through the Energy Forum. It will monitor, review and work towards achieving Jersey's aim to be carbon neutral by 2030 and the Energy Plan: Pathway 2050.

The carbon neutral strategy will be presented by the end of 2019 in accordance with part (a) of the proposition above.

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The terms of reference of the Energy Forum (as agreed on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2014) will be amended as follows:

**Terms of Reference: Pathway 2050: Energy Partnership – Amendment**

After F1. Objectives (page 6) the following will be inserted:

1.8 In light of P.27/2019 the Energy Forum will:

Support the development of the carbon neutral strategy by for example:

- Considering and advising on the definition and scope of carbon neutrality in the Jersey context
- Consider the benefits and risks of the proposed carbon neutral strategy

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