

Introduction

- As per the Ministerial Decision MD-ENV-2023-110, the decision was made to disband the Energy Forum in its original format
- After careful review from Ministers and officers, the Minister for the Environment and Assistant Minister for the Environment have taken the decision to establish a new 'Energy Suppliers Group'
- The Terms of Reference and list of membership for this new group has been drafted and will be agreed upon by the membership during their first meeting
- The decision was made that the new group will be named the Energy Suppliers Group to reflect the membership more accurately
- The newly established Energy Suppliers Group will have a closer focus on the energy industry and will support Jersey's decarbonisation and progress on commitments listed within the Carbon Neutral Roadmap

Recommendation

To reconstitute the Energy Forum with a newly approved Terms of Reference and membership as the 'Energy Suppliers Group'

Detail

- The Jersey Energy Forum was a multi-stakeholder non-executive forum and forms part of the Jersey Energy Partnership.
- The Forum was originally established in 2014 and later disbanded in February 2023 following review and discussion with the forum in November 2022 at the meeting in which the decision was made
- The forum's role was to comment on and input to the progress of Pathway 2050: Energy Plan for Jersey
- Since this partnership was formed, the Pathway 2050: Energy Plan document has been superseded by the [Carbon Neutral Roadmap](#) and the ambition to reach net zero emissions by 2050
- Since its disbandment, the forum's structure and purpose has been reviewed by Ministers and Officers
- The newly formed Energy Suppliers Group will have a closer focus on the energy industry and will be made up of local energy supply companies as well as domestic and utility scale renewable companies
- The newly reconstituted Energy Suppliers Group will consider delivery of policies within the Carbon Neutral Roadmap. The group will be chaired by the Assistant Minister for the Environment (with delegated responsibility for Energy and Climate Change) who will provide a political oversight
- The Carbon Neutral Roadmap includes a policy (EN2) to establish a Carbon Neutral Alliance (now named the Net Zero Network). Planning for the Net Zero Network is currently underway with the expectation that it will be launched in 2023
- The Terms of Reference of the Net Zero Network have not yet been agreed. The Energy Suppliers Group will interact with this Network in some capacity. The interplay of different Forums and detailed design of the Network is in development
- Objectives of the group will include informing development and delivery of policies within the Carbon Neutral Roadmap and providing insight to security and price changes on island
- The group will not hold any budget responsibility
- Members invited to join will be limited to representatives from energy suppliers and domestic scale generators across the island