

File 1 (RHI)

- Timeline
- UFU Annual Report 2016
- DETI Suspension Notice 18/02/2006
- RHI PR February 2016
- CAFRE Report
- DETI Meeting with UFU 22/07/2015
- UFU Annual Report 2015
- UFU Meeting with DETI 26/01/2015
- RHI Commodity Watch October 2014 (Domestic)
- DECC RHI Biomethane Consultation 22/06/2014
- UFU Annual Report 2014
- OFGEM Commodity Watch 10/01/2014
- NIRHI Phase 2 Non Domestic 14/10/2013
- RHI Stage 2 (Press) October 2013
- RHI Commodity Watch July 2013
- UFU Annual Report 2013
- RHI Commodity Watch November 2012
- RHI PR 7/11/2014
- NI Renewable Heat Premium Payment Scheme (Domestic) 28/07/2012
- UFU Annual Report 2012
- Development of the NIRHI Consultation October 2011
- RHI-Input to CBI 26/09/2011
- RHI Commodity Watch September 2011
- HMRC Consultation Response 30/08/2011
- Commodity Watch April 2011
- UFU Annual Report 2011
- Assessment for Potential Development of Renewable Heat in NI 17/06/2010
- UFU Annual Report 2009
- Assessment of the Potential for Renewable Heat in NI Project Steering Group (Graham Furey Notes)

Renewable Heat Incentive Timeline

- **19 January 2010** – GF attended Project Steering Group on Assessment of the Potential for renewable Heat in NI
- **March 2010** – UFU Annual Report – mention of heat generated from Biomass
- **11 March 2010** - DETI Project Steering Group set up to consider “Assessment of the Potential for Renewable Heat in Northern Ireland – AECOM commissioned to carry out Assessment report.
 - AECOM report released June 2010 UFU responded on 17 June 2010
 - Called for benchmarking against other EU Member States
 - Suggested a Biomass Agency be set up to oversee supply chain development
 - UFU urged the use of indigenous-sourced biomass in NI
- **15 March 2010** – PH emailed UFU and email forwarded to CO on 16 March 2010
- **16 March 2010** – CO requested that he was added to distribution list and PH acknowledged
- **15 April 2010** – UFU Rural Enterprise Committee – Renewable heat discussed
- **5 May 2010** – emails from CO to PH regarding contact
- **17 June 2010** – UFU submitted UFU view on potential for renewable heat in NI
- **11 October 2010** – UFU Rural Enterprise Committee – brief on Oversight Group
- **February 2011** – Legislative Consent Motion on RHI in NI Assembly (NI lacked the primary legislation to introduce an RHI similar to GB). Consent granted March 2011. It should be noted that the primary legislation still not implemented. UFU have repeatedly called for an Energy Bill specific to Northern Ireland.
- **March 2011** – UFU Annual Report 2011 – Reference to heat from Biomass
- **2 March 2011** – UFU Rural Enterprise Committee – RHI discussed
- **4 April 2011** – CO emailed DETI seeking progress on legislative consent motion
- **9 April 2011** – UFU Commodity Watch – UFU emphasised the need for use of local renewable resources and local job creation from Northern Ireland RHI
- **March – June 2011** - DETI commissioned Economic Appraisal on introducing an RHI.
- **9 May 2011** – UFU Rural Enterprise Committee – RHI discussed
- **1 June 2011** – RHI launched in GB, in a DECC Press Release it said “the Treasury has offered £25m to Northern Ireland to introduce its own RHI”.
- **28 June 2011** – Cambridge Economic Policy “Renewable Heat Incentive for Northern Ireland – A Report for the Department of Enterprise Trade and Investment published.
- **July – October 2011 DETI Consultation “Development of the Northern Ireland RHI”**
 - **3 October 2011** - UFU submitted response. We stated “heat should be metered wherever possible, therefore reducing the chance of fraud”. UFU called for regular planned reviews and that tariff levels should be guaranteed until such time that a project starts making a viable return” and DETI should avoid the case where the scheme becomes “over-incentivised”.
- **30 August 2011** – HMRC Consultation on Capital Allowances
- **8 September 2011** – DETI RHI Information Event
- **16 September 2011** – PE forward email to CO with query TEAGASC
- **24 September 2011** – Commodity Watch article on RHI
- **26 September 2011 @9.20am** – CO emailed KMcM at CBI re RHI event
- **26 September 2011 @12.04pm** – KMcM replied
- **26 September 2011** – UFU Rural Enterprise Committee – RHI consultation discussed
- **28 September 2011** - UFU Executive Committee – Presidents Report – mention of RHI
- **3 November 2011** – UFU Poultry Committee asked question on RHI and poultry litter
- **24 January 2012** – UFU Rural Enterprise Committee – Reference to GB RHI scheme opening.
- **March 2012** – UFU Annual report 2012 – Reference to RHI
- **5 April 2012** – UFU Poultry Committee asked question when RHI to be introduced
- **May 2012** - Renewal Heat Premium Payment Scheme introduced for Domestic sector.

- 21 June 2012 @11.40am– CO emailed DETI on Domestic RHI
- 21 June 2012 @5.12pm – PH replied
- 25 June 2012 @9.54am– CO sought update from PH
- 25 June 2012 @5.01pm – PH said he would ask colleague to follow up
- 10 July 2012 @3.43pm – DS replied to CO
- 26 July 2012 – UFU Poultry Committee asked about the latest on RHI
- 27 July 2012 – PS at DARD emailed CO re RHI
- 28 July 2012 – UFU issued PR on NIRHPPS
- 24 September 2012 – UFU Commodity Watch “Development of RHI”
- 15 October 2012 @10.11am– PE forwarded email from mushroom sector on RHI
- 16 October 2012 @8.47am – CO emailed PH seeking clarification on tariffs in consultation
- 16 October 2012 @3.52pm – PH replied
- 18 October 2012 – UFU respond to DETI on Northern Ireland RHI Draft Guidance. Highlighted the benefit of renewable-sourced heat to dairy, pig, poultry, mushroom sectors.
- 1 November 2012 – DETI launch non-domestic Northern Ireland Renewable Heat Incentive (NIRHI). UFU led to believe that first review would take place January 2014.
- 2 November 2012 – PE was asked to call Cahal Ellis with RHI query on mushrooms
- 5 November 2012 @3.18pm – CO emailed CE at CAFRE
- 5 November 2012 @4.27pm– PE forwarded email to CO from mushroom sector re RHI
- 6 November 2012 @12.21pm – ID cc’ed CO into email on RHI guidance
- 7 November 2012 – Press Release UFU Welcomes RHI – UFU stated that the RHI would encourage the renewables sector to grow.
- November 2012 – UFU Commodity Watch published on RHI
- 28 November 2012 - UFU Executive Committee – Presidents Report – mention of RHI launch
- 28 November 2012 – Executive Committee Minutes – mention of RHI launch
- March 2013 – UFU Annual report 2013 – Section on RHI
- 17 July 2013 – Commodity Watch – “Many local producers (across many sectors) are intensive users of heat powered by fossil fuels, this alternative source can be utilised on many farms for their own use only”.
- 22 July 2013 – DETI launched Phase Two of the Northern Ireland RHI (Domestic)/Extension of Non-Domestic Scheme Consultation
- 31 July 2013 – UFU responded to DECC Community Energy Call for Evidence – we set out the role that “district heating” could play in utilising renewable heat.
- 1 August 2013 – UFU Rural Enterprise Committee – RHI Stage 2 Consultation discussed
- October 2013 – UFU Commodity Watch article on Stage 2 Consultation
- 14 October 2013 - UFU responded to Phase 2 consultation and flagged up the need to consider Thermal Stores an eligible form of technology and this would counter waste.
- 4 December 2013 – GH and CO met OFGEM and RHI was discussed
- 10 January 2014 – UFU Farming Life article on OFGEM meeting with mention of RHI
- 26 February 2014 – UFU Rural Enterprise meeting – RHI and OFGEM meeting discussed
- March 2014 – UFU Annual Report 2014– mention of Domestic RHI
- 26 June 2014 – UFU responded to DECCC Consultation on RHI Biomethane Consultation
- October 2014 – UFU Commodity Watch on Domestic RHI
- 22 October 2014 - Executive Committee Minutes – RHI mentioned
- 9 December 2014 – DETI launched Domestic RHI

Background - DETI Consultation “Phase Two of the Northern Ireland RHI” opened 22 July 2013 and closed on 14 October 2013. UFU responded 14 October 2013.

- 10 December 2014 @9.58am – CO emailed SH with query and subsequent phone call
- 12 December 2014 @12.18pm - SH agreed to meeting via email

- 15 December 2014 @1.13pm – SH offered CO dates via email
- 15 December 2014@ 1.23pm – SH confirmed time and date of meeting with UFU in email to CO
- 15 December 2014 @2.46pm– CO emailed SH
- 16 December 2014 @1.08pm – SH emailed CO
- 5 January 2015 @11:18am – CO request for meeting with Cathal Ellis DARD
- 26 January 2015 – UFU-DETI meeting on Domestic RHI
- 30 January 2015 – UFU Update – Reference to DETI meeting
- 18 February 2015 – Seamus Hughes Energy Division Presentation at POFRE event at CAFRE Enniskillen, 129GWh installed (target 1600 GWh) and mentions extension of 6.4p to 199kW, no mention of tariff changes. NO mention of overspend.
- March 2015 – UFU Annual Report – Reference to RHI
- 6 March 2015 @ 13.57 – CO emailed TF re UFU position on RHI following query raised from UFU poultry committee.
- 6 March 2015 @14.35 – TF replied to CO
- 25 March 2015 - Executive Committee Minutes – Reference made to boiler capacity
- 26 March 2015 – UFU Rural Enterprise Committee – RHI mentioned twice
- 27 May 2015 - Executive Committee Minutes – Question asked about future of RHI
- 23 June 2015 - Executive Committee Minutes – Question asked about future of RHI
- 7 July 2015 @ 11.54am – CO received email from Elliott Bell re RHI
- 8 July 2015 @ 11.04pm – TF emailed DETI regarding changes (proposed for 1 October 2015) being discussed at DETI with TF seeking a delay
- 9 July 2015 @ 9.19am – SW replied to TF saying “I’m not buying this”
- 9 July 2015 @9.59am – Internal email in DETI. “NIRO all over again” and comment on accommodating applicants already committed, 6-9 month Grace Period
- 9 July 2015 @ 10.58am – TF forwarded this email to CO
- 9 July 2015 @ 11.03am – CO replied to TF confirming UFU would support delay
- 9 July 2015 @ 11.20am – TF replied to SW email (9 July 2015 at 9.19am)
- 9 July 2015 @ 11.26am – CO emailed SH saying that we had been consulted on proposed changes and requested grace period due to short notice. CO also flagged up SW blunt email
- 9 July 2015 @ 11.45am – SW replied to TF apologising for email sent 9 July 2015 at 9.19am
- 9 July 2015 @ 11.49am – CO emailed SW asking that I be cc’ed in future emails
- 9 July 2015 @ 11.56am – SW replied to CO requesting TF mobile to speak directly and acknowledged concerns about tariff changes
- 9 July 2015 @ 1.58pm – SH emailed CO and informed CO that the scheme was overbudget and 2013 Phase 2 of the RHI did mention cost control would be introduced if scheme was overbudget.
- 9 July 2015 – UFU Poultry Committee raised concerns about RHI about impact of budget on pending boiler installations
- 9 July 2015 @10.58pm – GT emailed CO on behalf of Poultry Committee asking that UFU meet DETI to discuss RHI concerns.
- 10 July 2015 @7.38am – CO emailed SH requesting a meeting with DETI to discuss changes
- 10 July 2015 @7.40am – CO replied to GT that he had already done so.
- 10 July 2015 @8.00am – GT acknowledged email
- 10 July 2015 @11.39am – SH replied to email with suggested dates
- 10 July 2015 @11.43am – CO replied to say that UFU were concerned with confusion surrounding when the tariff changes would be introduced
- 10 July 2015 @11.48am – SH replied saying that no change would take place before 1 October 2015
- 10 July 2015 @11.52am – CO replied to say 22 July 2015 at 10.30am suited UFU
- 10 July 2015 @12.07pm – SH confirmed meeting for 23 July 2015
- 17 July 2015 @11.09am – Cathal Ellis emailed TF with copy of CAFRE Heat report

- 17 July 2015 @12.33pm – TF forwarded to MB and GT
- 17 July 2015 @12.40pm – GT forwarded report to CO
- 17 July 2015 @12.37pm – TH emailed GT
- 17 July 2015 – UFU Update – diary note of UFU-DETI meeting
- 22 July 2015 @ 10.30am – IF/TF/CO met with DETI SH/SW and warned at pending spike in applicants due to pending cost control.
- 22 July 2015 @12.15pm – SH sent UFU copy of CAFRE Heat report.
- 24 July 2015 – UFU Update – Notice of meeting held with DETI
- 4 August 2015 @8.59am – CO emailed SH requesting an update, reminded him of the danger of a run on applications
- 4 August 2015 @9.07am – SH replied confirming they were still awaiting a response from the Minister and DETI were looking at how to assist applicants
- 18 August 2015 @3.07pm – FH emailed TF
- 18 August 2015 @3.15pm – TF emailed CO and MB that there had been no news from DETI and proposed emailing the ETI Committee at Stormont
- 18 August 2015 @3.33pm – TF forwarded FH email to GT
- 18 August 2015 @4.12pm – CO replied highlighted on-going NIRO debate.
- 18 August 2015 @10.32pm – TF emailed MB/GT/CO to say that he would hold fire
- 26 August 2015 - UFU Executive Committee – Presidents Report – RHI Update
- 26 August 2015 - Executive Committee Minutes – Question asked about future of RHI
- 28 August 2015 – SH emailed CO/TF saying policy still not finalised by Minister, changes to take place late October/early November

September 2015 – DETI published their response to consultation on RHI Phase Two proposals and final policy proposals on CHP and Cost Control.

- 3 September 2015 @3.38pm – SW emailed TF/DM confirming tariff changes cleared
- 3 September 2015 @ 5.00pm – TF replied with concern at no mention of Grace Period and the 400,000kW/h per year cap.
- 3 September 2015 @ 5.01pm – SW replied by saying that the legislation needs to be passed by the ETI Committee and the Assembly.
- 7 September 2015 @10.36am – SW emailed TF final policy document tariff changed to be introduced 4 November 2015
- 7 September @11.36am – SH email with link to policy/tariff change
- 9 September 2015 @8.19am – TF replied with disappointment at lack of graced period
- 9 September 2015 @1.54pm – SH replied to say grace period still under consideration by DETI
- 9 September 2015 @2.53pm – TF forwarded to CO
- 10 September 2015 @10.12am – TF emailed DETI on Grace Period
- 10 September 2015 @2.44pm – DETI replied saying any cap would only apply to new installations and not applied retrospectively
- 10 September 2015 – UFU Poultry Committee briefed on UFU-DETI meeting in July.
- 29 October 2015 @9.54am – CO emailed SH asking him to resend link as pdf was dead
- 29 October 2015 @9.59am – SH replied saying that the link had since been updated
- 30 October 2015 @9.36am – CO emailed SH asking of the 4 November 2015 deadline had changed
- 30 October 2015 @9.40am – SH replied saying that the deadline had slipped back to 11 November 2015.
- 5 February 2016 c.5pm – ETI Minister announces closure of RHI (NI) scheme
- 8 February 2016 @9.50am – DETI Press Release announces that RHI suspended and will close to new applications on 16 February 2016.

- **10 February 2016** – UFU PR - Flagged up “considerable resource commitments already made by farmers”.
- **10 February 2016 @8.06am** – WA emailed AC copy of UFU PR
- **10 February 2016 @10.29am** – AC replied asking who the UFU met from DETI on 22 July 2015
- **11 February 2016** – ETI Minister announces 13 day extension of deadline to 29 February 2016
- **12 February 2016** – UFU Update – RHI update
- **18 February 2016** – DETI issues notice of suspension
- **24 February 2016** - UFU Executive Committee – Presidents Report – RHI Update
- **29 February 2016** – RHI(NI) closed.
- **March 2016** – UFU Annual Report – RHI report
- **3 March 2016** – UFU Rural Enterprise Committee – RHI agenda item
- **04 May 2016 @10.35am** – CO emailed SH regarding delay in accreditation
- **04 May 2016 @11.50am** – SH replied saying that OFGEM under pressure due to spike
- **05 May 2016 @3.43pm** – SH provided further update to CO
- **15 June 2016 @9.53am** – CO emailed SH seeking update on accreditations
- **16 June 2016 @1.59pm** – SH replied saying 2,128 applications in the system.
- **4 August 2016** – UFU Rural Enterprise Committee – Use of renewable heat to grow alternative crops
- **19 December 2016** – Email from WA from TF
- **23 December 2016** – UFU Update – RHI Update
- **3 January 2017 @9.59pm** – WA emailed AC with copies of DETI emails
- **4 January 2017** – UFU PR “RHI review must focus on scheme failings”
- **6 January 2017** – UFU Update – RHI Update
- **12 January 2017** – UFU Poultry Committee discussed fall from RHI media coverage
- **13 January 2017** – UFU Update – RHI Update
- **25 January 2017** - UFU Executive Committee – Presidents Report – RHI Update
- **25 January 2017** - Executive Committee Minutes – RHI Update
- **1 February 2017** – UFU Rural Enterprise Meeting – RHI discussed
- **17 February 2017 @4.28pm** – WA forwarded press communication to AC.
- **March 2017** – UFU Annual Report – RHI Update
- **9 March 2017** – UFU Poultry Committee – discussed latest RHI developments
- **25 May 2017** – UFU Poultry Committee – Discussed latest developments on legal action