

20 April 2011

**TO: ALL RURAL ENTERPRISE POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Dear Member,

The next meeting of the Rural Enterprise Policy Committee will be held on:

**MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
**at**  
**NIE CRAIGAVON (directions attached)**  
**AT 7.30PM**

**CHRIS OSBORNE**  
**SECRETARY**

**AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Minutes of meeting held 3 March (enclosed)
- 3 Matters Arising
- 4 Correspondence
- 5 CAFRE Workshop 2011
- 6 RIDP (Renewable Energy Development Programme)
- 7 NIE Grid Connection Update
- 8 **Renewable Heat Initiative in NI - Update**
- 9 Any other business
- 10 Date of next meeting

Following the meeting, there will be a tour of the NIE facilities and a question and answer with NIE staff. It is expected that the evening will conclude at 10pm.



## RURAL ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Rural Enterprise Policy Committee met on Monday  
9 May 2011 at NIE Craigavon.

**ATTENDANCE:** H Sinclair (Deputy President), D McElrea (Chairman), R Burguss, R Campbell, J Carson, R Craig, H Dunlop, M Harnett, G Hawkes, P Lundy, S Byrne, L Knox and W Aston (Acting Secretary).

**APOLOGIES:** J McLenaghan (Vice Chairman), J Best, T Crawford and J McKinley.

The Chairman apologised for the absence of the Policy Officer

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and welcomed the Policy Director to the meeting.

**MINUTES:** M Harnett indicated that he had a few points to raise but would leave them until the next meeting.

**MATTERS ARISING:** There were no matters arising.

**CAFRE Workshop 2011:**

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**RIDP (Renewable Energy Development Programme):**

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**NIE Grid Connection:**

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**Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) in Northern Ireland:** The Committee noted details contained within a 'handout' on this issue. It was accepted that progress was being made by NI Government to extend the RHI announced in March for GB to Northern Ireland and it was agreed that an NI RHI would help significantly in increasing the amount of renewable heat generated within the Province. A specific DETI consultation on the extension of the GB RHI to Northern Ireland is expected soon.

**External Stakeholder Group (ESG):**

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**Tour of NIE Facilities at Craigavon:**

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**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

There was no other business and the meeting concluded.