

**Christopher Osborne**

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**Attachments:** Annex A - Terms of Reference.doc

Hi Chris

Further to our discussion this morning please find attached the Terms of Reference for the External Stakeholder Group. I would be grateful if you would hold the 23 May 2011 as an initial date for UFU representatives to present to the Group, we will give you more details nearer the time.

I think it would be useful to get together at some stage prior to UFU meeting the External Stakeholder Group and as discussed early May looks favourable. I would be grateful if you would forward some dates other than the 5<sup>th</sup> May and I will proceed with arrangements to meet.

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Many Thanks

Regards

Joyce

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Good morning Joyce,

This has come as a bit of a surprise to ourselves. What is the exact remit of the Group?

From what I can see below, the Group has been tasked with "ensuring that the delivery of our action plan is both effective and relevant to stakeholder needs" in the sector.

Is there is any scope for UFU input into this? We are the principal stakeholder representatives and in light of the significant work and progress we have carried out over the last 18 months i feel that the UFU could contribute a significant amount to this group.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts on how we take this forward.

Chris.

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**Renewable energy group to conduct review -Gildernew**

Minister Michelle Gildernew MP, MLA has announced the establishment of a Renewable Energy External Stakeholder Group.

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The Group is tasked with providing advice to the Department on the implementation of the 2010 Renewable Energy Action Plan, adding value to the planned delivery actions and setting the direction for future delivery of the Action Plan. The Group will review and report on progress, based on the first year's delivery. Members of the group are Elaine Groom (Questor), John O'Brien (All Ireland Wood Fuel Quality Assurance) and Michael Doran (Action Renewables). Together they provide a range of expertise from across the renewable energy sector.

At the first meeting, the Group will consider the terms of reference and the work programme required to produce their first review of the Action Plan.

Discussing the work of the group the Minister commented: **"This External Stakeholder Group brings together three individuals with a range of knowledge relating to the local renewable energy sector. Their expertise will be important in advising DARD on the ongoing implementation of actions within the Renewable Energy Action Plan 2010. They are tasked with ensuring that the delivery of our action plan is both effective and relevant to stakeholder needs in the fast moving renewable energy sector.**

**"I would like to take this opportunity to thank the new members for agreeing to participate in this review and wish them every success as the review proceeds."**

#### Notes to editors:

1. The DARD Renewable Energy Action Plan 2010 is available at [http://www.dardni.gov.uk/publications\\_dard-renewable-energy-action-plan-2010](http://www.dardni.gov.uk/publications_dard-renewable-energy-action-plan-2010)

2. Group Members

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John O'Brien - Independent facilities management consultant

John is an independent facilities management consultant, working in a range of areas including facilities management, management consultancy, procurement, operational support, contract delivery, change management, strategic development and renewable energy technologies and energy efficiency. John also has experience in working with the banking sector and financial institutions.

Elaine Groom - General Manager of the Questor Centre

Elaine is currently General Manager of the Questor Centre at Queen's University, Belfast. Previously she has held the post of Biotechnology manager at Questor, QUB, and she is a past research fellow of the University of Birmingham.

Michael Doran - Director of Action Renewables

Michael was appointed Director of Action Renewables in April 2009. Prior to that, Michael was the Business Development Director with Rural Generation, a biomass company based in Derry.

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