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Subject: Renewable Heat Strategy Group / Bioenergy IDG - Tues 18 Oct 2011

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All,

You may be aware that a letter has issued today from Minister Foster to all Executive Colleagues providing an update on the work on the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) and advising on the next steps.

As part of this letter Minister Foster has advised that the Bio-energy Inter-Departmental group, which you are a member of, will be expanded to consider issues relating to Renewable Heat and will therefore be renamed the Renewable Heat Strategy Group. This group will act as a sub group to the Sustainable Energy Inter-Departmental Working Group (SEIDWG) which is chaired by Minister Foster.

This group will continue to consider issues relating to bio-energy but will also consider wider strategic issues relating to the development of the renewable heat market. An updated terms of reference and issues to be considered can be discussed at the meeting already scheduled for Tuesday, 18 October.

I would be grateful if you would be willing to continue to be a member of this group and advise accordingly (I have already received confirmation from DFP in regards to membership). Additional group members have been sought from other relevant Departments.

If you have any queries on this issue I am happy to discuss.

Thanks,

Peter

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Subject: Bioenergy IDG : Date of Next Meeting - Tues 18 Oct 2011

All

Further to my previous e-mail (see below - No. 3), I can confirm that the next meeting of the Bioenergy IDG will be held on **Tuesday 18 October 2011 at 10.00 am in Netherleigh.**

A six monthly progress report, to cover the period 1 April to 30 September 2011 will be required from Members in advance of this meeting.

I will be in touch again in early October to remind IDG members.

Thanks

Sandra

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Subject: Bioenergy Action Plan for Northern Ireland 2010 - 2015

All

Bioenergy Action Plan for Northern Ireland 2010 - 2015

1. You will be pleased to hear that the Executive as given approval to the publication of The Bioenergy Action Plan – copy of document attached. We are currently arranging for it to be placed on the DETI website and will be notifying stakeholders.
2. This now moves us into the implementation phase and I would like to draw your attention to the agreed actions – Annex D refers, where you will see your individual Departmental commitments. We have undertaken within the Plan to produce an annual report.
3. The next meeting of the Bioenergy IDG will be held in September and a six monthly progress report will be required from Members in advance of that meeting. I will be in touch shortly to agree a date.

UK Bioenergy Strategy

4. DECC has just announced that it will be developing a UK Bioenergy Strategy for publication before the summer recess and has invited the NI Executive to participate. They have established a number of working groups: WG1 – access to sustainable feedstocks; WG2 – role of bioenergy in meeting 2020 & 2050 targets; WG3 – impact on other sectors and WG4 – communications.
5. Joyce Rutherford joined the first meeting of the WG1 (by telephone) and explained the recently approved status of our own Plan. As in many cases, this may be a "UK Strategy" in name only and

may be England focussed (Scotland & Wales already have bioenergy plans as well). We do, however, need to monitor what DECC is developing. We will therefore be receiving papers and will circulate / seek action over the next couple of months, as required.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thanks

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