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For info - John attended.

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John,

Papers for the SEIDWG meeting for information.
 If you can make it or you can send a deputy please contact me asap.

Regards

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SE IDWG Members

The Agenda and related papers for the SE IDWG meeting on Tuesday 5 July at 3.00pm in Conference Room A, Netherleigh are attached.

You should note that the papers have yet to be cleared by the Minister but have been released now to allow members a reasonable period to properly consider ahead of the meeting. I will advise if there are any changes.

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



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PROPOSED AGENDA

**SUSTAINABLE ENERGY INTER-DEPARTMENTAL WORKING GROUP
4th July 2011:
CONFERENCE ROOM A NETHERLEIGH**

1. Opening remarks.
2. Minutes of last meeting (Paper 1)
3. Delivering the recommendations agreed by the Executive

Recommendation 1 & 2 – Statement of Leadership and Sustainable Energy Action Plan (Paper 2)

Recommendation 3 – The potential for an appropriate fund and innovative funding solutions (Paper 3)

Recommendation 4 – The use of experts from across NI departments as well as representatives from external bodies

Recommendation 5 – Planning & Renewable Energy sub-group

Recommendation 6 – Audit of vires across NI departments (Paper 4)

4. SE IDWG sub-groups.

Updates on:

Sustainable Communications sub-group.
Economic opportunities and skills development sub-group.
Energy efficiency sub-group.
Bio-energy sub-group

Consider terms of reference for:

Sustainable Energy & Planning sub-group.
Sustainable Energy & Grid sub-group. (Paper 5)

5. AOB

Close

MINUTES OF SEIDWG MEETING 17th JUNE 2010**In Attendance:**

Minister Foster	DETI, Chair	Andrew Crawford	SpAd
Fiona Hepper	DETI	Eilish O'Neill*	DSD
Alison Clydesdale	DETI	Colm Shannon	OFMDFM
Olivia Martin	DETI	Alan Maitland	OFMDFM
Liam McKibben	DARD	Olive Hill	Invest NI
Neil McVeigh*	DE	Iain Osborne	NIAUR
Stephen Jackson*	DEL	Jim Kitchen	SDC
Philip Irwin	DFP		
Tim Irwin	DOE	Seamus Fitzsimons	DETI
Doreen Brown	DRD	*Denotes deputising	

Apologies: Diarmuid McLean (DE), June Ingram (DEL) and Heather Cousins (DSD) who all sent deputies, Brian Godfrey (DHSSPS) and Mick Cory (DCAL)

Opening Remarks	Action Points
The Minister thanked everyone for attending and for the work to date. The Minister also welcomed Fiona Hepper as the new DETI Energy Director, and also thanked the previous Energy Director Jenny Pyper for her contributions.	
Minutes of Last Meeting	(Paper 1)
The minutes of the last meeting in December 2009 were accepted and agreed.	
Delivering Report of Recommendations to the Executive	(Paper 2)
The Minister explained how the recommendations were based on the Terms of Reference for the SEIDWG, and how the group's comments were summarised in Annex B. The Minister also said that DETI staff were currently drawing up a paper for the Executive.	DETI staff complete paper (Alison Clydesdale and Olivia Martin)
Olive Hill elaborated on the report and described how from the economics of the group, SEIDWG has been referenced. Olive also explained the importance of leadership and messaging for example when bidding for European funding.	
Alan Maitland stated that the Action Plan for Sustainable Development Strategy and the Economic Opportunities Sub Group Recommendations should be included in the Executive Paper re procurement of new properties, fuel systems etc.	
The Minister agreed that leadership was important and how	

we needed to up the game in relation to Brussels.

Alan Maitland suggested that there should be someone in Government developing bids and bidding from Europe.

Alison Clydesdale stated the importance of leadership, messaging and bidding related to Private Industry and Government.

Alan Maitland agreed but said that it was up to Government to stimulate the interest. He also explained how Commissioner Fitzgerald was currently at OFMDFM re the Barossa Task Force.

Jim Kitchen stated that while concentrating on Renewables not to overlook reducing energy use. There was a big retrofitting opportunity in relation to saving energy and CO₂.

The Minister agreed that moving forward there could be difficulties in securing funding, which is why she would like to put forward a realistic paper and be able to deliver on it. As DETI have limited resources, ownership would be across Government.

The Minister asked members to look at Paragraph 10 of the report in relation to leadership, which suggested to put out the leadership message first and the rest would follow on / fit in. There was also the issue with vires, and the report would need to point out to the executive that work needed to be done around vires.

Iain Osbourne thought the most successful attempt of pulling everything together was the setting up of DECC in London. There should be a collective commitment to targets, and it should be agreed how much energy / carbon to save.

Fiona Hepper stated that if we could get the Executive to buy in, then the Departments would follow.

Tim Irwin reminded the group that there was already a cross Departmental Working Group looking at carbon reductions – energy efficiency, renewables etc

Philip Irwin stated that the carbon target was more applicable to that group, the Invest NI led sub group looked at creating jobs etc.

The Minister said that the groups work would need a number of Performance Indicators – jobs, CO₂ reduction etc

<p>Jim Kitchen explained how OFMDFM were talking to the Departments and that Carbon Trust may do work for all Depts, similar to what happens in Whitehall.</p> <p>Tim Irwin reminded the group that electric vehicles could help support the renewables agenda.</p> <p>Philip Irwin said there was more than one target.</p> <p>The Minister agreed, and said that she would be keen to hit several indicators with one project.</p> <p>Alan Maitland said there could be savings on sustainables, such as town level biomass power stations.</p> <p>The Minister said that there had been some interest in this from the NW. It could be taken forward in a targeted approach, and indicators set.</p> <p>Fiona Hepper said that this could be linked to Minister Poots' work. It could be a way of setting a marker down.</p>	<p>Fiona Hepper to email around</p>
<p>Sustainable Communications</p> <p>Colm Shannon explained the background to the SEIDWG Sustainable Energy Comms sub group. He referred to paragraph 10 and how high financial incentives were a big motivator. The environment was seen as less of an issue by NI people. Research used existing work and the TGI database.</p> <p>He also drew the group's attention to paragraph 12 Communication Targets and the 6 domestic clusters. Annex B set out the likely cluster for the different targets. Colm then highlighted the strap-line 'Be Energy Smart – Take Control'.</p> <p>Colm then said the recommendation was to appoint one communications and marketing company.</p> <p>The Minister then said that she thought that the initial work may have some costs – adopting the strap-line etc.</p> <p>Colm Shannon said that DETI may have some money for the start of the campaign. Economy of scale will kick in when the Depts come on board e.g. research can be done collectively.</p> <p>Alison Clydesdale said that the needed to be core message, and it needed to be market tested.</p> <p>Colm Shannon said that this would be the next stage, COI</p>	<p>(Paper 3)</p>

<p>looked at the research already out there, and the TGI database.</p> <p>Jim Kitchen said that the clustering in 6 groups was interesting, but there were other models e.g. Pioneers, Settlers and Prospectors. He stated that he thought it was a good approach by not focusing just on money or the environment.</p> <p>Alison Clydesdale said that the work focused on energy and not transport as DETI had no remit, but transport could assist.</p> <p>Iain Osbourne said that if Government gave out a clear message, then the utilities would piggy-back on it.</p> <p>The Minister said it was important to get the private sector on board, and to have a clear steer such as the 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' message.</p> <p>Alison Clydesdale said that some organisations were concerned about their identity, and that an information event was planned for them in the next week.</p> <p>Colm Shannon explained that it was not about a logo / identity and was more about a message / strap-line.</p> <p>The Minister said that one event had up to 15 logos. She said that the message needed NI Executive buy-in and that it should be EIS driven.</p> <p>Fiona Hepper said that Alison Clydesdale was pulling together a paper, possibly for September.</p> <p>The Minister and Colm Shannon both said that it would be a separate paper from the main SEIDWG report.</p> <p>Fiona Hepper said that although the papers sit separately, they could maybe be put through at the same time.</p>	<p>Alison Clydesdale - paper</p>
<p>Economic Opportunities</p> <p>Olive Hill explained the SEIDWG Economic Opportunities sub group put equal focus on energy efficiency and renewables opportunities. She said there was some very good work going on in the Depts e.g. DSD Plugged in Places,</p> <p>The Minister said the Ministers like to see what is happening in other Depts, so this could be incorporated in the paper to the Executive.</p>	<p>(Paper 4)</p>

<p>Alan Maitland said that there were some strong recommendations coming from the Economic Opportunities sub group work, that should be included in the paper.</p> <p>Alison Clydesdale said that within the Energy Efficiency Action Plan, energy efficiency was not a core role for any Dept. There remain real issues, including funding and leadership</p> <p>The Minister said that energy efficiency is raised a lot in the Assembly. But it is very frustrating as the Depts (DETI/DSD etc) say it is not their remit.</p> <p>Alan Maitland said that if EU schemes for funding communities, and credit unions, were means tested, then this would help those is fuel poverty.</p> <p>Iain Osbourne said that Regulated Energy funds were maxed out due to vires, and that a law was required to match GB. New Green Deal, Pay-as-you-Save could be integrated.</p> <p>Stephen Jackson said that fuel poverty was an inter-Dept opportunity, and that there was a chance of overlapping.</p> <p>Olivia Martin said that there had been a consultation, and that the Dept were trying to finalise an Action Plan to go to the Executive in Sept.</p> <p>Liam McKibben said that DARD had a Renewable Energy Action Plan and Challenge Fund to get farmers to purchase and install biomass systems which use waste.</p> <p>The Minister said it was good to see a move to using waste.</p> <p>Alison Clydesdale said that ROCs were available in relation to AD but only for small scale, not exporting to the grid.</p> <p>Liam McKibben said that State Aids Rules stipulated that it must be used on site.</p> <p>Olivia Martin explained how there was a system for merging ROCs and grant funding, through Accumulated Aid.</p> <p>The Minister explained how Scotland had a loan system up and running, that was paid back on receipt of ROCs.</p>	<p>Olivia Martin – Action Plan</p>
<p>AOB</p>	

<p>Olive Hill said there was a big issue with Renewable Energy projects and economists, especially in relation to R&D projects.</p> <p>Doreen Brown said that economists concentrate on VFM and that carbon may not be weighted properly.</p> <p>Olive Hill said that the issue was longevity, as most project work was beyond 5 – 7 years.</p> <p>The Minister said considerations need to be made, that would benefit in the longer term.</p> <p>Alan Maitland reminded the group the DETI were also taking forward the Renewable Heat study, and that biomass was now fighting hard against fossil fuels.</p> <p>Alison Clydesdale said that there was work being done on indigenous / non-indigenous compared to imported fossil fuels</p>	
<p>Date of Next Meeting</p>	