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**RENEWABLE HEAT OVERSIGHT GROUP – THURSDAY 11TH MARCH. 10.30,
NETHERLEIGH CONFERENCE ROOM A**

BACKGROUND

1. You have agreed to chair the second meeting of the renewable heat oversight group on 11th March at 10.30am in Netherleigh Conference Room A. The purpose of this meeting is for Aecom and Poyry to present their interim findings to the group and to stimulate some debate around the emerging findings. In addition Peter Hutchinson will provide an update on the DECC position with regards to renewable heat.
2. To date the group has been asked to comment on, and agree the working assumptions that have had to be made in relation to the data. Very few comments were received but the group has confirmed that it is content with the assumptions.
3. The group has been provided in advance of the meeting with a summary document outlining the emerging issues to date from the work. Aecom will expand on this work throughout the course of the meeting, and it is hoped by providing a summary in advance that the participants will have had time to review the material so that an interesting debate can follow. A copy of the summary document is attached separately for your information. A link to the full document is also attached separately.

PROGRESS TO DATE

4. At this stage in the project good progress has been made, data collection is virtually complete and the data modelling is well underway. Some salient points emerging are:-

- The total heat demand for Northern Ireland is 20,535 GWh;
- 58% of the total heat demand is from the domestic sector;
- 37% is from the industrial and commercial sector;
- Only 5% heat demand from the public sector; and
- It would appear that the 10% target could be met either from one sector alone or from a combination of activities across all sectors. The public sector could only ever meet half of the target.

FORMAT

5. An agenda is attached at **Annex A**. The aim of the meeting is to seek agreement from the group that the emerging findings from the work seem reasonable. It may be that we need to allow them a while to reflect on what they have heard and so we could ask for comments back within the week.
6. You will be required to open the meeting. Bullet point speaking notes are attached at **Annex B** for your consideration.
7. I attach therefore for your information:-
 - (i) Agenda (**Annex A**);
 - (ii) Draft speaking notes (**Annex B**)
 - (iii) List of attendees (**Annex C**);
 - (iv) Slides on current DECC Position (attached separately)

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AGENDA

**RENEWABLE HEAT OVERSIGHT GROUP
11TH MARCH 2010, NETHERLEIGH**

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|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10.30 am | Welcome and Introduction
<i>Jenny Pyper</i> |
| 10:35 am | Interim Findings
<i>Presentation by Aecom and Poyry</i> |
| 11.10am | Discussion
<i>All</i> |
| 11.20 am | GB Position on Renewable Heat
<i>Presentation by Peter Hutchinson DETI</i> |
| 11.30 am | Discussion |
| 11.40 am | Close |

ANNEX B

DRAFT SPEAKING NOTES

- Thank all those in attendance for coming along (**NB:** *There a number of people in attendance who were not at previous meeting, some are in place of those who couldn't attend, also Tim Irwin from DOE has joined the group. Michael Doran and Neil Hewitt have offered apologies and were unable to send a suitable replacement*).
- Thank those who have supplied information to, or met with, AECOM since the last meeting, and for all those who considered and commented on the draft assumptions paper.
- Welcome the representatives from AECOM and Pöyry.
 - Andrew Turton – Project Manager, AECOM
 - Andy McCrea – Project Director, AECOM
 - Andrew Cripps – Technical Advisor, AECOM
 - Ruairi Dempsey – Consultant, AECOM
 - Gareth Davies – Director, Pöyry Energy
- Two main agenda items today, the first being a presentation by AECOM on their findings to date and interim report. AECOM will be providing;
 - a summary of their energy consumption research
 - a summary of biomass research
 - information on the baseline heat demand analysis
 - some heat mapping outputs
 - detailing the initial cost curves for renewable heat
- There will be time to discuss and comment on these findings and ask questions if appropriate.

- We will also have a short presentation on the proposed RHI financial support scheme which DECC are planning to introduce in GB from April 2011. DECC has recently published their consultation document on the proposed RHI and this has led to a significant increase in interest in renewable heat in NI, not surprisingly many of the queries relate to the absence of the RHI in NI. The presentation will cover the key elements to the proposed, some issues that DECC is still considering and the next steps in the design and implementation of the RHI.

ANNEX CConfirmed attendees – 11/03/10

Name	Organisation
Jenny Pyper (Chair)	Head of Energy Division, DETI
Alison Clydesdale	Sustainable Energy Branch, DETI
Dan Sinton	Sustainable Energy Branch, DETI
Peter Hutchinson	Sustainable Energy Branch, DETI
Damien McDonnell	Chair of MATRIX
Tim Irwin	DOE
Joyce Rutherford	Central Policy, DARD
Alan Maitland	OFMDFM
David Bell	Invest NI
Donagh Moorehead/Keiran Allen,	Carbon Trust
Ciaran Prunty	Queen's University Belfast
Graham Furey	Ulster Farmer's Union
Chris Osborne	Ulster Farmer's Union
John Martin	Biomass Energy NI