

**NOTE OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING BETWEEN DfE AND OFGEM RE RHI – 2
SEPTEMBER 2016**

Present

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Lucy Marten
Seamus Hughes

Ofgem

Gareth John
Edmund Ward
Teri Clifton

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DfE site inspection status

- DfE confirmed that the original agreed round of site inspections had now been completed ahead of schedule and a number of further inspections will now be agreed with PwC. A summary of the key issues/findings has been provided to Ofgem and details of three specific cases for investigation.
- There was some discussion about the multiple boiler issue. Ofgem confirmed that there are systems in place to trigger a process check where a number of single boiler applications are received over time from the same applicant.
- PwC has today provided DfE with a report on all site inspections conducted which will be forwarded to Ofgem.
- Ofgem agreed that sites that warrant further investigation could have payment suspended.

Ofgem BAU audits

- Ofgem provided an update and confirmed that the scheduled visits have been completed with further visits scheduled for October which will be directed to some degree by the outcome from the PwC site visits. There are four finalised reports but there are no themes emerging. There are some non-compliances but nothing in line with the allegations received.
- Ofgem is to provide copies of the NI Audit Strategy and copies of reports on inspections to date to be provided to DfE today.

Steering Group

- DfE provided a brief update on the work of the steering group and its current focus on finalising the PwC work and preparation for PAC on 28 September.

PAC preparations

- Work is ongoing to prepare robust material for the PAC meeting and it was agreed that there would be ongoing engagement in taking this forward and working up agreed lines to take on the key issues and timetable for responses.
- Ofgem confirmed it would be providing a response to the initial request sent for information today

Deloitte phase 1 report

- It was agreed that this has now progressed sufficiently to enable the report to be signed off. Ofgem to finalise and agree with Deloitte and provide a final document to DfE.

PwC information requests

- Ofgem advised that some outstanding information on the Ofgem procedural side will be provided today and, subject to confirmation by PwC, there is nothing more outstanding.

Proposed meeting with DfE/PwC/Ofgem/Ramboll

- It was confirmed that this meeting will now likely take place w/c 12 September, details to be confirmed in due course.

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Comment [LM1]: Seamus, have we any indication of when Ofgem will update the table showing what action they have taken?

Comment [SH2]: I suggest we raise this in the teleconference on Friday.

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Comment [LM3]: What will we discuss at this meeting?

Comment [SH4]: Lucy my understanding that this will be a further update on the PwC inspections from Michael Woods in Brendan's absence and to touch base on the round table meeting scheduled for 15 September.