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To: [Murphy, Shane](#)
Subject: FW: TRIM DFP Document : DF1/12/228497 : Supply - DETI - RENEWABLE HEAT INCENTIVE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND - APPROVAL - 27 April 2012
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Shane

Could you give me a call on this. We seem to be in a difficult space on this. Demand has increased exponentially in the main from demand from chicken houses moving to biomass (both existing and new).

GB introduced primary legislation to enable them to change tariffs within one month and currently GB average tariff is i believe 6.7p pkwh for first circa 1300 hrs and 1p per hour thereafter - our tariffs have not been reviewed or changed since scheme introduced and average 6.7p pkwh for all consumption with no limit.

We are unable to change our tariffs without legislating and earliest we can do this would be October I believe.

So spend post March 2015 is irregular and there appear to be VFM issues with spend as well - securing dfp approval could present some challenges.

I have a meeting scheduled for Friday am with michelle scott to explore what we might do in terms of approach to approvals and would welcome input from your team on this.

Welcome a chat in first instance.

Trevor

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From: Cooper, Trevor
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FYI in advance of meeting

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From: Linton, Rachel
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To: Cooper, Trevor
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Trevor,

Please see attached DFP approval for RHI.

Kind regards,

Rachel

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From: Hawthorne, Jill

Sent: 27 April 2012 16:48

To: Hepper, Fiona; McCutcheon, Joanne; Hutchinson, Peter; Stewart, Susan

Cc: McAvera, Gerry; McFarlane, Iain

Subject: FW: TRIM DFP Document : DF1/12/228497 : Supply - DETI - RENEWABLE HEAT INCENTIVE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND - APPROVAL - 27 April 2012

Dear all,

Good news on a Friday afternoon...please see attached DFP Approval for the NI RHI.

Jill

Jill Hawthorne

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From: McAteer, Ronnie

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To: McFarlane, Iain

Cc: Hawthorne, Jill; Stevenson, Stuart; Sands, Sylvia

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Iain,

Please find attached approval.

Regards

Ronnie

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Mr Iain McFarlane, (by e-mail)
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27 April 2012

Dear Iain,

RENEWABLE HEAT INCENTIVE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND – APPROVAL

I refer to Jill Hawthorne's submission of 22 February 2012 seeking approval to the above project. DETI propose to implement a Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) scheme in Northern Ireland for non-domestic customers; and provide a short term capital support, by way of a Renewable Heat Premium Payment (RHPP) for domestic customers in advance of the NI RHI scheme being extended to this sector. It is proposed that Ofgem are given responsibility for the administration of the NI RHI via Direct Award Contract. It is noted that the DETI Accounting Officer and the DETI Minister have approved the appointment of Ofgem to administer the NI RHI. It is further noted that HM funding of £25m is available to 2015/16 for the proposed scheme. In addition the cost of the development work is estimated at £386k. Forecasts of operating costs for the next four years are £136k, £157k, £198k and £249k, based on NI accounting for a 3% share of the workload. Ofgem has confirmed that it will only pass through actual costs to DETI.

Having considered the Business Case and the additional clarification provided on 26 April, I am content to convey DFP approval to this proposal. This approval is given on the basis that:

1. Whilst the scheme is envisaged to be open to new installations until 2020, approval is given for the period 1 July 2012 to 31 March 2015, representing the period for which HMT funding has been secured. Any decision to continue the scheme beyond 2015 would require further/separate DFP approval;

2. As outlined in Section 7.53 of the Business Case, arrangements are put in place for scheduled reviews to allow the progress of the scheme to be monitored, assessed and if necessary, changes implemented. It is noted that the first review is scheduled to start in 2014 and that the reviews will be carried out by DETI;

In considering this letter, it should be further noted that DFP Supply approval is granted subject to the strict adherence to the following three conditions:

- o that the project is commenced within 24 months of the date of this letter;
- o that there are no substantial changes to the scope/scale of the project as described in the business case;
- o that resource or capital costs or assumptions vary by no more than 10% from the value stated;

Requests for revised approval will take account of factors such as:

- o Where Supply is approached on the earliest indication that compliance with one or more of the above conditions is under question.
- o Adherence to correct appraisal procedure;

Should the request for DFP Supply approval be declined, these factors, along with any other mitigating circumstances will be taken into account when determining the extent of the irregular spends.

Further requirements in relation to this project include

DFP does not require a PPE to be submitted for this project; however suitable arrangements for PPE must still be made; i.e. a PPE must be completed by 31 August 2015. DFP will require an assurance that this PPE has been completed and may ask to see it at a later date for the purposes of quality assurance.

It should be noted that this approval relates solely to agreement to proceed with the project. It does not imply approval for expenditure to be incurred beyond existing agreed public expenditure controls.

Yours sincerely,

Ronnie McAteer

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cc Jill Hawthorne
Stuart Stevenson
Sylvia Sands

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From: [Brankin, Bernie](#)
To: [Cooper, Trevor](#)
Subject: FW: RHI OVERSPEND IN 2014-15
Date: 10 June 2015 16:56:54
Attachments: [EXCESS VOTE POSITION.docx](#)

Trevor

See attached which NIAO sent to David which states refusal of virement by DFP, if material, results in irregular expenditure. Angela is going to meet with Supply colleagues tomorrow to discuss allowing us to vire from other none AME areas. She is supportive of allowing us to vire but wants to check what others think.

Bernie

Bernie Brankin

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David Conliffe

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From: Stockdale A [<mailto:anthony.stockdale@niauditoffice.gov.uk>]
Sent: 09 March 2011 11:56
To: Conliffe, David
Subject: excess vote

David

Please find attached a table outlining what constitutes an excess vote and a press release re DARD transfer of land.

Many thanks

Anthony
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EXCESS VOTE POSITION

	Situation	Consequence
1	a breach of the net resource requirement for an RfR	EXCESS VOTE
2	a breach of the net cash requirement for the Estimate	EXCESS VOTE
3	expenditure being incurred that is not covered by the ambit	EXCESS VOTE
4	a breach of the administration budget limit	IRREGULARITY (if material)
5	absence of DFP consent where this is a statutory requirement	IRREGULARITY (if material)
6	refusal of virement by DFP	IRREGULARITY (if material)
7	the absence of other relevant DFP authority	IRREGULARITY (if material)

There is no limit on the amount that DFP can approve for virement , and therefore there are presently no circumstances in which virement approval is required from Ministers or from the Assembly.