

**ENERGY EFFICIENCY BRANCH (STUART)****RHI Phase 1**

- Change Control agreed with Ofgem (13 Oct)
- Carbon Trust loan issue ongoing – only 3 affected applications remain. Ofgem will issue letter confirming that only option is to pay-back loan.
- Through the Domestic Regulations we are amending the Non-domestic RHI Regulations to allow repayment of CT loan - exploring.
- Data sharing issue ongoing – Information Management Unit investigating new service for data transfer and will report back to Energy Division shortly.
- Uptake under the scheme remains positive at 4% of total GB figures.

**RHI Phase 2**

- Minister has approved policy and Business Case (30 Sept) and made initial announcement on scheme. ETI Committee has approved SL1.
- Anticipated Scheme to go live early December (subject to legislation).
- Draft Regulations have been cleared by DSO and were laid on 20 Nov. However, following Examiner's comments, a further draft was re-laid on 26 Nov.
- Affirmative Motion has been scheduled for 3.30-5pm on 8 Dec.
- Terms and Conditions / Guidance documents for scheme being finalised prior to drawing up letters, application forms etc.
- Preparatory work for developing the administrative system being taken forward with IT colleagues –good progress being made.
- Business Case for additional RHI staff has been submitted to DETI Resourcing Group – approval received for RHI SO post.
- Trading Standards Case against Greenhouse Renewables – MCS/DECC have confirmed that those affected households cannot be included on MCS scheme. DSO have confirmed that draft Domestic Regulations allow DETI to include those households affected on the RHI scheme provided boilers can be checked and validated to ensure they meet certain standards. Court Case (3 Nov) adjourned until Jan 2015 to allow assessments of boilers to be completed. Having difficulty contacting Greenhouse Renewables to discuss.

**Energy Efficiency Directive**

- Heat Project Board Meeting 29 Oct – agreed action for DETI/DSD/SIB to draft and agree a Strategic Outline Case (SOC). SOC has been revised and is to be submitted to DFP. Working Group established to develop and agree Outline Business Case. Work on the OBC is ongoing.
- Work underway to develop options for meeting EED Article 7 requirements beyond 2016, including measuring/reporting energy savings from other existing/proposed NI energy efficiency schemes besides NISEP (including OFMDFM's proposed HEaT project).
- Energy Savings Opportunity Scheme (ESOS) – Workshops held on 21 Nov to provide advice and training on ESOS requirements for business and industry and NIEA's enforcement role.

- UK Project Board established to commission and oversee Article 14(1) Comprehensive Assessment – chasing up estimate of required NI funding contribution.
- Article 18 energy labels work – had to be re-advertised in press with relaxed specification.

## **2015/16 Budgets**

- DECC received budget of £430m for 2015/16, a DETI share of this would be the order of £10-12m, however, no confirmation has been forthcoming.

## **Communications**

- Meeting held with Navigator Blue on 2013/14 research findings.
- RHI 'Energywise' campaign is now underway. 2014/15 Business Case – awaiting HoD approval.
- £50K bid submitted for 2015/16.