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All

I have just had a conversation with Joanne McCutcheon, by way of an update following the Christmas/New year break. There were a number of things that I wanted to cover and the results of the conversation are below:

Finance:

Now that the Admin Arrangements have been signed Joanne is dealing with the payment of the Development phase and will come back to us if she needs anything else over the next day or so. I will chase her on Wednesday, as needed, on progress.

Reporting:

We have agreed that the monthly reports that we send to DETI should be the same in format as those send to DECC for the GB scheme. Joanne is going to give some thought on anything else that she needs, but for now I would suggest that we send the report that has been pulled together for December, once Lindsay and/or Jacqueline confirm that they are happy for this to go.

Applications:

Joanne noted that we have still to receive and applications for the scheme. She could see the sense in following up on the enquiries that we have received. Apparently Peter Hutchinson has had a number of queries from a policy perspective, so as a next step I agreed that Michelle should speak to Peter to see if any names that they have marry up. I think if there is any chasing to be done, it should come from us, but we would need to agree with DETI that we do this and let them have sight of the email wording that we propose to use – I am assuming that this would be the preferred way of contacting potential applicants.

Phase 2:

DETI have put their initial work on policy deliberations for phase 2 out to tender - suffice to say they are looking to extend the range of technologies and open up the scheme to domestics. The work of their consultants will be complete by the end of February, at which time DETI will share findings with us before entering into a period of consultation on their proposed policy. So this would mean that the earliest that we could expect to receive a firm steer so as to start scoping phase 2 would be the end of April.

I hope that this helps. Happy to discuss any of this further as you wish.

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