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Hi all,

I thought it would be timely to circulate a short update email to let you know of a few goings on ahead of the NSD team meeting next Friday.

Firstly you may know that Bryony is finishing up with us today to pursue other opportunities. Thank you Bryony for keeping DECC in line on the non-domestic GBRHI development these past few months, and for doing what you can to move things along in the face of (continued) uncertainty from DECC on policy design and timing. Best wishes with the new job.

Congratulations to Simon King too, who is now on temporary promotion to take over from Bryony in running the GBRHI non-domestic development work.

Thanks also to Keith Avis for overseeing FITs and more recently NIRHI over the past couple of years. It was a great achievement to see NIRHI go live in November, and most recently see the NI IT changes go live on 30 January. With that project now complete and no immediate work on NIRHI to move on to Keith is able to work on other projects, and he has been lucky enough to line up a secondment to the Markets division for 12 months to work on EMR. He starts there full time on Monday. Again, best wishes Keith, and we look forward to your return in 12 months!

In case you're wondering, NIRHI is ticking along slowly but smoothly – we sent out around 42 application forms before the IT changes went live, and have so far received 4 applications. DETI intend to consult on the next phase of NIRHI – to implement similar changes to that proposed for GB – around May/June, so until the next phase of development work starts Karen Wood will keep a watching brief on how DETI's policy is shaping up. I anticipate this will run through to around about June/July, at which point we will look to set up a dedicated Phase 2 NIRHI development team. Mary Smith (Irrelevant information redacted by the RHI Inquiry) will stay as the relevant Head of Development overseeing all NIRHI development activity.

And last but not least, I'd like to let you know that Julian Paul is starting with us on Monday in a short term position in charge of the process change and cost proposals modules of PIP. Julian will report to Ashley, and amongst other things he will be working on improving the New Schemes Handbook, looking at how we can streamline, improve and clarify our development processes (including signoff processes!), and introducing training for the team on our development processes and on common types of work like process design and cost benefit assessment. Julian has extensive experience on process change and process design and has worked in a number of different sectors including water and telco sectors and with Ofcom, so he's familiar with applying process design and implementing process change to both industry and regulatory environments. He will also be joined by another contractor, Matthew Martindale, in another 2 weeks. I'm sure once he gets settled he will be keen to talk to you all and hold workshops to look at ideas you have for improvements.

Of course, there have been a lot of other goings on, including new people on FITs and RHI, but we'll go into that at the team meeting next Friday. In the meantime, if you have any questions on this you're welcome to drop me a line or ask Ashley (for PIP and RHI development) or Mary (for NIRHI development).

Have a good weekend.

Cheers

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