



Committee on Fuel Poverty

Minutes of Committee on Fuel Poverty (CFP) Meeting, 15th January 2019

The Chair and following members of the Committee were present: David Blakemore (Chair), Jenny Saunders, Liz Bisset, Lawrence Slade and Paul Massara. Officials from the BEIS Fuel Poverty Strategy Team attended for a discussion on the review of the Fuel Poverty Strategy, and BEIS analysts to present an update on fuel poverty churn.

Minutes of last meeting and actions

1. The minutes of the last meeting on 7 November 2018 were approved and were subsequently [published](#) on the CFP web pages on 25 January 2019.
2. The majority of actions from the last meeting had been completed, and members were content that remaining actions were being progressed.

Members' Interests

3. No potential conflicts of interest specific to the meeting's agenda were declared.

Review of preparations for next CFP Annual Report

4. Members discussed the proposed approach to drafting and publishing the next CFP Annual Report and agreed they would return to consider structure and format around June.

Discussions on Clean Growth Challenge Fund

5. Members agreed to draft a letter to Minister Claire Perry outlining their plans for the Clean Growth Challenge Fund. The group proposed cross departmental working to ensure alignment with related policy work streams.

Update from BEIS on churn

6. Officials from BEIS analytical team gave a presentation on their analysis of the fuel poverty metric and churn.

Update on plans for fuel poverty strategy review from BEIS

7. CFP looked forward to working with BEIS on progressing the previously announced work to review the strategy together with other relevant stakeholders.

High Level plans for each work stream

8. Members agreed to put their names against and take the lead, progress and report back on the work streams linked to the 19 recommendations outlined in CFP's [Annual Report 2018](#).

9. Members also agreed to write to Ofgem requesting them to consider the needs of the fuel poor in their consultation on their [Consumer Vulnerability Strategy 2019](#).

Follow up on Fuel Poverty Debate and response to BEIS Select Committee

10. The Committee discussed the Annual Fuel Poverty Debate. There were no actions to take forward.

11. CFP's response to the BEIS Select Committee on [Energy Efficiency](#) was agreed and the CFP secretariat would send this to the Committee to meet the 17 January deadline.

Other discussions

12. Members also:

- discussed planned recruitment of an additional CFP member
- discussed next steps for their proposed research project;
- discussed recent and forthcoming stakeholder engagement;
- discussed communications planning and correspondence;
- potential dates for future CFP meetings.

Next CFP Meeting

13. Next meetings currently scheduled for 2019 are:

- 28 February
- 11 April
- 9 May
- 24 July
- 26 September
- 13 November