



## Committee on Fuel Poverty

### **Minutes of Committee on Fuel Poverty (CFP) Meeting, 28 February 2019**

The Chair and following members of the Committee were present: David Blakemore (Chair), Jenny Saunders, Liz Bisset, and Paul Massara. Lawrence Slade sent apologies. Officials from the BEIS Fuel Poverty Strategy Team attended for a discussion on the review of the Fuel Poverty Strategy, as well as BEIS analysts to discuss the fuel poverty metric methodology. The BEIS Sponsor and Secretariat were also present.

#### Introductions

1. Members were introduced to the new Deputy Director of the Warm Home Team, and BEIS policy and statistical teams.

#### Fuel poverty strategy review and associated key metrics/principles

2. BEIS policy officials presented an overview of the outcome of initial discussions feeding into development of an updated strategy resulting in the formulation of an outline of the 2019 Fuel Poverty Strategy. This was followed by a session presented by BEIS analysts on measuring fuel poverty.

3. Members offered their advice and analysis on BEIS's proposals, helping to inform next steps in developing an update for consultation this year. Members and officials agreed to keep this on the agenda for future CFP meetings to enable continued input into the development of the 2019 Strategy.

#### Minutes of last meeting and actions

4. The minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2019 were approved and were subsequently [published](#) on the CFP web pages.

5. The majority of actions from the last meeting had been completed, and members were content that remaining actions were being progressed.

#### Members' Interests

6. No potential conflicts of interest specific to the meeting's agenda were declared. Paul Massara advised that from 1 March 2019 he was stepping down as the CEO of Electron and will be a Board adviser to [Habitat Energy](#) an AI machine learning business on battery storage. He did not foresee any conflicts but will raise them if any should arise.

### Discussions on CFP's Clean Growth Challenge Fund

7. Chair shared a response from the Minister Claire Perry responding to CFP's Letter, acknowledging receipt of the CFP's plans for the Clean Growth Challenge Fund. The Minister plans to discuss the Committee's proposals and priorities with the Chair in the coming weeks.

### Discussions on CFP's 2018 Annual Report Recommendations

8. Chair and Members reviewed progress on the 19 recommendations. The majority were well underway, with on-going work planned by Members over the coming months.

9. Once the CFP research into alternatives for enforcing the amended PRS Regulations is complete, the Committee agreed to write to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government on their recommendations, sharing the letter with other Departments.

### Other discussions

10. Members also:

- discussed recent and forthcoming stakeholder engagement;
- discussed communications planning and correspondence;
- invitation to partners and stakeholders to future meetings;
- future meeting dates and content.

### Next CFP Meetings:

11. Next meetings currently scheduled for 2019 are:

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