

Minutes of Committee on Fuel Poverty (CFP) Meeting, 26 November 2019

Committee Members: David Blakemore (Chair), Liz Bisset, Paul Massara, Jenny Saunders, Anu Singh and Lawrence Slade. BEIS Sponsor and Secretariat were also present as well as BEIS analyst and BEIS Fuel Poverty Strategy Team.

Minutes of last meeting and actions

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2019 were approved and subsequently [published](#) on the CFP web pages.
2. The majority of actions from the last meeting had been completed, and remaining actions are being progressed.

Members' Interests

3. No potential conflicts of interest specific to the meeting's agenda were declared.
4. Lawrence Slade will be moving, at the end of the year, from his role as Chief Executive of Energy UK to Chief Executive of [Global Infrastructure Investor Association](#).
5. Jenny Saunders will be joining in the new year as a Member to [the Northern Powergrid's Customer](#) Engagement Group.

CFP's Commissioned Research: Better use of data and advanced statistics/machine learning in delivering benefits to fuel poor - Update

6. Fuel Poverty Strategy Team outlined progress of the CFP's commissioned research into *Better use of data and advanced statistics/machine learning in delivering benefits to fuel poor*. A successful bidder has been selected, providing a quality and value for money bid, the contract has been signed off, and project initiation started in January, with Phase 1 delivery expected in early 2020.

Review of BEIS Cost Model for raising energy efficiency performance of Low Income homes

7. CFP invited BEIS analysts to present economic modelling to help inform Members' understanding of the costs of achieving different energy efficiency outcomes.

CFP Questions on BEIS Response to the BEIS Select Committee Report on Energy Efficiency

8. BEIS Fuel Poverty Strategy Team responded to a number of additional questions from Members on the Government's response to the BEIS [Select Committee on Energy Efficiency's](#) Report, specifically in relation to the recommendations on fuel poverty.

Fuel Poverty Consultation - Summary of responses

9. BEIS Fuel Poverty Strategy Team gave an early indicative summary of the analysis of responses received to BEIS's consultation on the [Fuel Poverty Strategy for England](#) which ran from 22 July to 16 September 2019. Government plans to publish its response and analysis of responses received in early 2020.

Discussion on Party Manifesto Commitments

10. Members discussed statements and views expressed by political parties in relation to energy and fuel poverty and agreed to keep a watching brief on all Party Manifestos.

CFP's Tailored Review: Implementation

11. The CFP noted that the Review is yet to be published and would consider implementation of recommendations once it is finalised.

BEIS Gifts, Hospitality and Bribery and Corruption policy

12. A register of interests was completed earlier this year and will continue to be maintained, in line with BEIS' Gifts, Hospitality and Bribery and Corruption policy.

CFP's 2020 Annual Report

13. Members considered several strategic ideas for the content, timing and approach for the CFP's next Annual Report. It was agreed that the list of emerging topics would be further discussed, and next steps agreed at the next CFP meeting.

Stakeholder engagement

14. Members noted rescheduled meetings as a result of the pre-election period:

- Jenny Saunders and Liz Bisset attending [Werin Networking](#) Lunch on 24 February 2020: *Will NetZero by 2050 result in complete fuel poverty alleviation in the UK?*
- Invitations will also be sent out to officials in Public Health England and National Health Service to attend one of the next CFP meetings.

Future Meetings

15. Secretariat scheduling meetings for 2020. Current proposals are:

- 16 January 2020 – confirmed
- 20 February and 16 April – provisional.

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