



Committee on Fuel Poverty

Minutes of Committee on Fuel Poverty (CFP) virtual meeting: August 2020

1. The Chair and all members of the Committee were present (except for Lawrence Slade): David Blakemore (Chair), Liz Bisset, Paul Massara, Jenny Saunders and Anu Singh. Invited guests in attendance were from, the Committee on Climate Change, BEIS officials, the BEIS Sponsor and CFP Secretariat.

Minutes of last meeting

2. Minutes from last meeting discussed and confirmed.

Members Interests

3. No new interests discussed.

Action Log

4. Most actions from the last meeting have been progressed.

Committee on Climate Change

5. The meeting was joined by Chris Stark, COE Committee on Climate Change.
6. A discussion on how to ensure a just transition to Net Zero for those on low incomes took place. CCC is going to publish a report toward the end of this year with three different scenarios for net zero.

Jeremy Nesbitt – Warm Homes AI Tools

7. Joined by Jeremy Nesbitt, Managing Director Affordable Warmth Solutions.
8. The committee expressed continuing concern with the lack of progress by BEIS to develop 'better use of data' to improve the targeting of programmes to assist households to pay their energy bills and improve the energy efficiency of their homes on those most in need. A discussion took place with regards to how third parties such as Affordable Warmth Solutions can assist BEIS to accelerate developing computer models using advances statistics or Artificial Intelligence.
9. Talked about an algorithm AWS has developed and discussion around need for independent testing of any use of algorithms in policies.



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BEIS Policy Update

10. BEIS provided an update on current and future plans related to fuel poverty.

CFP Research Proposal

11. BEIS provided an update on progress to tender the committee's proposed Research Project 'Providing affordable low carbon heating for fuel poor households'

Stakeholder Engagement

12. A discussion took place with regards to engagement with stakeholder, in particular National Energy Action and their Warm Homes Week.

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13. Discussion concerning future format of CFP meetings.

14. Forthcoming CFP meetings scheduled are:

- Monday 16 November 2020
- Thursday 10 December 2020