

## **Cross Party Group on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency**

### **Local authority finance and delivery models for energy efficiency**

**12 January 2012, Committee Room 2, Scottish Parliament**

**Chair: Sarah Boyack MSP**

#### **1. Attendees**

A list of attendees is attached to the end of this note.

#### **2. Introduction**

Sarah Boyack MSP welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the speakers.

#### **3. Presentation: Finance for domestic energy: Can the Green Deal make the difference?**

Phil Matthews from CAG consultants (representing the Existing Homes Alliance Scotland) provided background information on Scotland's housing stock, fuel poverty in Scotland, the Scottish policy context, and the scale of intervention required to meet government targets. He then outlined the key elements of Green Deal, and highlighted the existence of a considerable gap in funding for energy efficiency. Finally he offered some solutions to plug this gap and ensure that sufficient finance is in place to deliver on Scotland's climate change and fuel poverty targets.

#### **4. Presentation: EST/Marksman local authority finance model**

Mike Thornton from the Energy Saving Trust provided an overview of the key details of the local authority finance model that has been developed by the Energy Saving Trust and Marksman consulting.

#### **5. Presentation: Improving Energy Efficiency in Homes in the North East – Local Authority Green Deal Scheme**

Philip Joyce from Newcastle City Council. talked about the North East Housing retrofit programme and the finance and delivery model they are using. This scheme has been signed up to by 12 local authorities in the North East. It is envisaged that, as CERT and CESP come to an end this scheme will have a key role to play in safeguarding jobs and in upskilling those already working in relevant industries. Philip also highlighted the important role that local authorities have to play in kick-starting the market for Green Deal in the early years.

## 6. Questions

A range of questions were directed at the panel; please note that the intention of this meeting note is not to record a verbatim account of the meeting. Questions posed to the panel included:

- **Bill Walker** (MSP) asked about the model that had been used when a supplier wanted to get a gas contract from a competitor at the time when the gas market was being opened up.
- **Neil Philips** (Positive Solutions) asked a question about the repayment period for loans.
- **Chris Cook** (UCL) highlighted that he was working on some new funding models.
- **Amie Fulton** (COSLA) asked about fuel poverty and also about non-domestic buildings.
- **Laurence Hunter** (Clackmannanshire Council) asked a question about the long lead in times and the implications of this for fuel poverty
- **Sandy Cameron** (Labour Party) asked about how Newcastle City Council got political buy in.
- **Stuart Hay** (Changeworks) suggested that there may be opportunities in Scotland to use the Warm Homes fund and the fossil fuel levy as sources of funding for pump priming.
- **David Somervell** (University of Edinburgh) asked about how non-domestic properties would be treated under Green Deal and about the coverage of ECO.
- **Bill Rodger** (Individual) asked about what collaboration there had been between Newcastle and Birmingham Councils, and whether or not because of the length of Green Deal agreements fuel poverty could be being built in for up to 25 years.

## 7. AOB

Sarah Boyack MSP highlighted that the next SPREEE meeting will be on Marine Funding and will be held on Thursday 23 February 2012 in Committee Room 2 at 12.30pm. She also introduced Gavin Donoghue from Scottish Renewables who replaces Grant Thoms as the secretary (renewable energy) for this Cross Party group.

Please make any suggestions for correction of this note of the meeting to Elaine Waterson ([elaine.waterson@est.org.uk](mailto:elaine.waterson@est.org.uk)).

## Attendees

| FIRST NAME | SURNAME     | ORGANISATION  |
|------------|-------------|---|
| Alan       | Kyle        | Halcrow Group                                       |
| Alistair   | Paddison    | Scottish Government                                 |
| Amie       | Fulton      | COSLA   |
| Anthony    | Olowoyeye   | Midlothian Council                                  |
| Barry      | Truswell    | Scott-Moncrieff                                     |
| Bill       | Fowler      | Semple Fraser LLP                                   |
| Bill       | Rodger      | Individual  |
| Bill       | Walker      | MSP   |
| Blair      | Armstrong   | Mathie McIntyre - Energy Consultants                |
| Caroline   | Maciver     | Burness LLP   |
| Chris      | Cook        | UCL - Institute for Security and Resilience Studies |
| Dave       | Hawkey      | University of Edinburgh                             |
| Dave       | McEvoy      | SSE (Hydro Electric)                                |
| Dave       | Gorman      | SEPA  |
| David      | Somervell   | Edinburgh University                                |
| Douglas    | Prentice    |   |
| Elaine     | Waterson    | Energy Saving Trust                                 |
| Gavin      | Donoghue    | Scottish Renewables                                 |
| Gordon     | Black       | Babyhydro Ltd                                       |
| Harry      | Mayers      | Energy Saving Trust                                 |
| Heather    | McQuillan   | Dundee City Council                                 |
| Iain       | MacKinnon   | Charlesfield  |
| Ian        | Baird       | Midlothian Council                                  |
| Jack       | Fulton      | Architect/Retired                                   |
| Jackie     | Wilkins     | Scottish Government                                 |
| Jean       | Morrison    | SCARF   |
| John       | Clifford    | Austrian Consul                                     |
| Joe        | Fitzpatrick | MSP   |
| John       | Taylor      | National Grid                                       |
| Julie      | Scott       | Burness LLP   |
| Kelly      | McIntyre    | Fintry Development Trust                            |
| Laura      | Campbell    | Energy Saving Scotland Advice Centre South East     |
| Lawrence   | Hunter      | Clackmannanshire Council                            |
| Mark       | McArthur    | Energy Saving Trust                                 |
| Mary       | Scott       | SERA  |
| Mike       | MacKenzie   | MSP   |
| Mike       | Thomas      | Forth Energy  |
| Mike       | Thornton    | Energy Saving Trust                                 |
| Neil       | Phillips    | Positive Solutions (Glasgow)                        |
| Nigel      | Don         | MSP   |
| Patrick    | Harvie      | MSP   |
| Phil       | Matthews    | Existing Homes Alliance                             |
| Philip     | Joyce       | Newcastle City Council                              |
| Richard    | Leslie      | Tods Murray LLP                                     |

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| Robert | Burton    | SNIEF   |
| Sandy  | Cameron   | Labour Party                                      |
| Sara   | Jones     | Energy Action Scotland                            |
| Sarah  | Boyack    | MSP   |
| Simon  | Kerr      | DBSA Ltd  |
| Stefan | Buettner  | Advisor to David Torrance MSP/Scottish Parliament |
| Stuart | Hay       | Changeworks                                       |
| Susan  | Carstairs | SERA  |
| Trevor | Jackson   | Charlesfield                                      |
| Zoe    | Holliday  | Energy Saving Trust                               |