

Renewable Energy Deep Dive – Terms of Reference

Purpose

The purpose of the exercise is to identify barriers to significantly scaling up renewable energy in Wales and identifying steps to overcome the barriers. We will look at short, medium and long term steps, and in doing so we will have a particular focus on retaining wealth and ownership in Wales.

The deep dive will:

- Consider the scale of investment in renewable energy generation needed to meet Wales' statutory duties.
- Identify the scope for community ownership within private sector renewable generation projects and the wider role for communities to work in partnership with developers in Wales.
- Consider how to increase the benefit to Wales from commercially owned developments, where ownership is not being pursued.
- Consider the scale of opportunity for public and community led renewable energy generation in Wales.
- Consider how to support the growth/development of public and community owned renewable energy generation in Wales
- Challenge the status quo for delivery in Wales and set out priority actions to support greater renewable energy generation by public bodies and community groups in Wales.

Membership of the group

The deep dive will involve a small core group of critical thinkers led by the Deputy Minister for Climate Change, from both within the sector and outside to provide input and challenge. Meetings will be chaired by the Deputy Minister, with secretariat provided by Welsh Government. Members have been chosen on the basis of their individual expertise and experience; as such attendance is not to be delegated without agreement of the Deputy Minister.

Name	Organisation
Dr Jenifer Baxter	Protium Green Solutions
Pete Capener	Bath and West Community Energy
Dr Mike Colechin	Cultivate Innovation and Member of the Flexis Advisory Board
Dr Jeffrey Hardy	Imperial College London
Andrew Jeffreys	Director Welsh Treasury, Welsh Government
Sarah Jennings	Natural Resources Wales
Anthony Kyriakides	Energy Saving Trust
Hywel Lloyd	Institute of Welsh Affairs
Dan McCallum	Awel coop
Sarah Merrick	Ripple Energy
Guy Newey	Energy Systems Catapult

Robert Procter	Community Energy Wales
Dr Nina Skorupska	Renewable Energy Association
Beth Warnock	Energy Systems Catapult
Dr Chris Williams	South Wales Industrial Cluster and Tata Steel
Dr Mike Jenkins	Local Government
Rhys Wyn Jones	Renewables UK Cymru

The group will be supported by focussed group discussions where necessary covering specific topics where the group feel additional expertise and opinion would add value. The scope of these focussed group discussions will be shaped by the initial meetings of the deep dive group.

Timing

The exercise will begin in October with meetings taking place at regular intervals (no more than two per week) before Senedd Christmas recess. The outcomes of the review will be announced in a Ministerial Statement ahead of Christmas recess.

The group may meet occasionally following this statement if actions are identified which require longer-term work.

Communications

Discussions in the group will take place on a Chatham House basis and there will be no communications about the final outcome of discussions unless first agreed with Welsh Government.

Welsh Government will publish these Terms of Reference and circulate notes of meetings to the group.