

**Implementing the Microgeneration Strategy  
Notes from Steering Group meeting 28 March 2007**

**Attendees**

Rachel Crisp, DTI  
Sally Millward, DTI  
John Newman, DTI (construction)  
Graham Meeks, REA  
Caroline Season, Defra  
Graham Tubb, SEEDA

**Apologies**

Dave Sowden, Micropower Council  
Shayne Coulson, DCLG  
John Costyn, Ofgem

**1. Minutes of last meeting and agreement around minutes**

The minutes were agreed and all agreed that these could be published on our website. All agreed to clear future minutes within 2 weeks of circulation for online publication

**2. Progress on strategy**

Actions were discussed in order of deadline as listed on plan.

9 (Microgeneration in DTI) – no update, waiting to see if anything taken forward in new financial year

16 (Trial of smart meters). No funding to run a trial specifically looking at smart meters and microgeneration. Sally Millward updated the group on the DTI/Ofgem smart meters trial; we will ensure the needs of microgeneration are included as this progresses. Graham Tubb commented that this also ties in with RDA work on resource efficiency performance.

- **Action: Sally Millward to circulate details of the trial**

17 (Report on technical barriers about connecting to distribution network). No update. Rachel Crisp had sent a summary of recommendations to WP4 for assessment and a response is awaited. There may be potential links to ETI for some of the wider issues

- **Action: WP4 to respond**

4 (Formal view on accrual of ROCs). Will be published after Energy White Paper

3 (Guidance on ROCs, LECs and REGOs). A draft short guide to ROCs was circulated, aimed at the lay microgenerator. The aim is to combine with similar introductory information on LECs and REGOs, highlighting benefits, differences etc. Aim to have this published online and promoted as relevant by end April

- **Action: Any comments on draft guide to Sally Millward by 10 April**

The guidance was welcomed, but all agreed that similar messages would be of benefit to larger scale organisations that fall outside of Carbon Trust work.

- **Action: Although outside the scope of this group, Rachel Crisp will raise with colleagues in DTI and Defra**

7 (Certification scheme) is progressing and should be launched in April. There is still not full industry buy-in and some valid concerns, and a meeting is planned to discuss the way forward

- **Action: Rachel Crisp to check whether launch will be affected by purdah**

15 (Wiring regulations). A guide has been drafted and should be published in June 2007

5 (scheme to reward export) No update, need to wait until Energy white paper published

6 (Microgeneration in EEC). Progressing well; a consultation will be out post purdah. There was discussion about keeping EEC as an ongoing item post implementation. All agreed that this to be a continuing area of interest

- **Action: Rachel Crisp to organise a meeting about EEC before the next steering group**

11 (Report for Local Authorities). There is a commitment to publish this report mid August. It is important that the specification is agreed very soon and work commenced shortly to meet the target

- **Action: Defra to chase at their end**

12 (Communications with construction industry). A meeting will shortly be set up with stakeholders to discuss the information needs of the construction sector. A couple of useful contacts were suggested

- **Action: Sally Millward, John Newman and Rachel Crisp to organise meeting**

10 (Information needs of planning officers) – no update, will be looked at in the Autumn after HDCR

18 (HDCR) – consultation expected to be launched shortly

6 (Review of existing communications). No update. The website analysis was completed in January and the next step is to send to stakeholders

- **Action: Sally Millward to send to stakeholders for analysis**

23 (Route maps). The second day of REAs conference (15 May) will address the development of a route map framework. It was suggested that the Energy Research Partnerships route maps could be useful background.

13 (Capability of networks and markets). No update.

1 and 21 (research on consumer behaviour and targets)

The specification for this research has been finalised. Waiting to get written commitment from RDAs re funding before calling for Expressions of Interest

- **Action: Graham Tubb to chase**

### **3. Skills**

There was discussion on what more this group should be doing to achieve the strategy commitment: to explore with SSCs what more can be done to ensure that the skills base develops to support the levels of demand as the market grows. We already have involvement with skills with the certification scheme, route maps, and membership of various skills groups. All agreed that this group has a key role in interfacing with SSCs and regional groups. The Energy White Paper is expected to mention skills so should help shape direction.

#### **4. Budget**

Rachel Crisp gave a brief overview of what the budget committed to microgeneration

#### **5. Low Carbon Buildings programme**

Rachel Crisp gave a brief summary of recent announcements about the householder stream of LCBP and that we are working with industry to reshape this part of the programme

The next meeting will be 10 July, 10.30 – 12.30