

Fuel Poverty Advisory Group

Summary of the Minutes of a meeting held at Defra, Ergon House,
Horseferry Road, London on **5 June 2008**.

Attendees:

John Chesshire	(JCh)	Vice Chair & EEPH
Matthew Bateman	(MB)	Centrica
Graham Kirby	(GK)	E.ON
Mervyn Kohler	(MK)	Help the Aged
David Mannering	(DM)	NPower
Jerry Robson	(JR)	ACE
Jenny Saunders	(JSa)	NEA
Valentine Mulholland	(VM)	EDF Energy
John Clough	(JCl)	eaga plc
Dr Noel Olsen	(NO)	National Heart Forum
Joss Clarke	(JC)	National Grid
Jonathan Stearn	(JSt)	energywatch
Tony Herbett	(TH)	Citizens Advice Bureau
Kate Smith	(KS)	LGA
Abigail Davies	(AD)	CIH

Officials:

Angela Bourke	(AB)	Ofgem
Chris Leigh	(CL)	Defra
Sally Harrison	(SH)	Defra - Secretariat
Dawn Armstrong	(DA)	BERR
Matilda Quiney	(MQ)	BERR
Charles Phillips	(CP)	BERR

Apologies:

Gill Owen	(GO)	PUAF
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The minutes were agreed and action points reviewed.

Items to report

There were updates on:

- The Ofgem Fuel Poverty Summit. It was agreed Ofgem would provide an update at future meetings on the actions from the meeting.
- Recruitment of new chair.. Interviews have taken place and a decision is expected to be made shortly. Membership of the group has been extended until end of September.
- Progress on preparation of the Government's Fuel Poverty Annual Report.
- Judicial Review - Friends of the Earth and Help the Aged have been granted permission to pursue the Judicial Review challenge. The case is expected to be heard during Michaelmas term 2008.
- Low Carbon Buildings Programme - £3m for fuel poverty work stream.
- Ofgem's consultation on proposals for monitoring and reporting of suppliers' social initiatives to help vulnerable customers.

Round table discussion on FPAG work plan

The chair explained that discussion would form a draft note for the new Chair on the evolving work programme. Further ideas could be added at later meetings. The following items were suggested.

Local Area Agreements (LAAs)

Defra introduced paper on LAAs. It was agreed to include a regular update on this to the group.