

## Briefing Paper: Update on Rural Economy Strategy

The Rural Economy Strategy (RES) was implemented on 1st January 2006 and is currently due to end on the 1st December 2010. The Strategy document gave a clear undertaking that the RES 2005 would be reviewed in 2009 with the objective of bringing forward a new 5 year Rural Economy Strategy for 2011 to 2015. <sup>[1]</sup>

Following a meeting with Dan Houseago, Assistant Director, Environmental Management and Rural Economy an update of progression of the new Rural Economy Strategy is as follows:

The timetable for the Rural Economy Strategy (RES) review is approximately as follows however if agreement on a new policy can be reached sooner a replacement policy can be implemented at an earlier date.

Action	Deadline	Personnel
Formation of review group	January 2009	DH, IKN, JJ, TdeF, SP & CN
Draft Issues and Options paper (Green Paper)	March / May 2009	Colleagues from EDD, Chief Ministers & P&E depts.
Written responses from stakeholders on original RES	April / May 2009	Stakeholders / industry
Finalise Issues and options paper (Green Paper)	July / November 2009	DH, IKN, JJ, TDuF & KF with final internal input from those who contributed draft to paper
<i>Presentation to Alan Maclean</i>	2 Sept	
<i>Presentation to Lon Norman</i>	9 November - postponed	
<i>Meeting with Kellie Boydens, Scrutiny</i>	13 November	DH & KB
Consult with industry on Issues & Options paper (Green Paper), workshops etc	December / January 2010	DH, IKN, JJ, TDuF & Stakeholders / industry
Deadline for initial consultation on Issues & Options paper (Green Paper)	31 January 2010	Stakeholders / industry
Review responses to Green Paper	February 2010	DH, IKN, JJ, TDuF & KF
Official consultation with industry on White Paper	March / May 2010 (must allow minimum of 8 weeks – recommendation is 12 weeks) <sup>1</sup>	Stakeholders / industry
Review responses / finalise White Paper	June 2010	DH, IKN, JJ, TDuF & KF
Lodge Report & Proposition	June / July 2010	DH, IKN, JJ, TDuF & KF
States Debate	September / December 2010	
Rural Economy Strategy 2011-2015 Implementation	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2011	

- In terms of timetabling the department is on track to achieving its target for the development of a new 5 year Rural Economy Policy (2011 – 2015). A new Rural Economy Strategy will be debated in 2010, with a view to implementation on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2011.
- The current position is that the department has a paper “Draft Issues and Options” – which is essentially the Green Paper and is due to be released at the end of November.

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[\[1\]](#) Economic Development Department, Rural Economy Section, The Rural Initiative Scheme (February 2009)