

Jersey Electricity submission to Government Plan Scrutiny Review 2022
22nd October 2021

Dear Connetable M. K. Jackson,
Scrutiny Panel Chairman

Thank you for your letter dated 11th October 2021 to Chris Ambler, he has asked me to reply to your request on his behalf.

Jersey Electricity welcome the opportunity to help and support Scrutiny with the important work it is carrying out in this area. In connection with your request and due to the limited time available we have provided below some of our initial thoughts in connection with your request, which we hope your panel find helpful.

1. The Panels 'Terms of Reference' appear reasonable at a high level, but the panel may wish to also consider the following in their review:
 - a. Policy focus and funding should be targeted towards those carbon reduction polices and measures that are most impactful in terms of reducing the Islands carbon emissions.
 - b. The local market needs to receive clear and timely signals to enable it to respond accordingly. For example establishing a clear GoJ position around the possibly controversial use of Biofuels (HVO's) and Offsets. How will these, if permitted, be evaluated & audited, how are their emissions, related land and air quality impacts to be assessed, in a Jersey context. What level of certification and authentication will be required.
 - c. There is an immediacy for action now, if we are realistically aiming to make a material impact to Jersey's carbon emissions by 2030. There is a need to take action now in parallel with policy development, due to the significant challenges which lie ahead in this area.
2. We believe that the lack of available resources within GoJ to drive policy and deliver action do give us cause for concern with these ambitious aims.
3. Funding is currently very limited for the level of ambition being outlined (i.e. outputs from the citizens assembly set a clear public aspiration to be very ambitious) which will need further funding mechanisms 'Carrot and Stick' to support them.

The Government's fiscal stimulus funding programme, which we believe is significantly underspent, provided a real opportunity to do more in terms of stimulating a 'green recovery'. There were a number of projects that failed to secure funding, which could have help start the journey and make a meaningful impact to decarbonise the built environment and acting as significant signposts of what can be achieved.

For example, there were three bids submitted by different stakeholders, through the FSOG process, which could have provided a valuable contribution towards this ambition:

1. An Education facility – transition from FF to renewables (using heat pumps and solar PV renewable technology)
2. An old peoples home – transition from FF to renewables (using heat pumps and solar PV renewable technology)
3. Housing trust of c.90 units of accommodation – transition from FF to renewables (mixture of heat pumps and electric heating)

We hope that the above is of some help to the Panel, Chris Ambler and I would be happy to provide any further insights and or input the Panel may find most helpful.