

## REA DECENTRALISED ENERGY Forum

### Terms of Reference

#### 1. Coverage

The Decentralised Energy Forum will cover the full range of clean technologies available in the renewable sector that can be incorporated within a decentralised energy system as well as the aspects of the grid and network that enable decentralised energy.

The Forum's primary role is to establish strategic direction in progressing the take-up of decentralised energy in the UK. It will aim to address barriers to connection of renewable and clean technologies across heat, power and transport, in order to deliver smart energy systems that lead to the whole system decarbonisation of UK homes, businesses and industry.

It will consider the different "landscapes" of focus that members and other organisations consider important to deliver a low carbon, secure energy, society. It will also carry out specific pieces of work where it is best placed to complete that work. It will have an additional remit to inform, educate REA members of the aspects of Decentralised Energy and where appropriate champion developments to benefit renewable energy and clean technologies.

The Forum is expected to review work already carried out by the Association and other institutions and seek to build upon it. The Forum should not seek to replicate work that has already done and that is also considered 'fit for purpose'.

#### 2. Governance

The Forum will be governed by the rules set out in the [REA Member Forum Governance And Guidelines](#)

#### 3. Aims:

- a. **To promote policy and regulatory reforms that address the barriers to the connection of renewable and low carbon technologies, across heat, power and transport in order to deliver smart energy systems that lead to the whole system decarbonisation of UK homes, businesses and industry.**

- b. To further raise awareness of the importance of decentralised energy, emphasising how renewable and clean technologies work together to deliver decarbonisation.**
- c. To assist with evidence and data input into current government consultations.**
- d. Information dissemination, networking and government lobbying (supported by Public Affairs/management as necessary).**

#### **4. Meeting Frequency**

Meetings of the Decentralised Energy Forum will take place at least quarterly, with the possibility of more frequent meetings at the request of members of the Decentralised Energy forum. Minutes will be taken and published in the members section of the REA website.

#### **5. Relevant REA events or conferences**

Any events or conferences that the Forum may wish to hold must be signed off by the Director of Marketing, Membership and Events.

#### **6. Work Programme**

The work programme will be determined by the members of the steering group, this will be set out in the Forum Business Plan signed off by the Director of Policy.

#### **7. Projects Planned**

Any projects, such as reports, must be signed off by the Director of Policy.

#### **8. Working Groups**

The Decentralised Energy Forum may choose to set up working groups to address specific issues. Any working groups that are deemed necessary to further the Forums aims must be signed off by the Director of Policy.

#### **9. Budget**

Any requirements for funding must be set out in a Forum Business Plan which need to be signed off by the Chief Executive in addition to the Director of Policy.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
Chair	Jean-Pascal D Boutin
Vice-chair	n/a
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