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Round table workshop on policy recommendations



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We decided, given the chosen target areas, the specific issues and responsibilities concerning GSHPs in Scotland, and the fact that most policy deliberations concerning microgeneration had taken place in England and were concerned largely with conditions and initiatives there, that we should concentrate on governance in Scotland. Agencies concurred that this would be the most useful focus for the event.

We intended that the roundtable be conducted as part of the *GSHP Scotland* event in Edinburgh in September 2008. However, disappointingly most of the relevant Scottish agencies were unable to send representatives to that event. Although as reported we were able to run a useful workshop on policy and regulation issues, we had to rely on representatives of UK agencies to cover in their presentations those issues specific to Scotland, and the workshop could not perform the role envisaged for the roundtable – to be a forum for seeking resolution among the relevant agencies of the issues raised and commitments to agreed actions. We therefore decided to postpone the roundtable till later.

Despite our repeated attempts to reschedule it early in 2009, several factors have combined to push the roundtable beyond the formal project end date:

- ⇒ other commitments and clashes for personnel in the relevant agencies, including attendance at other heat pump and related events;
- ⇒ the overlapping customary holiday periods extending through much of the summer;
- ⇒ the scheduling of several major government initiatives and announcements for the summer (as detailed in the PHP combined report) – including the launch of the UK's *Renewable Energy Strategy*, *Low Carbon Transition Plan* and *Heat and Energy Saving Strategy* and Scotland's *Climate Change Delivery Plan*, the announcement of the UK *Renewable Heat Initiative* and the start of a consultation on it, the revision of CERT/EEC, the restructuring of the UK and Scottish grant schemes, the revision of planning policies and building regulations – which meant that any discussion of governance issues would have been premature and pointless;
- ⇒ the scheduling of the GSHPA's own major conference for late June;
- ⇒ the consequent need to keep revising the draft PHP policy recommendations for the UK (D26) which are intended as a basis for the roundtable discussion.

We now plan to hold it in Edinburgh on Monday 7 September.

The following agencies will send representatives:

- ⇒ Scottish Government
- ⇒ Scottish Renewables
- ⇒ Ground Source Heat Pump Association
- ⇒ Heat Pump Association
- ⇒ Scottish Building Standards Agency
- ⇒ Council of Scottish Local Authorities
- ⇒ Energy Saving Trust
- ⇒ (UK) Department of Energy and Climate Change
- ⇒ Association of Building Engineers, Scotland
- ⇒ Community Energy Scotland