

**ALEO London: Executive Committee Meeting
Friday 22nd November 2019: Jerwood Space Cafe**

Minutes

Attendees

Ashwin Patel	Islington
Justine Dornan	Kensington & Chelsea
Martin O'Brien	Lewisham (Chair)
Rachael Mills	SE ² (Secretariat)
Katy Revett	Waltham Forest

Apologies

Malcolm Bell	Croydon (Treasurer)
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1. National & Regional Updates

1.1 The [Future Homes Standard consultation](#) has been published (closing date 10 January). On the upside, it sets out transitional arrangements for very long term projects, so homes are built to current standards, not the standards when planning was applied for. However, MHCLG are stopping local authorities from setting their own, higher standards which will reduce the scope to set up carbon offset funds (although if all homes are zero carbon, higher standards shouldn't be necessary). Key to this will be how it's enforced. ALEOL is also keen to understand what the interim arrangements will be between now and when the Future Homes Standard comes into force (2025?): will we be able to collect carbon offset funds in this period? It was agreed that ALEOL will respond to the consultation and encourage members to do the same, in collaboration with technical colleagues in Planning and Building Control

Action: RM to ask members for input by 9.12.19

Action: MOB to draft a response by 16.12.19 for comment

1.2 There is also a consultation out for the [Heat Metering and Billing Regulations](#) (closing date 9 January). This will require most non-metered heat networks (such as older communal heating schemes) to be 'viability' tested for the installation of individual meters. With an installation cost in the region of £500/meter, this could prove very expensive for local authorities and housing associations with older heat network stock. Also don't forget that the 4-yearly notification to the OPSS under the Heat Metering and Billing Regulations is due by 31st December. The notification form is available [here](#).

1.3 The End Fuel Poverty Coalition is calling upon all political parties in the General Election to adopt [four pledges to end fuel poverty](#):

- Declare energy efficiency and eliminating fuel poverty a national infrastructure priority.
- Take immediate action to improve the standards of rented homes.
- Reform the domestic energy supply market.
- End the Benefits Freeze and address the chronic scale of unclaimed benefits

The UKGBC has also published its General Elections asks [here](#), and have provided a round up of the green credentials of the political manifestos here.

2. Next Meeting: Thursday 23rd January @ Islington

2.1 The following topics / speakers were agreed:

- i) Update on the funding landscape
 - JKM as National ALEO Chair (MOB)
 - Possibly also BEIS speaker? (MOB)

- ii) Retrofit Supply Chain – eg apprenticeships, joined up working with colleges
 - Owain Mortimer, London Councils (RM)
<https://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/our-key-themes/economic-development/apprenticeships-0>
 - Possibly also Russell Smith – the scale of the issue: estimate of the number of different tradespeople needed in order to meet certain zero carbon targets (RM)
 - Also ask Boroughs if they've got anything in place / case study (RM)

- iii) GLA: Home Energy Accelerator (new RE:NEW)

Another option is also the [Hardest to Reach Report](#) (William Baker / Aimee Ambrose)

3. Membership and Finances

3.1 It was agreed that we'll allow Airtopia / Matilda's Planet to join as Associate Members.

3.2 Finances are looking healthy: we've invoiced over £6k this financial year. An updated bank statement will be requested so we can check who's paid. MOB has ordered a new cheque book and MB is being added to the account as a signatory.