

ALEO London: Executive Committee Meeting  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Café 171, The Jerwood Space

Minutes

Attendees

Fran Evans	Camden
Ieman Barmaki	Enfield
John Kolm-Murray	Islington (Vice Chair)
Shadia Rahman	Kingston
Martin O'Brien	Lewisham (Chair)

Apologies

Neil Pearce	Barking & Dagenham
Natalie Sansom	Harrow (Treasurer)

1. Updates

National updates

1.1 The meeting took place the day after the EU Referendum and so there were many unknowns about what the Brexit decision will mean. It appears that Article 50 will not be invoked until at least the Autumn and after which we have two years to exit. Whilst various directives (such as those relating to energy efficiency in buildings) have already been passed into UK law, EU regulations will have no force outside the EU: the new Tory leadership may have higher priority than adopting such regulations into UK law. It was thought that EU funding *could* still be available to the UK (as it is to Norway): it depends what our status will be regarding the European Economic Area (EEA). [Access Europe](#) have indicated that the current round of EU funding is still open to us, but that the projects should not run for more than 2 (or possibly 3) years. It was agreed that we'll keep a watching brief: national ALEO is also considering what this could mean for English regional devolution.

The following provide useful background reading for those interested:

- Regulations, directives and other acts  
[http://europa.eu/eu-law/decision-making/legal-acts/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/eu-law/decision-making/legal-acts/index_en.htm)
- What would Brexit mean for UK energy efficiency policy?  
<http://blogs.sussex.ac.uk/sussexenergygroup/2016/04/13/what-would-brexit-mean-for-uk-energy-efficiency-policy/>
- Brexit: energy management implications  
<http://www.twobirds.com/en/news/articles/2016/uk/energy-management-implications-of-a-brexit>

- Brexit will hike energy prices  
<http://www.newstatesman.com/politics/energy/2016/06/brexit-will-hike-energy-prices-progressive-campaigners-should-seize>

- 1.2 The Competitions and Markets Authority (CMA) energy market investigation was published today (24<sup>th</sup> June) and is available at <https://www.gov.uk/cma-cases/energy-market-investigation>.
- 1.3 The ECO3 consultation is expected to pick up speed now we're out of purdah. JKM has been invited to attend a workshop, representing ALEO, likely to take place in the third week of July: the level of local authority representation in the consultation process has so far been disappointing. It will be interesting to see what's in the consultation with regard to the role of local authorities.
- 1.4 The proposals in Ofgem's consultation on deemed scores seem generally good and it is thought they'll be more beneficial to fuel poverty than carbon scores. London could also benefit. Hazel Hill (ALEO SE) is preparing a response on behalf of national ALEO.
- 1.5 Ofgem is also expected to consult soon on how redress funding is managed and allocated. It was agreed that it is important for ALEO to make the case for the role of local authorities. A central fund that LAs could bid into could also be of benefit.

#### Regional updates

- 1.6 We have a new London Mayor: his manifesto - which includes energy efficiency and air quality - can be found [here](#). Many of the policies are still waiting to emerge - eg planning policy (and allowable solutions) is still up in the air - but it seems the GLA team want to do things operationally, which could be good news for the Boroughs if they approach us in a genuine spirit of partnership.
- 1.7 The GLA's Decentralised Energy Project Delivery Unit ([DEPDU](#)) has received a second round of funding: it is understood that the new contractor framework has now been appointed but the application process is yet to open. It will be interesting to see how this works alongside the new [£320m heat networks investment funding](#).
- 1.8 It will also be interesting to see what happens with the energy supply for London idea - 'Energy for London'. The GLA has already secured a licence lite. Many of the Boroughs are also looking at white labelling options.

**ACTION:** Invite senior (Mayoral advisor) GLA representative to our next meeting to share their emerging thoughts

**ACTION:** Go ahead with the survey of members to understand resource and capacity issues

**ACTION:** It was agreed that ALEO London would write to Sadiq Khan, formally introducing ourselves. This will be an adaptation of the letter that was sent to all the Mayoral candidates

#### Other updates

- 1.9 Public health teams are having to make emergency funding cuts (without consultation): Lewisham has just lost its public health fuel poverty funding and other Boroughs should watch out for this too. This led to a discussion as to whether other funds were available, perhaps through the voluntary sector, but it was agreed that all grant funds are under pressure. Almost all funding now seems to be going to adult social care - is there any way we can make a link between this and the work we do? Camden have had some success in securing money for fuel poverty projects from their central pot, but there is no guarantee that this will be renewed. Islington has also secured funding from their local carbon off-set fund: this is capital funds for carbon reduction measures (from an agreed list).

1.10 A recent [LECF](#) meeting explored how precedents have been set by planners in different Boroughs for carbon off set funds to be used locally. This should be shared and used as a negotiating tool within other Boroughs.

## 2. Finance and Membership

### 2.1 Treasurer's report

<u>2016/17 Invoice Summary</u>				
	Value	Number	LA Members	Associate Members
Invoices issued	£3,350.00	18	11	7
Payments received	£1,850.00	10	6	4
<u>2016/17 ALEO London Outgoings</u>				
Secretariat fees	£0.00			
Catering of forums	£0.00			
Committee meeting expenses	£0.00			
Total	£0.00			
<u>2016/17 Account Summary</u>				
Income	£1,850.00			
Outgoings	£0.00			
Account balance	£7,336.52			
Notes:				
Camden have paid twice - NS has agreed ALEO London will not invoice membership fee in 2016/17				
At the time of creating this report the most recent secretariat payment has not been deducted from the ALEO account. The amount shortly to be debited will be £1,682.50 leaving an account balance of £5,654.02 (assuming no further payments are received).				

2.2 For comparison, total receipts for 2015/16 were £5450 and expenditure £3450.

2.3 It was agreed that we need to have at least one year's expenditure in reserves, especially in light of recent and ongoing local authority budget cuts.

**ACTION:** SE<sup>2</sup> to chase members who have yet to confirm if they are able to pay membership and invoice as appropriate

2.4 As part of our Associate Membership drive, the following organisations have been invited to join:

- ADE
- Affinity Water
- EDF Energy
- Energy for London
- Groundwork
- London Councils
- National Grid
- NEF

Ovo Energy  
Peabody  
Q-Bot  
Rockwool  
SGN  
Southern Housing  
Thames Water

Of these, Q-Bot have already said yes and SGN have shown a strong interest.

Invitations will also be extended to:

E.ON  
Essex & Suffolk Water  
First Utility  
Npower  
SSE  
Sutton & East Surrey Water

**ACTION:** SE<sup>2</sup> to chase Associate Member invitation and to extend to further organisations. SE<sup>2</sup> will also automatically invite any future private sector speakers to join.

**ACTION:** All members to suggest other potential Associate Members we could invite to join

2.5 The ALEO London Committee have agreed to extend SE<sup>2</sup>'s secretariat contract to include *'Provide administrative support to facilitate the Forum's objective of promoting the role of London local authorities in delivering energy improvements and strategies'* and to increase the annual value of the contract to £2500+VAT (pro rata, from effect 1 July 2016).

**ACTION:** Martin O'Brien to update the contract

### 3. Next meeting

3.1 Southwark and GLA to be approached to host next meetings. Camden have also offered. It was agreed to get dates in the diary now so we can secure big enough rooms in advance.

- The next meeting will take place late September / early October, avoiding the NEA Conference.
- It was agreed that the December meeting will not be joint with LBEG. It was also agreed that this meeting be moved to January (with a social event afterwards)

3.2 Potential speakers:

- Senior Mayoral advisor
- How to do good health impact evaluation of fuel poverty programmes: Camden/Islington Public Health
- Smart meter roll out - energy (Smart Energy GB) and water (Thames Water). To include how they're working together to support vulnerable customers.
- Ofgem: ECO3 / redress / CMA / collective switching (could be January meeting if September is too close to consultation close)
- HECA feedback to DECC (will depend on how the session goes at ALEO SE on 29/6)

**ACTION:** SE<sup>2</sup> to set dates and secure venues for next 3 meetings

**ACTION:** SE<sup>2</sup> to set agenda and invite speakers for September/October meeting

#### 4. AOB

- 4.1 The National ALEO training-conference is taking place in Wigan on 15<sup>th</sup> July. Members are encouraged to attend: details are available at <http://www.aleo.org.uk/conferences/>
- 4.2 ALEO London and National ALEO has been supporting ACE's campaign to get the Leasehold Reform (Energy Efficiency) Bill adopted as a Private Members Bill. The MPs who won in the Private Members Ballot have to declare their intent by next Wednesday (29<sup>th</sup> June). See <http://www.ukace.org/2016/05/please-ask-ballot-mps-to-adopt-leasehold-reform-energy-efficiency-bill/> for further details.
- 4.3 It was agreed that Kathryn Todd at SE<sup>2</sup> will send out the ALEO London email updates.