

## BSL Advisory Panel – Approved Minutes

### Meeting 22

<b>Time and date</b>	10:00 – 14:00, 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
<b>Venue</b>	BEIS Conference Centre, 1 Victoria Street, London & Teams
<b>Date of issue</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> September 2022

#### 1) Welcome and housekeeping

The Chair welcomed the Panel members. Introductions were carried out.

#### 2) Minutes of the last meeting

These presented, no comments raised, and minutes were accepted.

#### 3) Review of actions outstanding

All actions were reviewed. Those closed were recorded on the outstanding actions tracker.

Actions that remained open were reviewed

AP 19-07	RL to have a conversation with Ofgem regarding number of installations/kW as a proportion of the number on the scheme to see how many on Domestic RHI have stopped claiming.	RL	Agreed to close
AP 20-07	Meeting with OPSS, BEIS and BSL admin Dec 2021. BSL land criteria guidance updated and will be released shortly.  Land Criteria Guidance in final draft – to be shared with comms team shortly.	BSL admin	Still ongoing
AP 20-09	Panel members to provide views to BEIS regarding novation	BSL AP	Agreed still ongoing.

Actions from previous meeting

AP 21-01	Next panel meeting to have novation as an agenda item. BSL admin to circulate previous papers discussing novation and to be discussed.	BSL admin	Recommendation made by chair to postpone from June meeting to more relevant time due other priorities	Agreed still ongoing
AP 21-02	BSL admin to send out panel meeting invites for mid-June, early Sept and early Dec and subgroup meetings in May.	BSL admin	Placeholder dates email send JMJ & TO for review. Invitations to be sent out on confirmation	Item agreed closed
AP 21-03	BSL admin to forward RL email and DM additions to whole panel.	BSL admin	Sent to BEIS for review on 06/04 attached to AP22 Documents	Item agreed closed
AP 21-04	Issues with the new legislation should be brought to the next fuel quality subgroup	BSL admin	BSL Admin to add to FQ agenda, discussed on 11/05	Item agreed closed
AP 21-05	BEIS, Ofgem – to meet to discuss Self reporters and clarify interpretation of legislation. DM, GA to send examples to MB.	BEIS/ Ofgem.	First Meeting held between interested parties. DM has provide an example Meeting with Ofgem/BEIS held on 19/05, Ofgem updated guidance produced	Item agreed closed
AP 21-06	Ofgem guidance to be reviewed and BSL FAQs to be reviewed to reflect the routes to compliance.	Ofgem / BSL admin	New FAQs drafted but put on hold by BEIS. Updated FAQs added to BSL Portal on 11/04	Item agreed closed
AP 21-07	GA and DM to discuss issues regarding Self reporters to Ofgem (Not involving BSL)	GA & DM	Email reminder sent to GA 06/04, to be discussed by Ofgem & Woodsure	Item agreed closed
AP 21-08	Agenda item for next finance subgroup is for fuel quality impact on BSL finances	BSL admin	BSL Admin to add to Finance agenda, discussed 28/05	Item agreed closed
AP 21-09	BSL admin to review terms and conditions to identify going forward how potential non-compliances with regards to land criteria should be reviewed.	BSL admin	Planned for August workshop/forum	Agreed still ongoing

AP 21-10	BEIS requested information on Land Energy new plant.	JW	Email reminder sent to JW 06/04	Item agreed closed
AP 21-11	RL email to be shared with whole panel.	BSL admin	Sent on 06/04	Item agreed closed
AP 21-12	BEIS confirms that a formal response to equivalents will be forthcoming.	BEIS	Added to 16/06 AP Agenda, Kiwa Invited	Item agreed closed
AP 21-13	Equivalents to be brought up at the subgroup meeting	BSL admin	Added to 16/06 AP Agenda, Kiwa Invited	Item agreed closed
AP 21-14	To report with more focus on those providing income at next panel meeting. For example the reported tonnage can be converted to income for BSL.	BSL admin	Fuel Quality moved to 1st June, plan to assess impact for AP 23	Item still ongoing
AP 21-15	Administrator to investigate further the SME definition regarding self suppliers.	BSL admin	BSL Admin added to BSL Update slides for AP 22	Item agreed closed
AP 21-16	Administrator to expand table 3.4 on volume of fuel sold to include the raw material type. To investigate how the raw material source type can be reported with a caveat regarding commercial supply. This can also inform the audit risk process. This will assist Forestry Commission and Confor in further industry interrogation regarding RHI. BSL to liaise with IT and DM to ensure this captures what they need.	BSL admin	BSL Admin added to BSL Update slides for AP 22	Item agreed closed
AP 21-17	John Westmacott to be invited as a guest to the next meeting. HBF and JMJ to follow the co-opting process and set	BSL admin	John Westmacott invited to AP22 Administrator to produce recommendation co-opting rules for approval by the panel.	Moved to AOB. Item to be

	up a voting booth if possible.			discussed at AP 23
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#### 4) Subgroup recommendations – Fuel quality

Meeting held in May, FQ implementation discussed. Good meaningful data presented. RL had a response from BEIS to his paper during the meeting and has shared it with AP.

FQ 22-03-02	BSL administrator to ask Woodsure if further details could be provided to panel on breakdown of what the test failures are: moisture content, particle size, etc.	BSL admin	Request has been raised to Woodsure QA.	Remain Open
FQ 22-05-01	Self-reporters and how they are to meet the ISO9001 requirements. VA to send out details this week. This will be followed up in the next meeting	BSL admin / Ofgem	To be chased	Ongoing
FQ 22-05-02	Finance panel to review long term sustainability of contract	Finance Subgroup	Finance subgroup will continue to review long term sustainability.	Ongoing
FQ 22-05-03	BEIS to provide update on implications of the 2-tier system – BEIS to report back	BEIS	Item still ongoing	Ongoing
FQ 22-05-04	Requested exceptional meeting for round up of Fuel Quality – to include all parties and to cover policy intent.	BSL admin	UKPC and WHF to be invited to discuss policy intent and learning following FQ changes and regs.	Ongoing

#### New action

FQ 22-05-05	Research implications to BSL and Fuel Quality regarding Russian pellets. Pellets being bought from other sources causing poor air quality	BSL admin
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AP 22-01	Recommendations only should be brought to the AP not the actions.	BSL admin
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## 5) Finance subgroup

The recommendations document was shown and it was agreed that these recommendations are to be brought up at the next subgroup meeting to be discussed further.

Purpose for BSL and finance subgroup is to monitor value for money for the scheme. JMJ commented that it was good to see how the finances worked on scenarios and that the high level of calls and emails do not impact on the finances.

AP 22-02	Fuel quality will impact on BSL finances with fuels being removed. This should also be discussed at the next subgroup.	BSL admin
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## 6) BEIS update

BEIS congratulated Woodsure/BSL on hard efforts to get Fuel Quality over the line.

In the next year, audit numbers will be reviewed to see how they are panning out.

Reiterated RL point, need to understand the impact on removing BSL numbers. Re: income for BSL and services. BSL administrators to investigate this point.

Shortage of pellets discussed, need input from BSL administrators on views of this or recommendations of where we could get more pellets from. Raised concerns regarding if the ban were to be lifted on EN Plus pellets from Russia and be able to understand impact on this.

AP 22-03	BSL admin to act as conduit regarding alternative sources of pellets and feed back information to BEIS.	BSL admin
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## 7) BSL general activity update

The BSL administrator presented the report. Ran through a breakdown of figures of active fuels on the BSL and the breakdown of removed fuels/suppliers. The administrator also discussed the outbound communication that was provided to all customers prior to 1<sup>st</sup> June regarding Fuel Quality. Discussed challenges regarding Fuel Quality from a Woodsure perspective.

AP 22-04	Post implementation review proposed to learn lessons of what could have been improved – legislation, Ofgem and BSL.	BEIS
AP 22-05	Future subgroups to be organised 1 to 2 weeks before the panel for recommendations to be relevant and accurate.	BSL admin

## 8) Current state of the market

The impacts of fuel quality on the BSL service. Discussion regarding Russian pellets and how they will impact the market for BSL and potential for this to open in the future.

SA discussed rural areas and requesting seasoned wood fuel. Kiln dried firewood has become less in demand.

JMJ raised awareness of availability of supply. Increased prices will be a consequence of that and reduction of quality of wood fuel.

RL discussed potential implications on BSL and the quality and sustainability of fuel that are being put into customers boilers.

JH brought up concerns regarding licencing for those who pick up deadwood and the increased demand of this and the impacts on living.

Discussion regarding the raise in price of bagged pellets and demand not decreasing between GA and LC. Concerns raised over not being able to meet the demand and not having the available stock of pellets. Prices of bagged pellets are due to increase and but are also due to expect shortages in stock. Potentially review prices in winter for potential further price increase.

BEIS have requested lines around pricing and are willing to contact suppliers who can increase capacity of production and offer support to help improve the market if possible.

Discussion regarding the surplus of wood in the north of England and Scotland. Raw material prices have stayed static and have not seen much of an increase or decrease in this.

## **9) Kiwa Update**

Iain Sommerfield presented Kiwa project on assessment of equivalents for both maintenance standard and fuel quality criteria for RHI. Project awarded by BEIS to KiWA in April 2022. Will complete analysis and checklists by August 2022. Open for applications in September 2022.

RL asked if it was to assess the appropriateness of the FQ regs for self suppliers. IS stated it was to assess equivalents not appropriateness.

TO stated equivalents relate to schemes that can be used to demonstrate as meeting the standards and gave an example of a scheme that is run in Spain and how that may be used to demonstrate that the fuel is meeting the regulatory requirements.

JMJ queried if there could be clarification regarding the regs and what equivalents looks like with regards to standards and schemes.

BA and IS clarified that the KIWA equivalents will be looking at the certification schemes to see how they can demonstrate that they ensure their members meet the standards and that the scheme meets the requirements of certification scheme operation, demonstrating independent verification.

JMJ and RL asked for a review of the implementation of the regs and standards to include:

- The regs as written
- The interpretation of the regs
- The implementation of the regs
- Impact on BSL and suppliers.

### 10) Ofgem Update

All items regarding updates were discussed elsewhere in the meeting.

On 1<sup>st</sup> April there were 24 periodic submissions that were queried, 8 of which had the BSL numbers removed.

On 9<sup>th</sup> June there were 82 periodic submissions that were queried, 28 of which were due to the BSL numbers being removed.

Numbers are low but will continue to be monitored.

### 11) BSL Enhancement review

Delayed until next meeting.

### 12) AOB

Co-opting members onto the advisory panel was discussed.

AP 22-06	AH and JMJ to prepare a paper for the next meeting	AH & JMJ
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### 13) Closing remarks, date and location of next meeting

Next meeting 9<sup>th</sup> September – location to be agreed. Meeting was closed by JMJ.

Appendix A

Member Name	Organisation
Julian Morgan-Jones (Chair) (JMJ)	South East Woodfuels Ltd
Alastair Moore (AM)	BSL Administrator
Andrew Hopton (AH)	Woodsure
Bruce Allen (BA)	HETAS
Gill Alker (GA)	AMP Clean Energy
Helen Bentley-Fox (HBF)	Woodsure
Lucy Clark (LC)	LC Energy Ltd
Julia Turner (JT)	Wood Recyclers Association
Malcolm Snowie (MS)	Scot Heating Company Limited
Ross Lowrie (RL)	Self-supplier
Tunde Ojetola (TO)	BEIS
Ian Tubby (IT)	Forestry Commission England
Jason Hubert (JH)	Scottish Forestry
Steve Arnold (SA)	Effipap Ltd
Amy Fielding (AF)	Environmental Compliance Solutions Ltd
James Wood-Segura (JWS)	Ofgem
Iain Summerfield (IS)	Kiwa
Apologies	Organisation
Alan Davies (AD)	DJ Davies Fuels Ltd
David Marchant (DEM)	DEM Logs
Marissa Cook (MC)	BSL Administrator
Duncan Mackinnon (DM)	Tilhill Forestry
Michael Barber-Starkey (MBS)	M W Barber-Starkey
Pablo John (PJ)	Wood Heat Association
Alan Webb (AW)	JM Envirofuels Ltd
Vlada Aikman (VA)	Ofgem
Richard Coulson (RC)	WRA
John Westmacott (JW)	Guest (Land Energy)