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**Energy Inquiry Committee**

**Meeting 1**

**Friday 3 March 2017**

Present:

Sir Muir Russell (Chair)  
Prof Simon Harley  
Prof Gareth Harrison  
Prof Gavin Little  
Prof Stephen McArthur

Prof Pete Smith  
Prof Karen Turner  
Prof John Underhill  
Prof Jan Webb

Alan Alexander (RSE)  
Craig Denham (Secretariat)  
Westaly Duignan (RSE)  
Jenny Liddell (RSE)

Apologies were received from Prof Rebecca Lunn.

The meeting opened at 10am in the Scott Room of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

1. The Committee members and present RSE staff introduced themselves and gave information on their expertise and professional backgrounds.
2. It was agreed that the range of expertise on the Committee was sufficiently broad.
3. The importance of transparency during the Inquiry was discussed.
4. The Committee discussed recent Scottish Government publications, namely: the draft Scottish Energy Strategy; Scotland's Energy Efficiency Programme; and the draft Climate Change Plan.
5. The Committee agreed to the proposed timeline for the Inquiry.
6. An update was given by the RSE Fundraising Team on their progress in raising the necessary funding.
7. Potential dates for the Inquiry launch event were discussed.
8. The Committee discussed how it hoped to gather evidence for the Inquiry.
9. It was agreed that next meeting of the Committee would occur in April 2017.

**Craig Denham**

**Inquiry Secretariat**