



REPORT FROM DISTRICT ENERGY WORKSHOP

The Heat is On – In South West England

Local Authority District Heat Forum – In partnership with
City Councils in South West England, The City of Exeter and DEPA

REPORT - Exeter – 20-21nd April, 2015

Results from the workshop

General

Thanks for your participation and contributions to the workshop in Exeter. The general feedback I have received is that the meeting was productive and that the delegates from the various LAs were perfectly relevant for the discussion. I apologize for the sour throats I assume you all had following your presentations. I will make sure to bring a set of megaphones to up-coming workshops. We would also welcome any feedback from you on how you think we could further develop the format and content of the workshops, and also if you have suggestions on other stakeholder groups which would be of interest to address with similar activities.

Results and Follow-up activities

Michael and I have so far been able to have a follow-up discussion (by phone or mail) with 10 of the participating LAs. The outcome is as follows:

- **Agreed Follow-up meetings**

Follow-up meetings have agreed with 5 LAs – Stoke-on-Trent, Worcestershire, Bristol, Swindon and Exeter. Three of them are interested in having meetings with Nordic Heat. I will organize some individual meetings involving Nordic Heat staff end of May. Three of the LAs have stated that they will launch a procurement process within 2015. I will be back with further information to you as we proceed.

- **DEPA**

We have so far managed to sign up 6 of the participating LAs to DEPA. That brings the total number of LAs having formally committed themselves to DEPA beyond the first critical target of 25 as conditioned by GMCA and DECC. We expect to sign up some more in the coming weeks. A DEPA proof-of-concept workshop will be executed with Islington on 8th of June. This activity will not involve any technology providers. I will however come back to you with feedback on next step following this workshop..

SAVE THE DATE - Next workshop in the UK market – June 9th in Manchester

On June 9th we will organize a technology workshop in Manchester. It will involve Local Authorities in the NW part of England. It will be organized in co-operation with GMCA, MCC, ADE and DEPA. I will come back with an invitation to this activity in week 19.



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