

CLLS - ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING
4 FEBRUARY 2016 AT 18:00
CMS
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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Robert Lane introduced the meeting and invited comments on the functioning of the committee.

2. ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE

2.1 The committee members raised the following matters:

2.1.1 If the meeting were to be scheduled at another point in the day then other attendees may be able to make the meeting. It was suggested that meetings could be held at the start of the day.

2.1.2 Members will be asked to invite alternatives when they are not able to attend meetings. It was proposed that meetings would be held twice yearly.

2.1.3 It was noted that conflicts are prevalent in the sector space in which the committee operates and it is therefore difficult to comment collectively on consultations. This point is highlighted by the committee's ability to only comfortably comment on one consultation in the last three years.

2.1.4 It was noted that the different interests in the industry tend to have strong lobbying bodies that act on their behalf responding to many of the consultations. Whilst the group may be able to comment on reporting obligations this is a very technical area which may be better served by lobbyists.

2.1.5 The suggestion of running training sessions for junior members of legal firms or teams represented on the committee was mooted. This could take the form of external speakers to provide teaching sessions on non-legal issues. It would also provide a networking opportunity for our junior colleagues.

2.2 At this point the meeting was adjourned as it seemed appropriate to get further input from other members.

2.3 Sessions could be held in person and as webinars to ensure attendance is not restricted by location. It was suggested that these training sessions could happen twice a year.

3. NEXT MEETING

3.1 No date was set for the next meeting.