

14<sup>th</sup> October  
11:00 am  
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# Meeting of ***REA Biogas Forum***



## Housekeeping for the Meeting

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- All participants should remain muted and with videos off unless they are speaking
- Please note where the *chat symbol* is (top right of the screen). Questions are being monitored by REA staff and we shall read them out during the discussion sections. if questions needs clarifying, we may ask to unmute yourself.

The session will be recorded for accurate note taking.

Participants of the meeting will receive a copy of the slides.

# Thank you



## Member survey

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- REA annual member **survey** is still open.
  - Your feedback is very important to us as it will help shape future plans of the REA.
  - It will help inform our feedback to BEIS and the Ministers re impact of COVID, energy security, and BREXIT going forward.
  - We would appreciate it if you could fill it in ASAP.



# Agenda

- Welcome and introductions (William Mezzullo, Foresight Group, Biogas Forum Chair)
- Green Gas Levy consultation proposals (James Davies, Chris Bateman and George Lowe, BEIS)
- Update from the Policy Board (William Mezzullo, Foresight Group, Biogas Forum Chair)
- Other relevant policy updates (Kiara Zennaro, Head of Biogas, REA)
- Updates on transport policy from the Renewable Transport Fuel Forum (Paul Thompson, Head of Renewable Transport, REA)
- Update on business rates (William Mezzullo, Foresight Group, Biogas Forum Chair)
- Waste collections and EA regulatory updates (Jenny Grant, Head of Organics and Natural Capital)



Green Gas  
Levy proposals

# BEIS presentation on GGL consultation



**REA  
Vision**

# **A future built on renewable energy and clean technology**



**New REA  
Impact**

**The UK transitions to  
100% renewable energy and  
clean technology by 2050  
delivering  
Net Zero CO<sub>2</sub> emissions,  
improving and valuing natural  
capital.**

***NOT***

***Surpassing Fossil Fuels by  
2040***



# REA Impact

**Important  
Pillars**  
(Starts to set how  
the REA will  
coordinate)

**100% RE & CT by 2050 delivering  
Net Zero CO<sub>2</sub>**

Power is completely decarbonised by 2030.

Transport is completely decarbonised by 2050  
in the UK

Heat is completely decarbonised by 2050  
across the economy.

Complete delivery of the circular economy by  
2050





## Other relevant policy updates

- Green Gas Support Scheme consultation:
  - Response expected in the winter
  - Scheme expected to start in Autumn 2021
  - BEIS seeking to refine some assumptions and address policy questions (TGs, digestate and feedstocks)
- Closure and future proof of RHI Schemes:
  - Response expected this Autumn
  - Regs coming in force to coincide with Scheme closure (end of March 2021)
  - More flexibility expected to be allowed between RHI & RTFO
- Extensions to commissioning deadlines to help projects affected by COVID:
  - TGs and non TGs



Feedback  
sought from  
BEIS

- Feedstock mix (Impact Assessment Table C1)

Feedstock	Proportion
Food Waste	50%
Energy Crop (Maize)	20%
Sewage	25%
Wet Manure	5%

- Digestate and ammonia:
  - Cost of store covers, ammonia stripping and other technologies to reduce ammonia from digestate
  - Link between the GGSS and applications of digestate to minimise ammonia emissions (low emission spreading techniques)

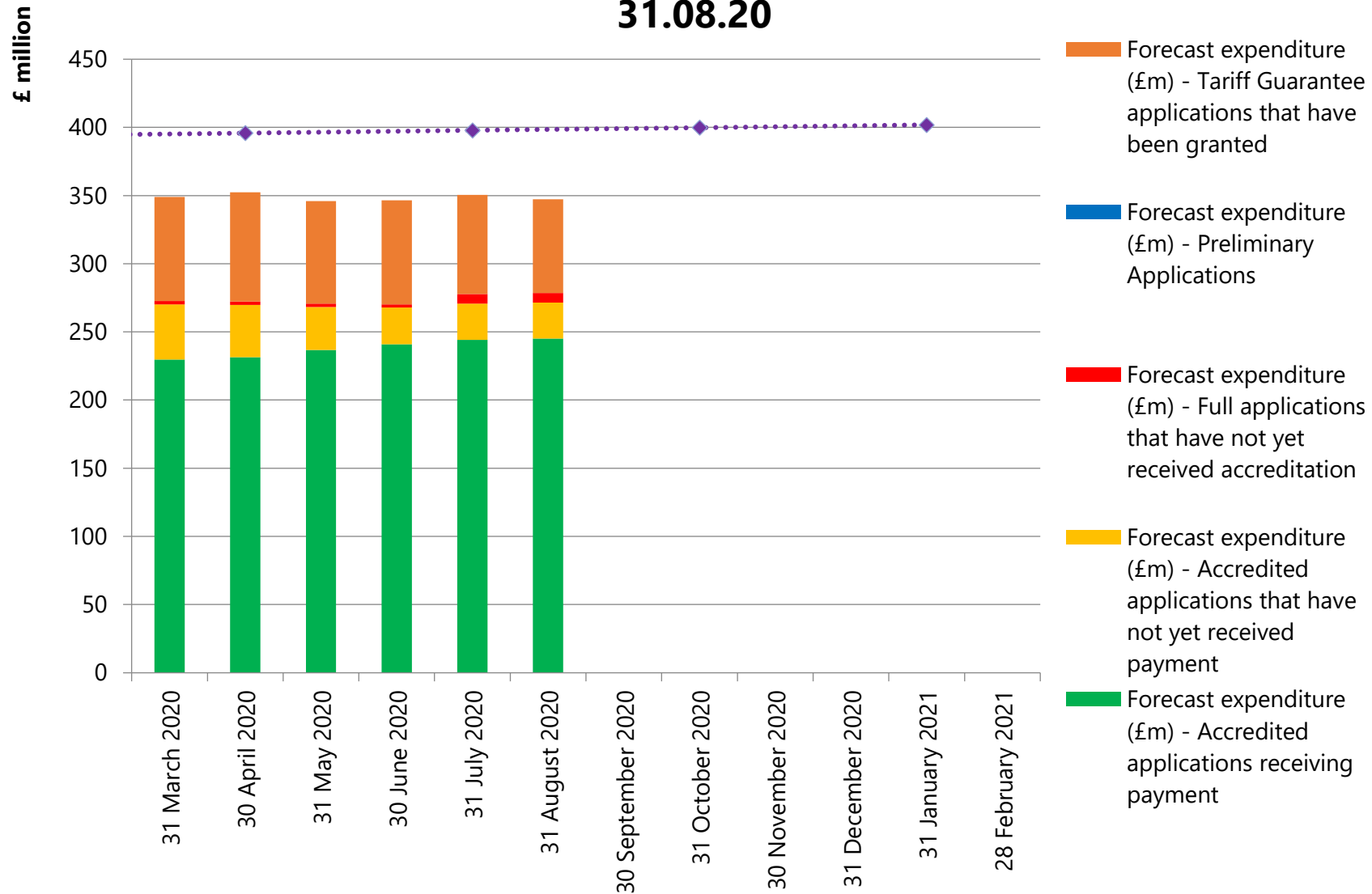


## Other relevant policy updates

- Extensive engagement with Ofgem
  - Roundtable with Ofgem CEO
  - [Recommendations](#) on GGSS administration submitted by REA Biogas working group
- FIT equipment replacement issue
  - Current stance on the REA's [website](#) (members only)
  - BEIS to appoint new person to lead on this
  - Ofgem to publish new guidance
- [Gas Goes Green](#) programme
  - Technical Advisory Group
  - Entry Consumer Forum
- Strategies / documents expected to be released from Government before Christmas or in Q1 2021:
  - Energy White Paper
  - Heat and Buildings strategy
  - Hydrogen Strategy
  - Industrial decarbonisation strategy



## Biomethane and Large Biogas forecast expenditure, as at 31.08.20



RHI  
degressions?



October 2020

# Update on Defra and EA Activity

**Jenny Grant**



- Resources and Waste Strategy
  - Next round of consultations in Q1 2021
  - Extended Producer Responsibility, Deposit Return and Recycling Consistency
  - Ongoing engagement, including with local authorities
- Environment Bill
  - Committee stages in October, Royal Assent in early 2021
  - Requirement for all LAs to have separate food waste collections and similar requirement for businesses.
- Waste Management Plan for England
  - Consultation (closes tomorrow)
  - Commitment to introduce mandatory food waste collections.
  - Further consideration for free garden waste collections.



EA

- Permitting queue
  - Prioritising dealing with new permit applications over other activities.
- Permit revisions
  - Bespoke permits, Regulation 61 notices (BAT compliance) sent out gradually.
  - Standard Rule permit revision response due.
- Appropriate measures guidance
  - Working on responses to consultation.
- Quality Protocols
  - Revision recommended and RPS in place in meantime.
  - Funded by industry.
  - 6 months to commit funding and 6 months for revision.
- Roadmap for reducing plastics in feedstocks
  - Likely to be year on year reductions on permissible levels of plastics.



# Thank you



## UK Green Gas Day Taster Session

12th November 2020 - Online Virtual Event

UK Green Gas Day 2021 | National Motorcycle Museum | 22nd April 2021

