



Retail Forum Working Group Minutes: Future of Retail – Green Transition

4 September 2024

Meeting 11

CHATHAM HOUSE RULES APPLY

Attendees: Appendix A

Minutes: The minutes from this meeting are to be agreed under Silence Procedure and will be available on www.enterprise.gov.ie

Item 1: Welcome

The Chair for this meeting was Martin Markey, CEO, Hardware Association Ireland.

Item 2: Presentation from Martin Markey, CEO, Hardware Association Ireland and Donal Sugrue, DCS Group – Stakelums Home and Hardware – An Energy Update Project – Case Study (Action 10)

Comments Arising

- Any schemes available for rainwater harvesting.
- The number of solar panels used in the case study.
- If any retailers have reverted back after they have been audited.
- Securing access to electricity.
- DCS Group contact details to be forwarded to the Group after the meeting.

Item 3: Presentation from Kiara Mulvey, Department of Environment, Climate and Communications – Circular Economy Strategic Policy – Green Public Procurement (Action 10)

Comments Arising

- A copy of the presentation to be forwarded to the Group after the meeting.

Item 4: AOB

The Secretary to the Retail Forum raised a number of points under AOB. The first two points were issued to the Group via email on 27 August 2024.

- **Work Programme 2025**

In the Retail Forum Work Programme 2024 there are three green transition actions. Action 8 – *Monitor the roll out of the Deposit Return Scheme* has been completed in 2024. Members were asked to consider a new action to replace Action 8 and to contact the secretariat directly about this.

- **Retail Transition Pathway – the call for initiatives**

DG GROW launched a call for initiatives under the Retail Transition Pathway. Through this call, stakeholders have the opportunity to help advance the green and digital transition of the retail ecosystem and support its resilience by sharing their initiatives linked to the actions of the Retail Transition Pathway. Members have been asked to consider putting forward any Green Transition initiatives that highlights best practice within the sector.

- **Rotating Chair**

The secretary of the Retail Forum thanked Martin Markey for volunteering to be the first rotating chair of the Green Transition Working Group. She asked members to contact her if they wish to be the chair of the next meeting of the Green Transition Working Group on the 20 November 2024.

**Retail Section
Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment
4 September 2024**

Appendix A

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Attendees

Organisation	Representative
Basecamp	Aoife Prunty
Chambers Ireland	James Kiernan
Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment	Marian Cassidy (Secretary to the Retail Forum)
Eason	Brendan Corbett
Hardware Association Ireland	Martin Markey (Chair)
Musgrave	Owen Keogh
Primark	Aidan O'Connor
Retail Excellence	Keelan Bourke
RGDATA	Clare Walsh
SEAI	Ali Donnellan
Tesco	Louise Glennan

Presenters

Organisation	Representative
Hardware Association Ireland	Martin Markey
DCS Group	Donal Sugrue
Department of Environment, Climate and Communications	Kiara Mulvey
Department of Environment, Climate and Communications	Brian Quirke