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Meeting minutes

Gas Advisory Council

Date: 14/05/2025	Location: Solihull
Start: 9:30 AM	End: 4:00 PM

Participants

Attendee	Attendee	Attendee
Independent Chair	IGEM	NESO (Technical Secretariat)
DESNZ	INA	OFGEM
Energy UK	Interconnector Ltd	FEN (networks)
FEN (biomethane)	CCSA	University of Lincoln
Hydrogen UK	MEUC	UESO
ICoSS	National Gas Transmission	Xoserve
Mutual Energy	Gas Networks Ireland	South Hook Gas
E3G		

Discussion and details

Topics to be discussed

1. Opening remarks

NESO commenced the meeting by welcoming participants, providing an overview of the agenda for the day, introducing new members to the Gas Advisory Council (GAC), and addressing housekeeping matters. NESO emphasized the importance of a comprehensive approach to the gas system, considering its interdependencies with electricity and the overall energy system. NESO highlighted the significance of collaboration among stakeholders and NESO's dedication to understanding the future role of gas within the broader energy framework.

2. Chair Introduction

GAC Chair introduced himself as the independent chair of the Gas Advisory Council, emphasizing his commitment to maintaining independence and facilitating effective meetings. He also shared with members his background and research experience in the gas sector.

3. DESNZ Update and Q&A

DESNZ Deputy Director of Gas Systems, Networks and Markets gave a summary of DESNZ's actions in the gas sector, discussing the government's approach, the importance of gas in the current energy system, and the need for a long-term transition plan. He mentioned upcoming engagement with the gas sector and increased engagement with ministers on gas-related issues and the necessity of building a strong evidence base for interventions were highlighted.

4. FES presentation

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The NESO FES Team introduced themselves and outlined the purpose of FES and its upcoming publication in July 2025. They mentioned that even with NESO's Clean Power 2030 work they are on track to deliver FES 2025 by July 14th, with a presentation on July 15th. They discussed the 2024 FES outlook for Hydrogen and CCUS, and giving verbally indications of the direction of both in FES 2025 whilst providing preliminary figures for natural gas and biomethane supply in FES 2025 were highlighted. The FES 2025 figures have been redacted from the presentation material for this meeting as they have not been published.

5. **GAC project overview**

NESO provided an overview of the afternoon session, focusing on the refined project ideas from the last Gas Advisory Council meeting. They explained the prioritization process, emphasizing the flexibility in adjusting priorities based on new information. The session aimed to ensure that the most promising projects are selected for planning and scoping.

6. **GAC project prioritisation**

GAC members formed breakout groups to discuss refined project charters. The groups discussed the projects in terms of feasibility, urgency and potential impact of the project. Each member then selected three top priority projects for the GAC and NESO to advance.
