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# Strategic Spatial Energy Plan (SSEP)

## External Governance Quarterly

### Summary: Q2 April – June 2025

Following analysis of the SSEP Draft Methodology consultation responses in Q1, we updated the methodology to reflect the feedback and progressed this version through the external governance groups. The final [SSEP Methodology](#) was published in May 2025 following approval from the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero and Ofgem, in accordance with the [commission](#). The SSEP monitoring and evaluation plan, which outlines the approach for continuous improvement and assessing the outcomes of the SSEP, was approved alongside the methodology.

Following feedback from previous governance group meetings, revisions related to spatial exclusions, constraints and opportunities were shared. The groups discussed the engagement process to consider any areas of improvement for the future. Initial draft geospatial maps were shared to show how these spatial factors are visualised and can be used to provide inputs to the economic modelling.

As part of the next phase of the programme, the process and criteria for appraising SSEP pathways has been shared and discussed with the governance and stakeholder groups to help ensure that as the pathways are developed, they are viable, deliverable and robust.

For our Expert Advisory Group (EAG), we undertook efforts to attract additional members via an open process and received high-quality interest from 14 individuals across the industry.

We are delighted to welcome Eric Brown as the Independent Chair of the EAG. Eric brings a broad range of cross-sector skills and experience to lead the group as we develop and deliver the first SSEP. Additionally, Simon Skillings and Professor David Flynn will be joining as members with a cross-cutting view, in addition to the existing working group representatives. Simon is an independent energy industry consultant currently working with the climate think tank E3G to advise on energy transition issues, and has a background of providing advice on European and UK energy market issues to government, business, regulators, and NGOs. David heads a Research Division at Glasgow University, focusing on Autonomous Systems and Connectivity.

We look forward to the insight, wider perspectives, and advice that these new members will undoubtedly bring to the SSEP debate.

The focus of the Analytical Working Group (AWG) and Analytical Evidence Advisory Group (AEAG) this quarter has been reviewing the outputs of the economic modelling to understand how the model responds to sensitivity testing, which is an input assumption that will have a significant

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impact on the outputs of the analysis and the flow through of that into the development of pathways. A [technical webinar](#) open to all in the energy industry was also held to provide an overview of the modelling process for SSEP.

In the next quarter, the focus will be on development and appraisal of the pathway options ahead of delivery of the Pathway Options Report to the Energy Secretary.

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