

Meeting minutes

Gas Advisory Council

Date: 10/07/2025 **Location:** London
Start: 10:00 AM **End:** 3:00 PM

Participants

Attendee	Attendee	Attendee
Chair	FEN (Biomethane)	National Gas
NESO	FEN (Networks)	MEUC
CCSA	Hydrogen UK	Ofgem
DESNZ	IGEM	South Hook Gas
Energy UK	INA	Xoserve
E3G	Joint Office	

Discussion and details

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| # | Topics discussed |
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- Opening remarks & NESO Introduction**

The Chair welcomed the group to the 3rd Gas Advisory Council meeting and highlighted the focus of the day would be around obtaining initial feedback on project proposals to enable starting project work.

NESO provided an overview of the Strategic Energy Planning (SEP) milestones as well as highlighting the Whole Energy Market Strategy (WEMS) report publication.
 - Ofgem Update and Q&A**

Ofgem's Deputy Director of Energy Markets and Security, within the Energy Systems Management and Security Directorate gave an update on both Ofgem as an organisation, and the directorates priorities. There was a discussion on gas security and the potential changes that may come with the evolution of GB's gas supply.
 - DESNZ 'Update to Market'**

DESNZ recently published its "Midstream Gas System: Update to the Market" document looking at supply resilience, network costs and operationalising the gas transition. DESNZ discussed their upcoming programme of work and future planned consultations. Finally the group discussed how DESNZ and the GAC can best work together going forward.
 - GAC project overview**

The group discussed the key principles for GAC projects, and NESO's role as a facilitator with member led projects.

NESO provided a recap of conversations to date across the full suite of projects with proposed actions whether to place the project on hold, or to discuss during the afternoon session.
 - GAC project prioritisation**

NESO ran through each of the five prioritised projects to move forward with for future GACs. Three of the projects were given the green light to progress (Storage, H2 Blending, Post-GGSS (biomethane) framework), with a lot of interest from GAC members on the storage focussed project.
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There was also discussion on potentially linking the work on some projects and resources from external stakeholders. The Chair also discussed the importance of GAC as a group to provide an evidence base for projects, and that GAC would not provide outputs if they weren't based on evidence.

It was also highlighted that it was important for GAC projects to speak to DESNZ teams and bring them along on the journey, and work together to develop projects further.

Two projects (Gas in Clean Power, Certification) were given amber signals, either to place the project on hold due to time constraints (Certification), or that the proposal would need to be amended to fit the group more suitably (Gas in Clean Power).

NESO will further develop project plans between GAC 03 and 04 with outputs to be shared to members between sessions.
