Regional Energy System Planning (RESP) Methodology Consultation - Governance

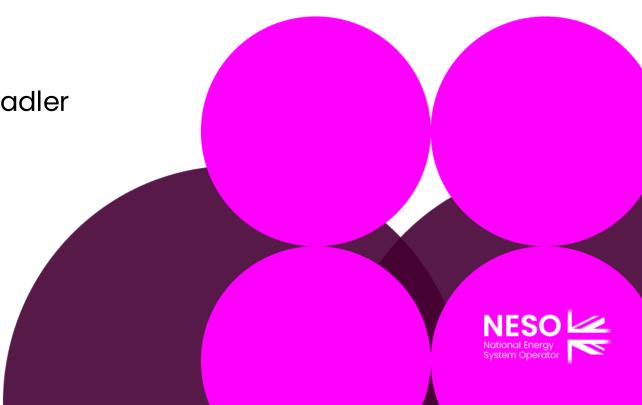
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- Faith Natukunda RESP Senior Manager: Technical Delivery
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Agenda

- l. Welcome & Introduction Jonny Sadler
- 2. Methodology Consultation Faith Natukunda
- 3. Governance Mel Taylor
 - Poll Survey
- 4. Q&A All
- 5. Next Steps & How to get involved Jonny Sadler



Methodology Consultation Document

https://www.neso.energy/document/372156/download





2. Methodology Consultation

Faith Natukunda RESP Senior Manager: Technical Delivery







The Regional Energy Strategic Plan





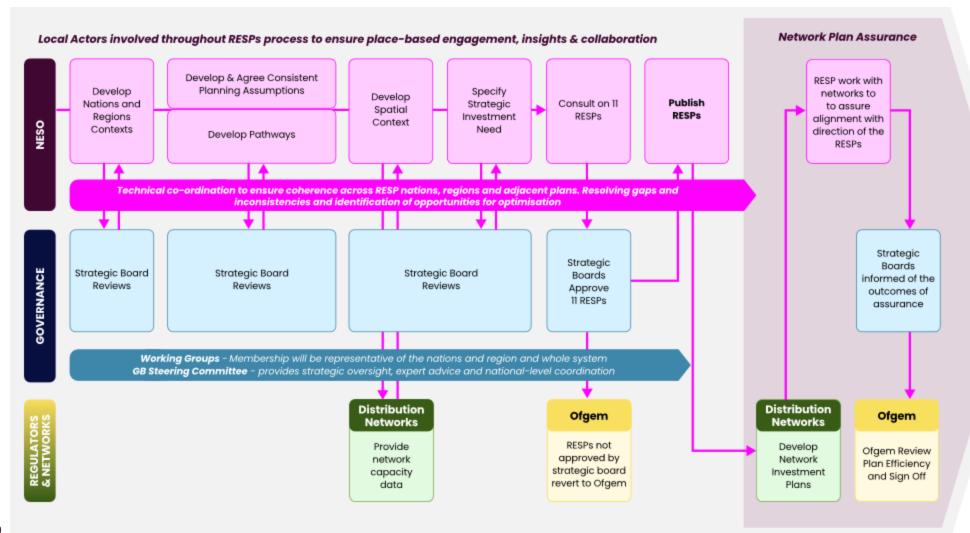








Role of Governance in the end-toend Process





3. Governance Overview

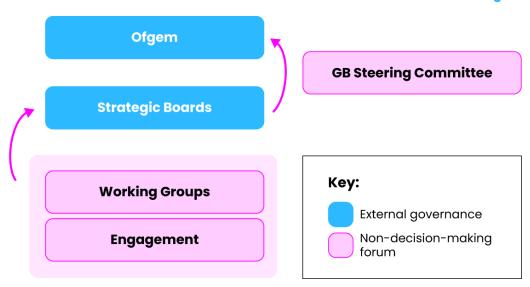
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RESP Governance Structure

Ofgem - where approval at the strategic board cannot be achieved, sign off reverts to Ofgem



GB Steering Committee provides strategic oversight, expert advice and national-level coordination during development of the RESP methodology and supports alignment with national plans, including the SSEP and CSNP, and will help ensure coherence and efficiency across nations and regions

Strategic Boards provides oversight, coordination and strategic steer throughout RESP development. The Strategic Board will act as a forum that brings together key stakeholders, supports open discussion, addresses differences in perspective, and helps guide whole system planning for each nation and region. Where a significant majority consensus is reached, the Strategic Board will approve the RESP for its area.

Working Groups provides input to RESP development and formally advise the Strategic Boards

Engagement Processes enable customers and stakeholders to engage in the development of RESPs through a range of structured, transparent and accessible routes



Strategic Boards Composition and Membership

Strategic Board Members



NESO Chair

• NESO will chair and perform all management functions for the strategic boards



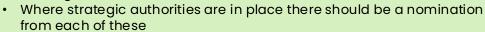
Network Companies

• As per Ofgem Policy Framework all Network Companies in each nation and region can sit on the Strategic Board



Local Government

• Up to 6 representatives from across Local Government in each nation and region can sit on the board





Scottish / Welsh Government

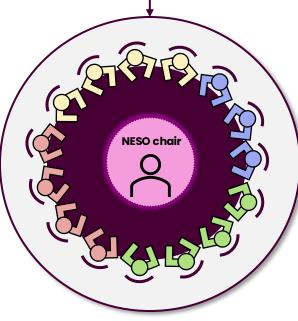
Scottish and Welsh governments sit on the boards for Scotland and Wales



Cross Sector Actors

- Up to 4 cross sector actors who play a significant role in energy planning will sit on the Board
- NESO will decide these, from a pool of applicants to complement the membership groups above for a wider whole system perspective







Local Government Representation



In determining the approach to Local Government representation, we have sought to set out an approach that: can work across RESP nations and regions, which have different make-ups from a Local Government perspective, while maintaining lean and effective Strategic Boards, the key aspects are set out below.

- It is not possible for all local government bodies within a RESP nation and region to sit on the strategic board
- Board members will be asked to represent the interests of Local Government as a sector, not their individual constituencies
- For the English Regions, all Strategic Authorities in a region will be invited to participate.
 Where this doesn't cover the entire region, remaining seats will be allocated to authorities that do not sit within the Strategic Authorities
- NESO will not mandate whether officers or politicians will participate, but we will seek to avoid a mixture sitting on the Strategic Board
- All local authorities will be invited to participate in working groups, with there being a dedicated group(s) for Local Government, as well as other thematic groups that could be relevant



Appointment of Members to Strategic Boards



Local Government (Up to 6)



Distribution Networks



Cross Sector Actors
(Up to 4)

NESO writes to Chief
Executives of Strategic
Authorities (where they exist)
and other Uppier Tier
authorities, or to partnership
bodies to nominate
attendees

Local Authorities provide
nominated candidates based
on capacity, capability and role.
These can be officers or
politicians as best meets local
needs.

NESO writes to Chief
Executives of Networks asking
for nominations. It has been
established already that all
Networks in a RESP Area will sit
on the board.

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Networks provide nominations

NESO develops a candidate pack

NESO advertise roles and launches a targeted application process Individuals submit applications, that articulate why they are a good fit for the board

and confirm the final board membership in consideration of the

1- 4----

following criteria:

 Is there appropriate whole system representation, based on local needs?

NESO Final Decision on Board

Members

NESO will consider the nominations

- Is there adequate place-based representation?
- Is there a fair balance of members within each group? (e.g. representation of both urban and remote elements of the region or nation, a range of sectors)



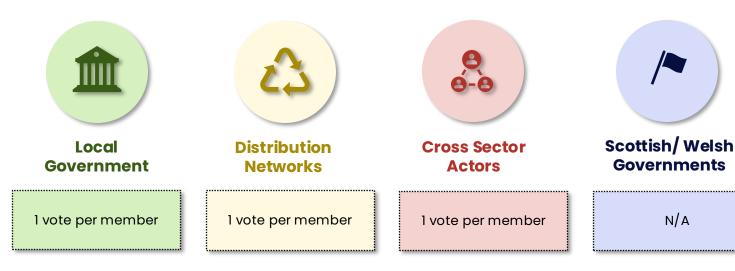


Poll Survey

Appointment of Members to Strategic Boards



Strategic Boards Decision Making



What % vote share could each sector have?

How many votes

could each member have?

How is the appropriate voting threshold to constitute approval? 2/3 total majority vote constitutes approval, when totalled across all membership groups

50%

20% Electricity

20% Gas

Must approve *in* addition to 2/3 majority

Governments

N/A

N/A

10%



Poll Survey

Strategic Boards Decision Making



One for each nation and region

National

What working groups are we proposing for RESP?

Context: in our Methodology Consultation, we have set out the structure of Working Groups, and the key themes we believe will need to be covered in all Nations and Regions. In response to feedback, and as we grow our understanding, we anticipate differences based on local needs to emerge.



RESP Roundtables bringing together representatives from each thematic working group to resolve issues before escalation and consider the RESP outputs as a whole, particularly any trade-offs considered between sectors

	Thematic working groups	Definition
1	Local Government Working Group	 Open to Strategic, county, district, metropolitan and unitary councils (depending on the landscape of the nation or region in question). This group will ensure that all authorities have a formal role in RESP governance and can contribute to sector-wide positions
2	Consumer and Commercial Demand	 Covering residential and commercial demand including flexibility, heat networks, fuel poverty and community energy considerations.
3	Generation	Covering generation connecting directly to the distribution network, as well as storage, community and distributed energy
4	Industrial Decarbonisation & Transport	Covering decarbonisation of industry and transport, including clusters and dispersed sites

A **Technical Working Group** to consider cross-cutting technical issues, and input to consistent planning assumptions.

We have not stated an explicit cap on members, but would expect beyond 24 participants to require managing in a different way to a single group



Poll Survey

What working groups are we proposing for RESP?



GB Steering Committee Composition

GB Steering Committee Members



Minimum Membership

Ofgem has stated that, as a minimum, the GBSC must include NESO,
 Ofgem and DESNZ



Scottish / Welsh Government

• Scottish and Welsh governments will both participate in the GB Steering Committee



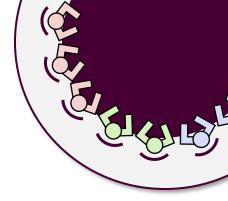
Statutory Customer Representatives

• Citizens Advice and Consumer Scotland will be invited to participate



Distribution Networks Representatives

 Organisations to represent distribution networks will be invited to participate namely the Energy Networks Association (ENA); Future Energy Networks (FEN) and Independent Networks Association (INA)



12 - 15 Members

TBC

Local Government

Organisations to represent local government such as the Local Government Association (LGA) and UK100

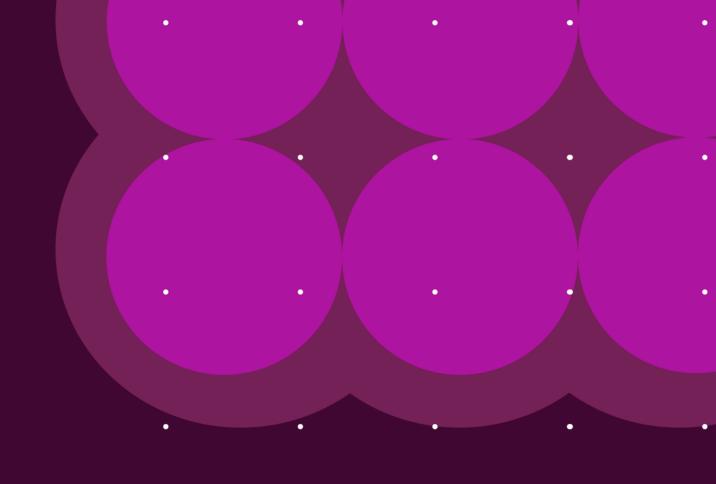


Cross Sector Actors

• Cross-sector organisations operating at a GB level and able to advocate on behalf of a wide breadth of system actors



4. Q&A



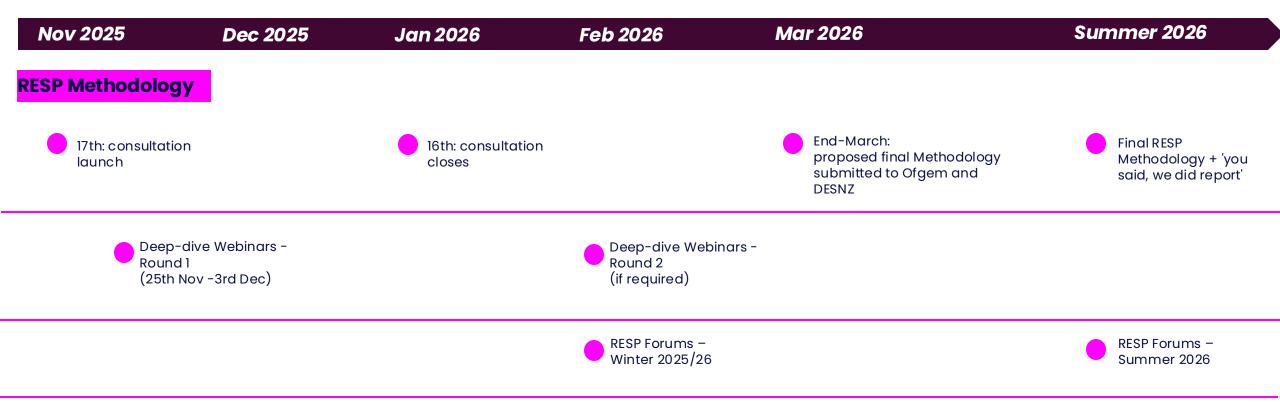


5. Next Steps & How to get involved

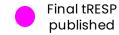
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Timeline









How to respond to the consultation

- 1. Please submit your response by 11.59pm on 16 January 2026
- 2. Please submit your response via the Qualtrics platform:

English:



Cymraeg:



- 3. If you are not able to submit your response via Qualtrics, please contact box.consultations.resp@neso.energy by 9 January 2025, at the latest.
- 4. Responses are saved as you progress through the form, so you don't have to complete all questions at once. Please note that they are only saved when you go to the next page of the survey.
- 5. You will be able to download a copy of your responses as a PDF at the end.
- 6. FAQs will be published on the RESP Methodology consultation section of the NESO website
- 7. If you have any questions, please email: box.consultations.resp@neso.energy



Further information on RESP

Look out for future Forum dates



RESP web pages



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