

Regional Energy System Planning (RESP) Methodology Consultation – Governance

27th November 2025

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- Faith Natukunda – RESP Senior Manager: Technical Delivery
- Jonny Sadler – RESP Engagement & Communications Manager

Agenda

1. 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

Five components of a RESP

The Regional Energy Strategic Plan

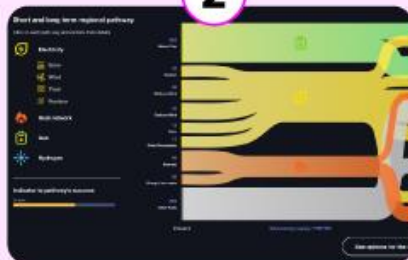
Nations and Regions Context

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Pathways

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Consistent Planning Assumptions

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Spatial Context

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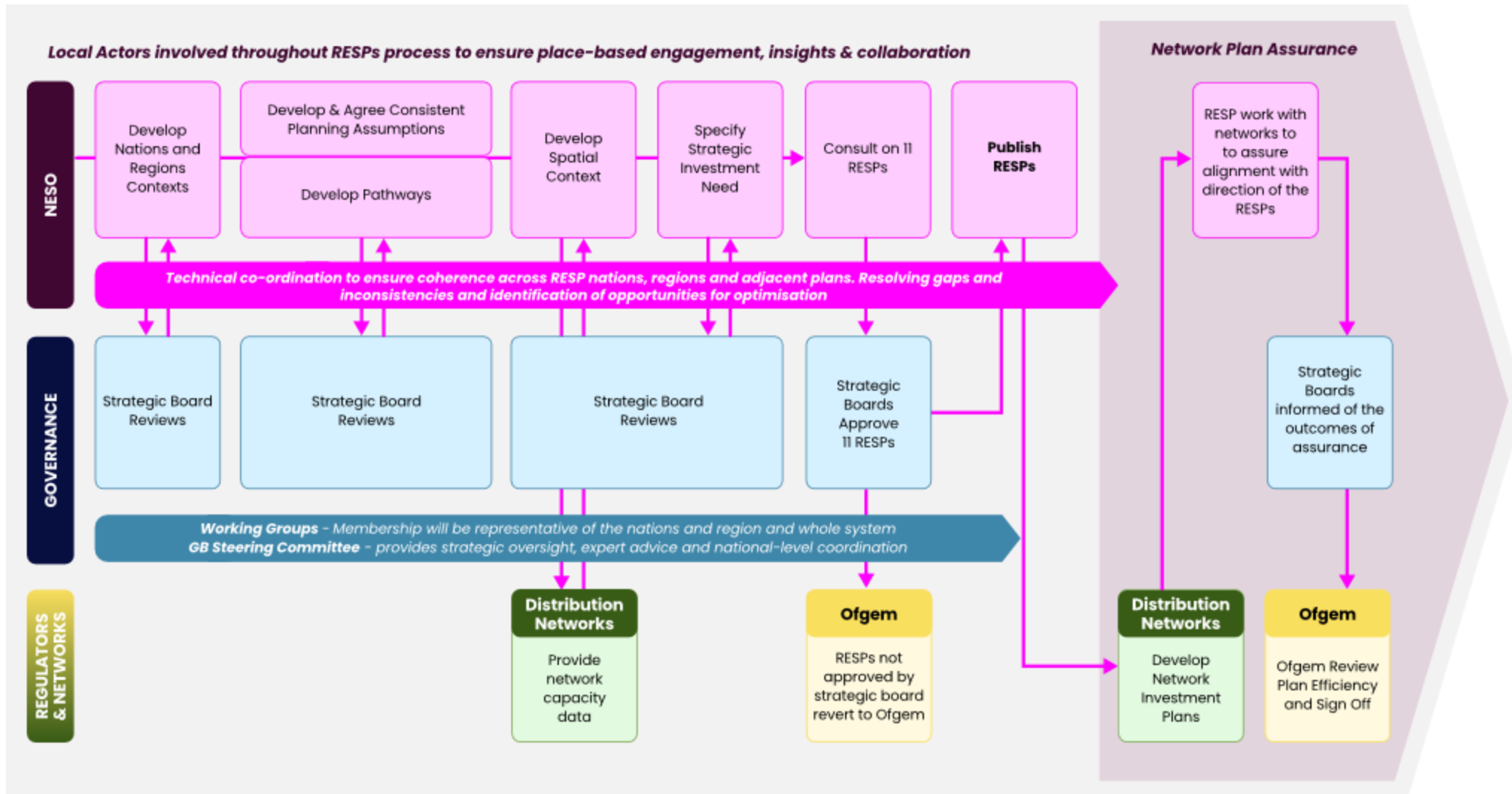


Specification of Strategic Investment Needs

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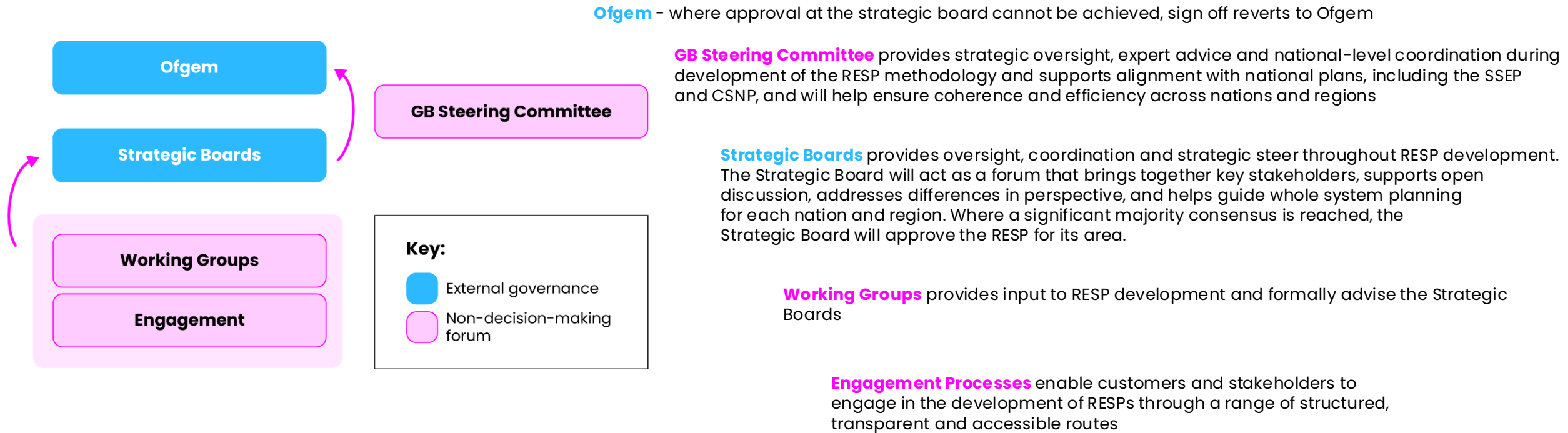
Role of Governance in the end-to-end Process



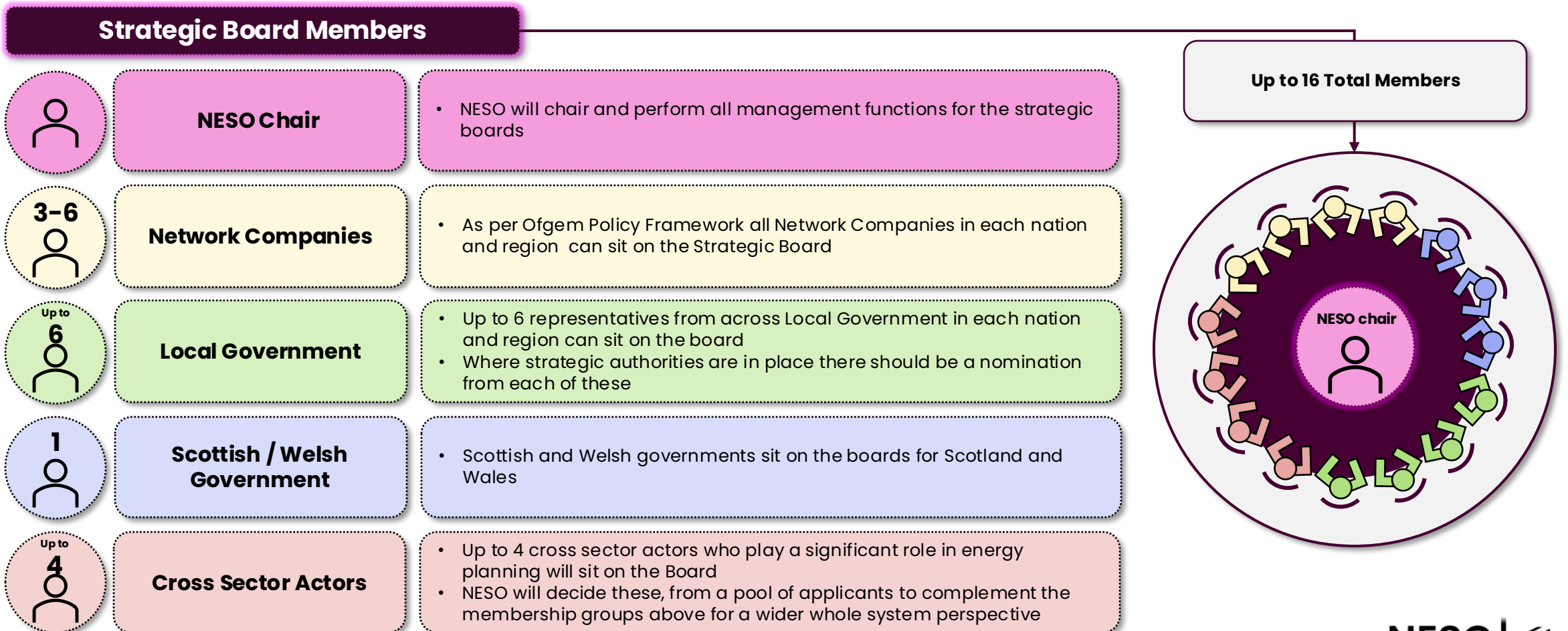
3. Governance Overview

Melanie Taylor
RESP Head of Regions and Nations (North)

RESP Governance Structure



Strategic Boards Composition and Membership



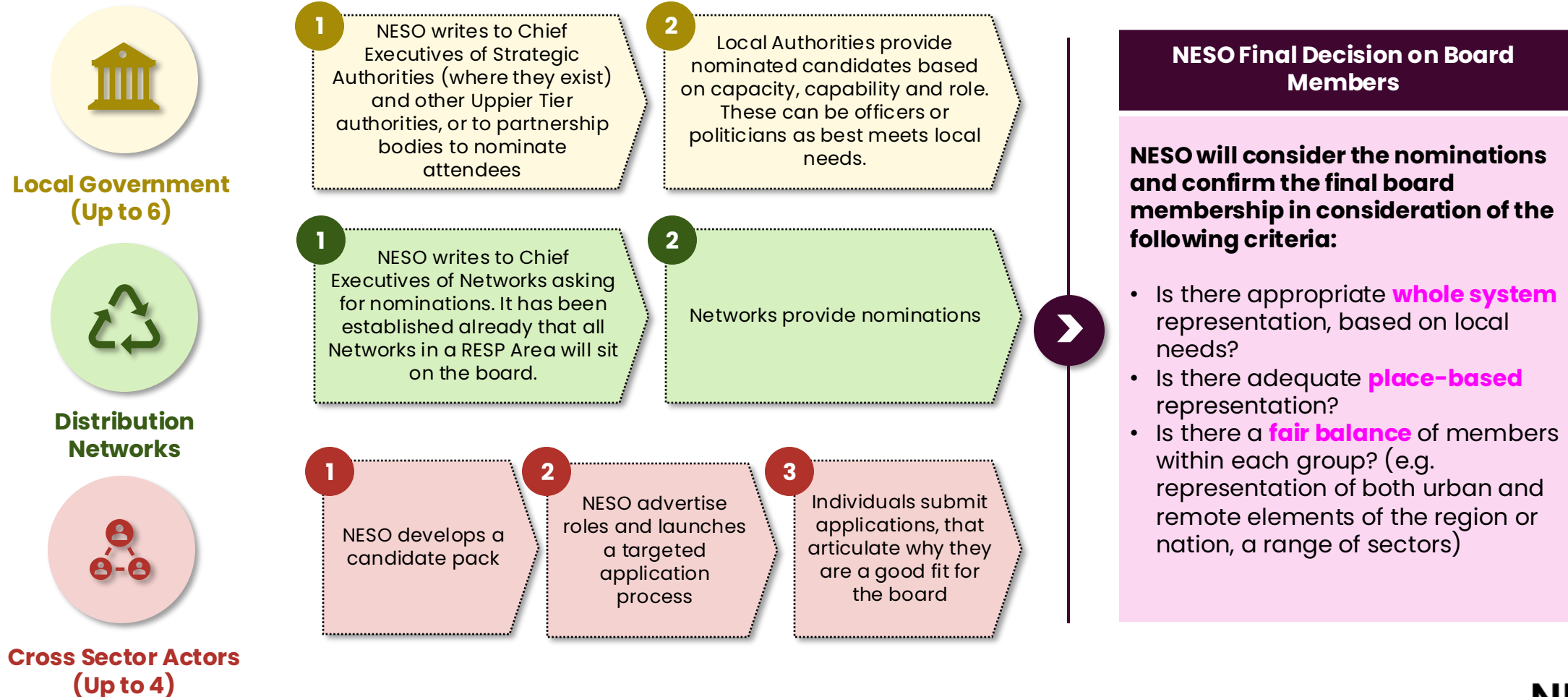
Local Government Representation



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



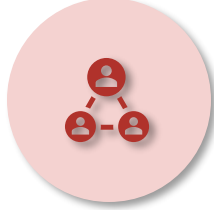

Appointment of Members to Strategic Boards



Poll Survey

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Strategic Boards Decision Making

	 Local Government	 Distribution Networks	 Cross Sector Actors	 Scottish/ Welsh Governments
How many votes could each member have?	1 vote per member	1 vote per member	1 vote per member	N/A
What % vote share could each sector have?	50%	20% Electricity 20% Gas	10%	N/A
How is the appropriate voting threshold to constitute approval?	2/3 total majority vote constitutes approval, when totalled across all membership groups			Must approve <i>in addition</i> to 2/3 majority

Poll Survey

Strategic Boards Decision Making

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

One for each nation and region

	Thematic working groups	Definition
1	Local Government Working Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none">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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Covering residential and commercial demand including flexibility, heat networks, fuel poverty and community energy considerations.
3	Generation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Covering generation connecting directly to the distribution network, as well as storage, community and distributed energy
4	Industrial Decarbonisation & Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Covering decarbonisation of industry and transport, including clusters and dispersed sites

National

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

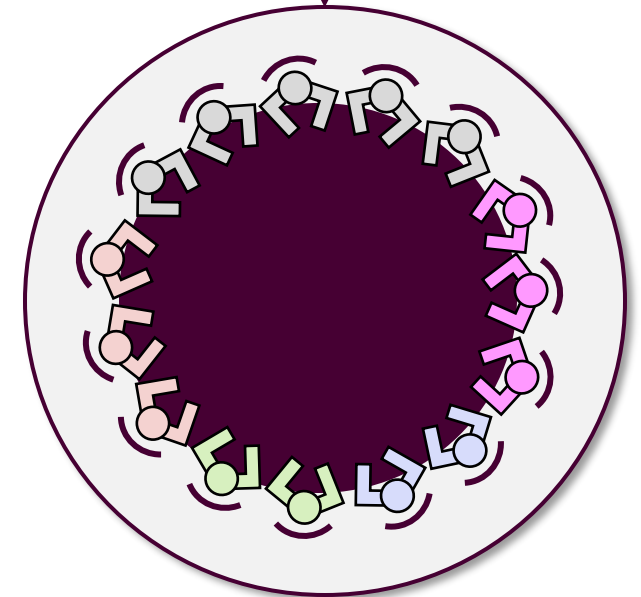
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GB Steering Committee Composition

GB Steering Committee Members

3	Minimum Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ofgem has stated that, as a minimum, the GBSC must include NESO, Ofgem and DESNZ
2	Scottish / Welsh Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scottish and Welsh governments will both participate in the GB Steering Committee
Up to 2	Statutory Customer Representatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Citizens Advice and Consumer Scotland will be invited to participate
Up to 3	Distribution Networks Representatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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)
TBC	Local Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organisations to represent local government such as the Local Government Association (LGA) and UK100
TBC	Cross Sector Actors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cross-sector organisations operating at a GB level and able to advocate on behalf of a wide breadth of system actors

12 – 15 Members



4. Q&A

5. Next Steps & How to get involved

Jonny Sadler

RESP Engagement & Communications Manager

Timeline

Nov 2025

Dec 2025

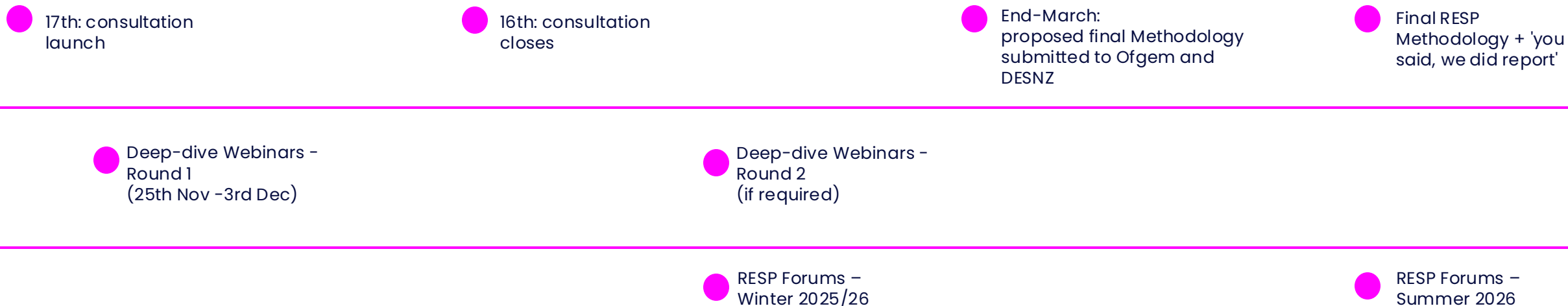
Jan 2026

Feb 2026

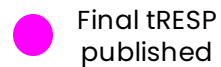
Mar 2026

Summer 2026

RESP Methodology



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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



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Thank you

