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# Meeting minutes

## 04 Gas Advisory Council

**Date:** 22/10/2025      **Location:** Edgbaston Park Hotel and Conference Centre  
**Start:** 10:00 AM      **End:** 4:00 PM

## Participants

Attendee	Attend/Regrets	Attendee	Attend/Regrets
Independent Chair	Attend	Joint Office	Attend
NESO	Attend	E3G	Attend
Gas Networks Ireland	Attend	NGT	Attend
UESO	Attend	Interconnector	Attend
Interconnector	Delegate	Dragon LNG	Delegate
Xoserve	Attend	Energy UK	Attend
FEN (Distribution Networks)	Delegate	Energy UK	Attend
Energy UK	Attend	FEN (Biomethane)	Regrets
Mutual Energy	Regrets	ICOSS	Regrets
Academia	Attend	DESNZ	Regrets
CCSA	Regrets	Ofgem	Regrets
INA	Regrets		Choose an item.

## Discussion and details

### 1. Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed the group & ran through the agenda, aims and actions.

### 2. NESO Headline Report

NESO talked through the headline report including key insights, publications and consultations currently live. GAC members highlighted the number of consultations

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that have been released in the past 12 months and difficulty in providing high quality responses to all consultations.

### 3. DESNZ Biomethane Updates

DESNZ provided a policy update on Biomethane. DESNZ highlighted the importance of Biomethane as an ongoing priority of the team and wider department. They discussed the future framework consultation to be expected before end of Q1 2026. DESNZ confirmed they are looking into the future of the Green Gas Support Scheme however as this is an active workstream, they were unable to provide comment on whether there will be an extension to the GGSS. A question was raised around digestate revenue streams which DESNZ confirmed they are looking into and considering system wide optimisation as well as working alongside DEFRA to ensure cohesion.

### 4. NESO Updates

NESO updates were split into 4 main sections, EMAC Updates, Business Plan Feedback Updates, Hydrogen Strategic Planner Role, Investment Strategy.

EMAC updates – NESO provided an overview of the most recent Electricity Markets Advisory Council slides including a discussion on Regional National Pricing (RNP) and balancing costs. Discussion around how balancing costs link back with gas systems which NESO will further explore.

NESO Business plan – NESO's business plan will be published around mid November, with Ofgem consulting on draft determination in March. NESO presented a "you said, we did" following the previous presentation to the GAC.

Hydrogen Strategic Planner Role – NESO provided an overview of the NESOs spatial energy planning products and how hydrogen will feature (across Centralised Strategic Network Plan (CSNP), Strategic Spatial Energy Plan (SSEP) and Regional Energy Strategic Plans (RESPs)). A question was raised around the role of NESO and NGT in planning / repurposing of the NTS for hydrogen in future system planning – NESO highlighted that this is still in progress but NESO will look to NGT to work together especially around developments on Project Union.

Investor Strategy – NESO provided an introduction to a workstream looking at investor perspectives and understanding how best to maximise system investment. Previously, work had been more electricity focussed but that his team are looking to understand gas markets in further detail so will be discussing more deeply with members on a 1-2-1 basis.

### 5. GAC Projects Programme

NESO provided an overview of the approach to GAC projects programme with a number of key discussion points

- Branding – NESO discussed a proposal for different branding/logo. Further discussions on branding and messaging ownership to be taken away, no decisions were made on branding.

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- Programme governance – NESO discussed the GAC project proposed structure including project roles and responsibilities. No formal decisions were made and NESO will rethink options for project governance.
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### **6. Future Market Plan**

NESO introduced the Future Market Plan (FMP) including aims and a draft proposal. Further engagement and discussion to follow at a later date.

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