

RESP Methodology Consultation Launch

9 December 2025

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Agenda

1. Housekeeping and Agenda Overview
2. Overview of RESP – Fergus Tickell
3. Methodology Consultation (Overview, Local Actor Support and Governance) – Drew Murphy, Melanie Taylor
4. Next Steps & How to Get Involved – Fergus Tickell
5. Q&A

Methodology Consultation Document

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



2. Overview of Regional Energy Strategic Planning

Fergus Tickell

Scotland RESP Manager

Our role

Working with the GB nations and regions to produce **eleven Regional Energy Strategic Plans (RESPs)**, to ensure that local areas get the energy infrastructure they need to help meet local and national goals.



RESPs – why do we need them?

The
Why...

1

Local voices & needs – ensure that local voices & needs are at the heart of the way we plan the energy system

2

To drive investment – ensure local areas get the energy infrastructure they need to realise local goals

3

Ensure efficient network investment – that keeps bills low by looking at the whole energy system



RESP Nations & Regions

- Scotland
- North East and Yorkshire
- North West
- East Midlands
- West Midlands



The
Where...

- Cymru / Wales
- Central England
- East
- Greater London
- South East
- South West

How we will work: Six guiding principles

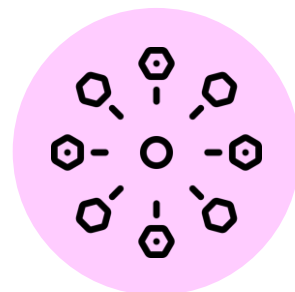
The
How...



Place based



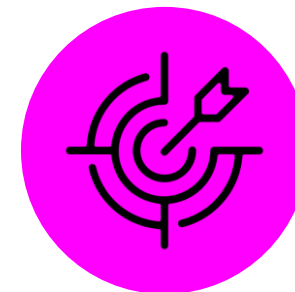
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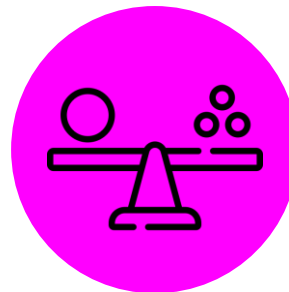
Whole-system



Transparent &
collaborative

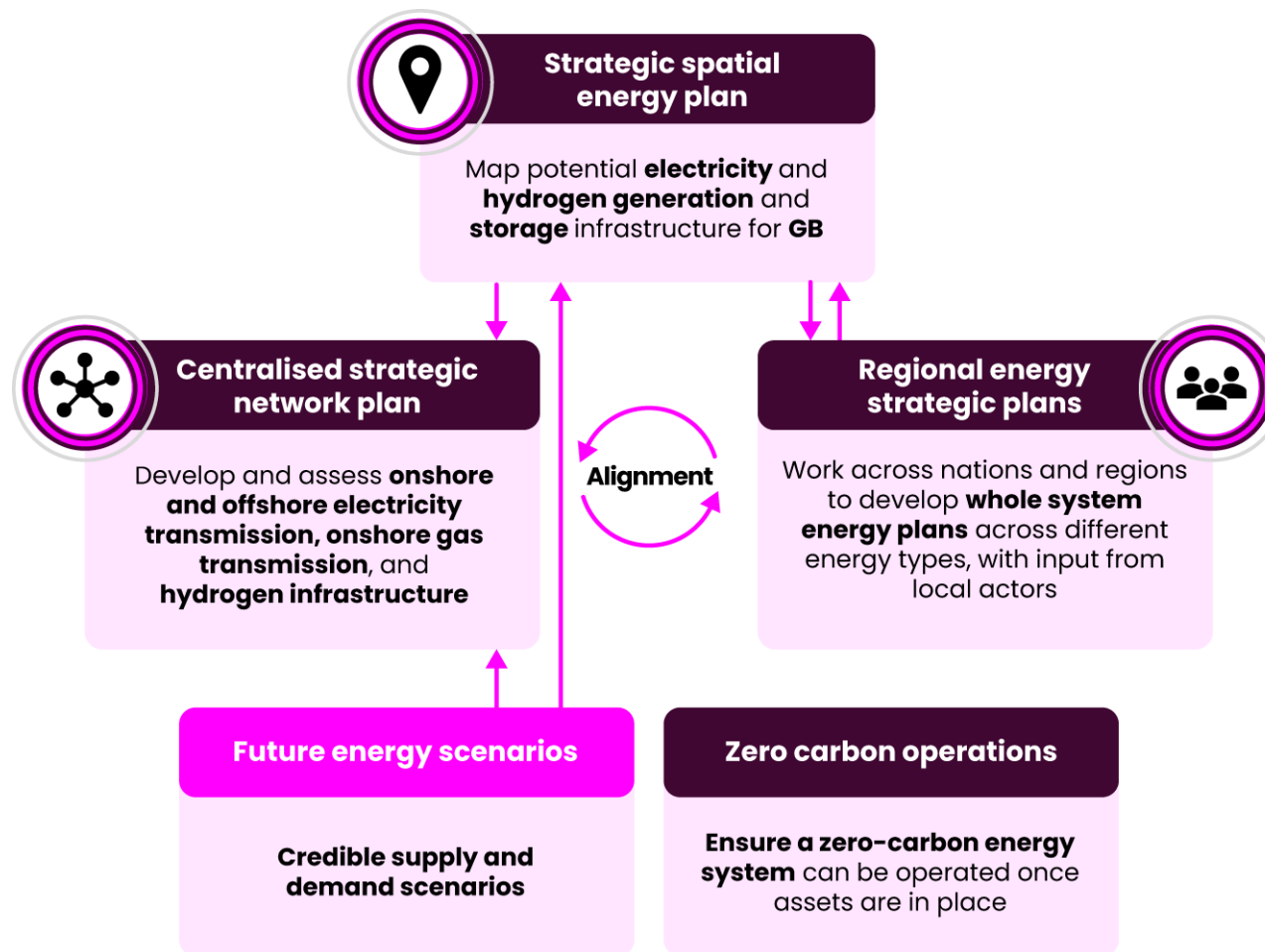


Vision led



Fair

Strategic energy planning (SEP)



3. Methodology Consultation

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Five components of a RESP

The
What...

The Regional Energy Strategic Plan

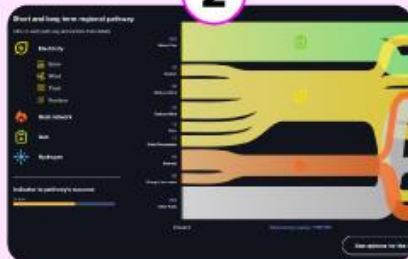
Nations and Regions Context

1



Pathways

2



Consistent Planning Assumptions

3



Spatial Context

4

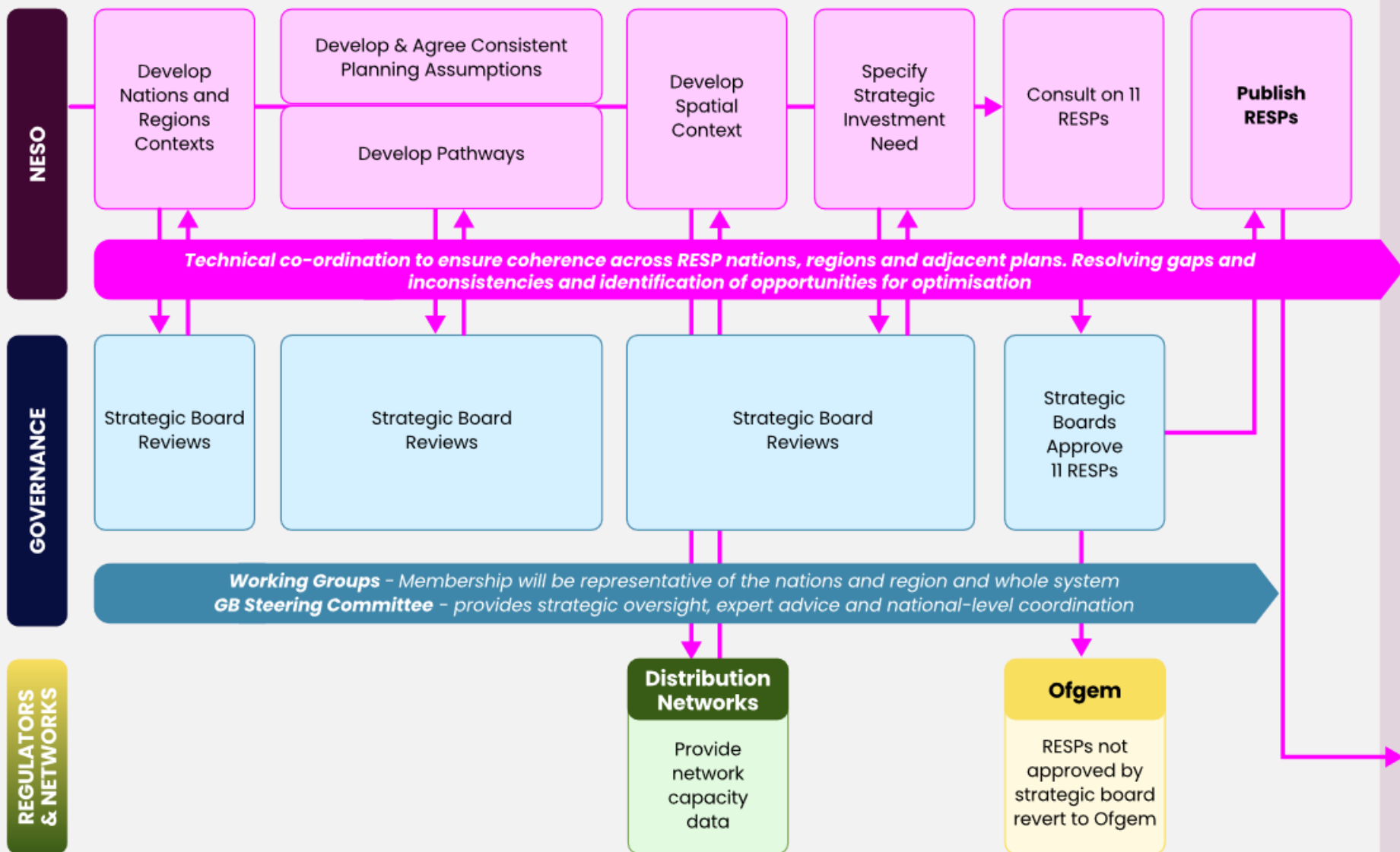


Specification of Strategic Investment Needs

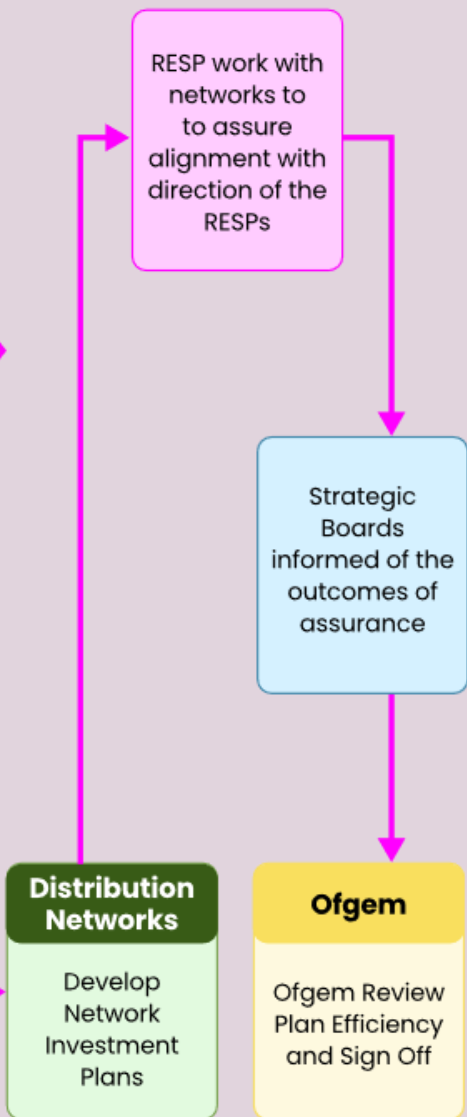
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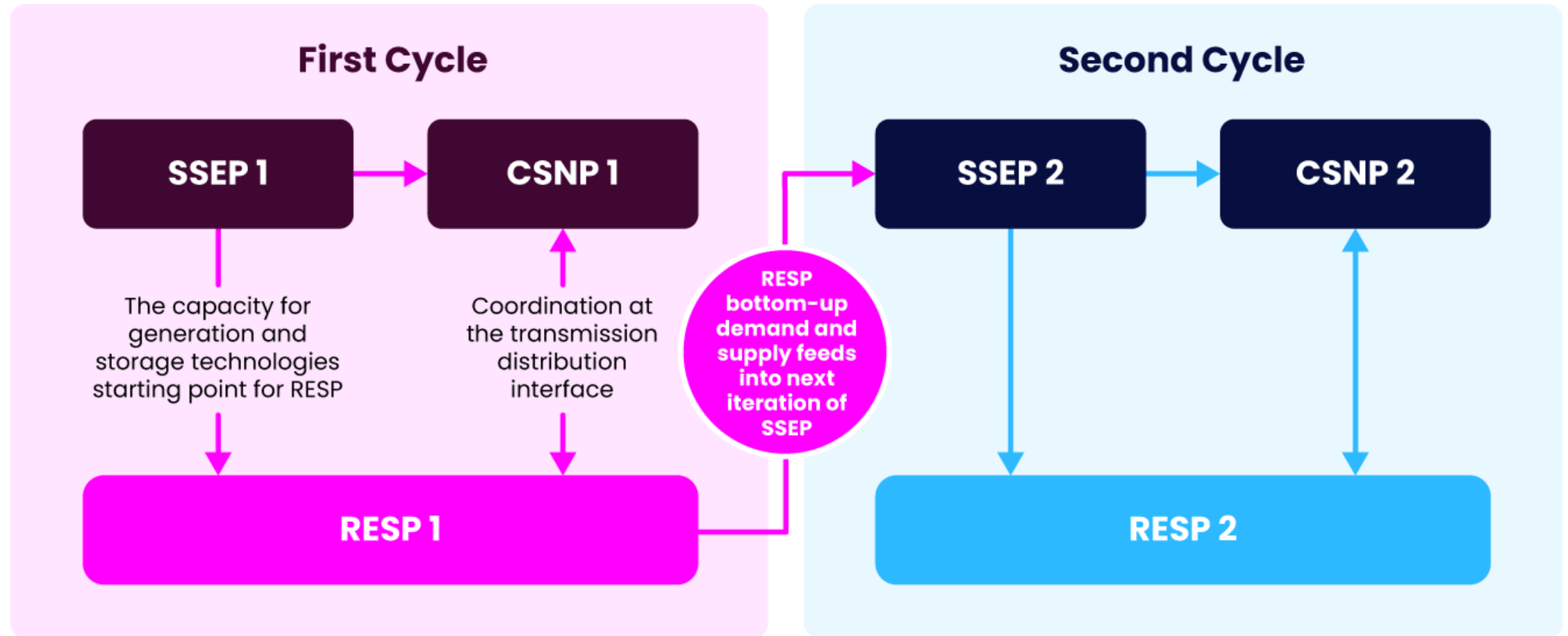
Local Actors involved throughout RESPs process to ensure place-based engagement, insights & collaboration



Network Plan Assurance



Interaction with Strategic Energy Planning



Local Actor Support

The purpose of local actor support is to enable all participants to engage with RESP by providing additional support to those that need it.



Public Sector

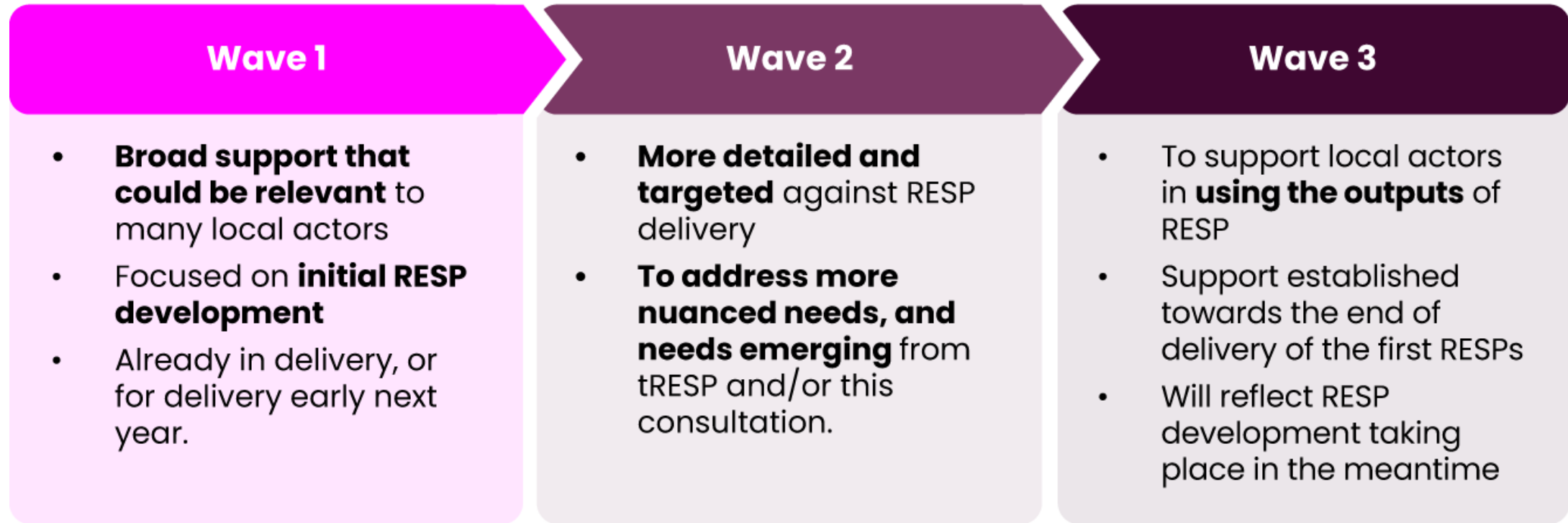
- Local authorities (upper tier and lower tier)
- Strategic authorities
- UK, Scottish and Welsh government bodies
- Protected landscape bodies
- Wider public sector
- Sub-national transport bodies



Community and third sector

- Community energy groups
- Community action groups
- Energy and fuel poverty NGOs
- Other NGOs

Local Actor Support



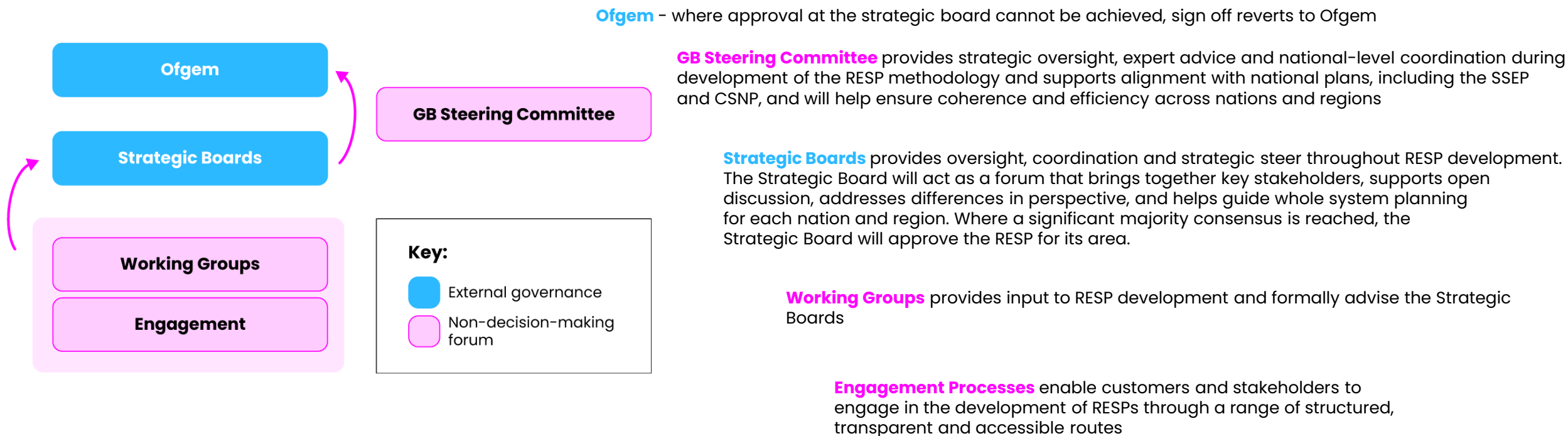
Local Actor Support – Wave 1

Energy
Planning
Literacy

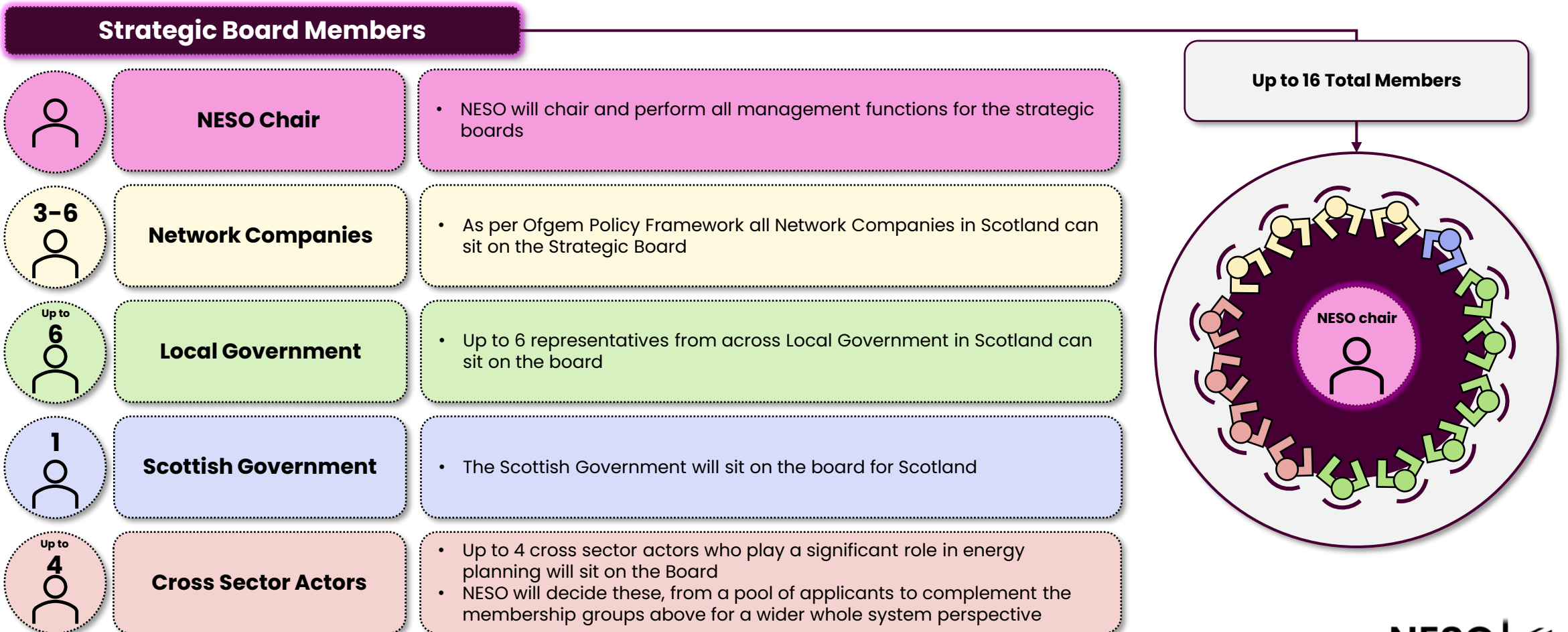
Signposting

Supporting
input into RESP

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
- 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)

1 NESO writes to Chief Executives of Local Authorities, or partnership bodies (COSLA) to nominate attendees

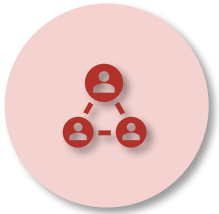
2 Local Authorities provide nominated candidates based on capacity, capability and role. These can be officers or politicians as best meets local needs.



Distribution Networks

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

2 Networks provide nominations



Cross Sector Actors (Up to 4)

1 NESO develops a candidate pack

2 NESO advertises roles and launches a targeted application process

3 Individuals submit applications, that articulate why they are a good fit for the board



NESO Final Decision on Board Members

NESO will consider the nominations and confirm the final board membership in consideration of the following criteria:

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

4. Next Steps & How to Get Involved

Fergus Tickell

Scotland RESP Manager

Timeline

Nov 2025

Dec 2025

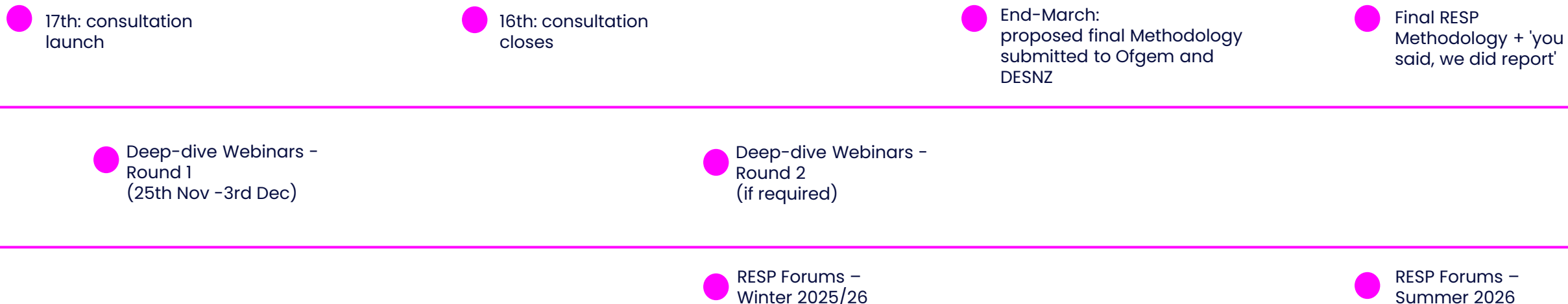
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Feb 2026

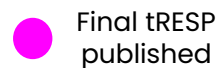
Mar 2026

Summer 2026

RESP Methodology



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How to respond to the consultation

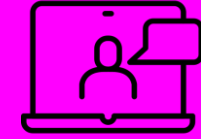
1. Please submit your response by **11.59pm on 16 January 2026**
2. Please submit your response via the **Qualtrics platform:**



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

RESP Forums – Winter 2026

Nation / Region	Date	Time
North West	3rd February	13:00–14:30
South East	5th February	10:00–11:30
London	5th February	14:00–15:30
North East & Yorkshire	9th February	14:00–15:30
South West	10th February	14:00–15:30
Wales	10th February	10:00–11:30
East of England	11th February	11:00–12:30
West Midlands	11th February	13:30–15:00
Scotland	12th February	11:00–12:30
East Midlands	12th February	13:00–15:00
Central England	12th February	14:00–15:30



Forum 4 Agenda

(subject to change)

- Updates on wider RESP activities
- Final tRESP
- RESP Methodology Update
- Strategic Energy Planning Update
- Next Steps

Further information on RESP

Look out for future Forum dates



NESO newsletter sign up



RESP web pages



Contact the RESP team

box.resp@neso.energy

5. Q&A

Share your questions using the Q&A function on the call

Thank you

