

# RESP Methodology Consultation Launch

**9 December 2025**

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**Melanie Taylor** – Head of RESP Regions (Scotland, Midlands and North of England)

# 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

The Where...

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



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

# How we will work: Six guiding principles

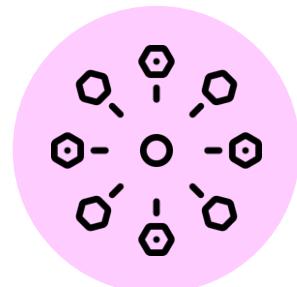
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How...



Place based



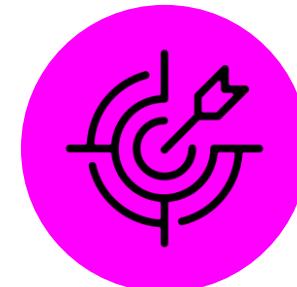
Proactive



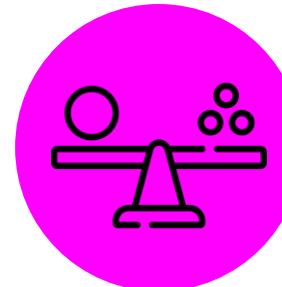
Whole-system



Transparent & collaborative

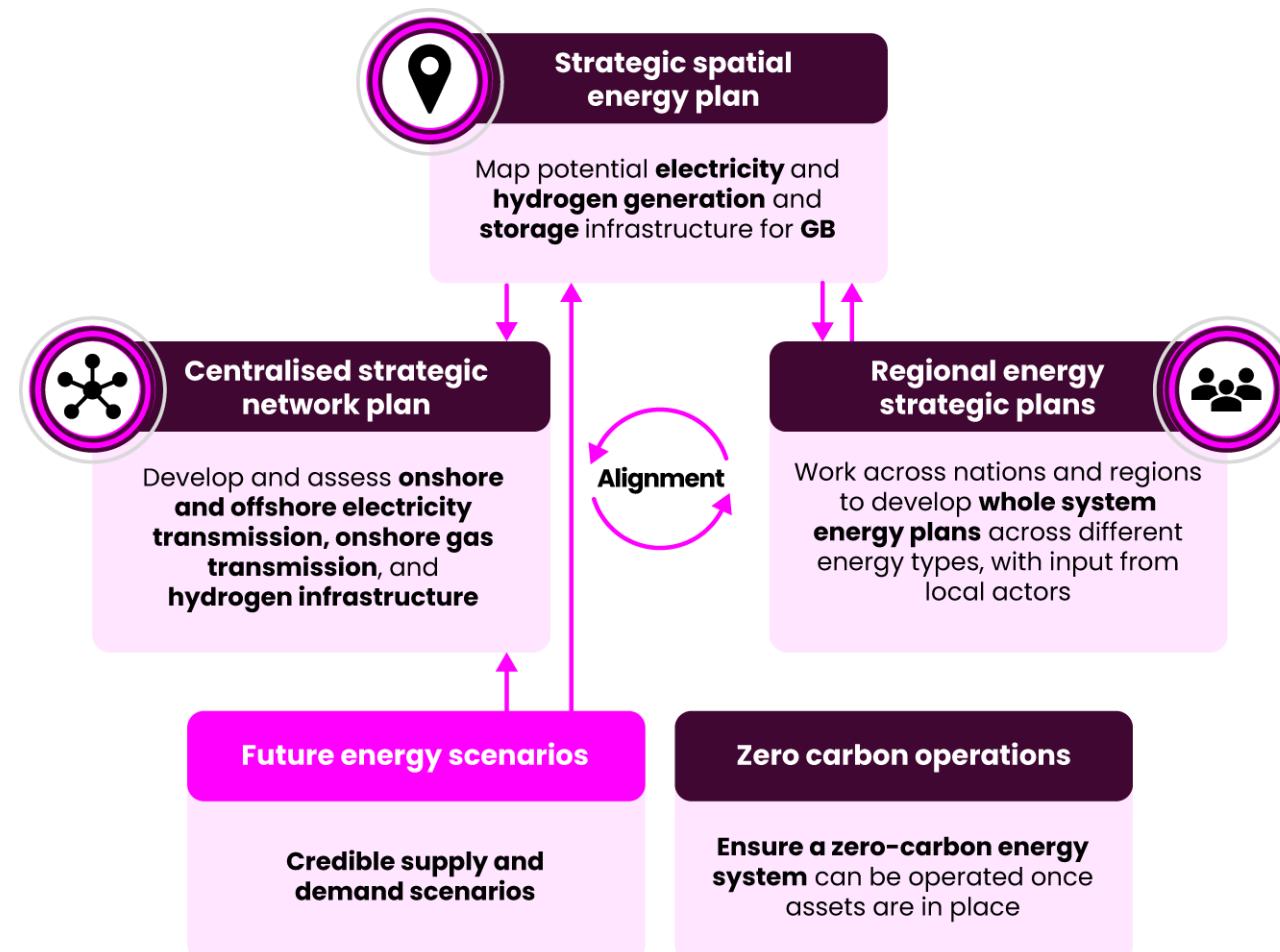


Vision led



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# Strategic energy planning (SEP)



## 3. Methodology Consultation

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Melanie Taylor, Head of RESP Regions  
(Scotland, Midlands and North of England)

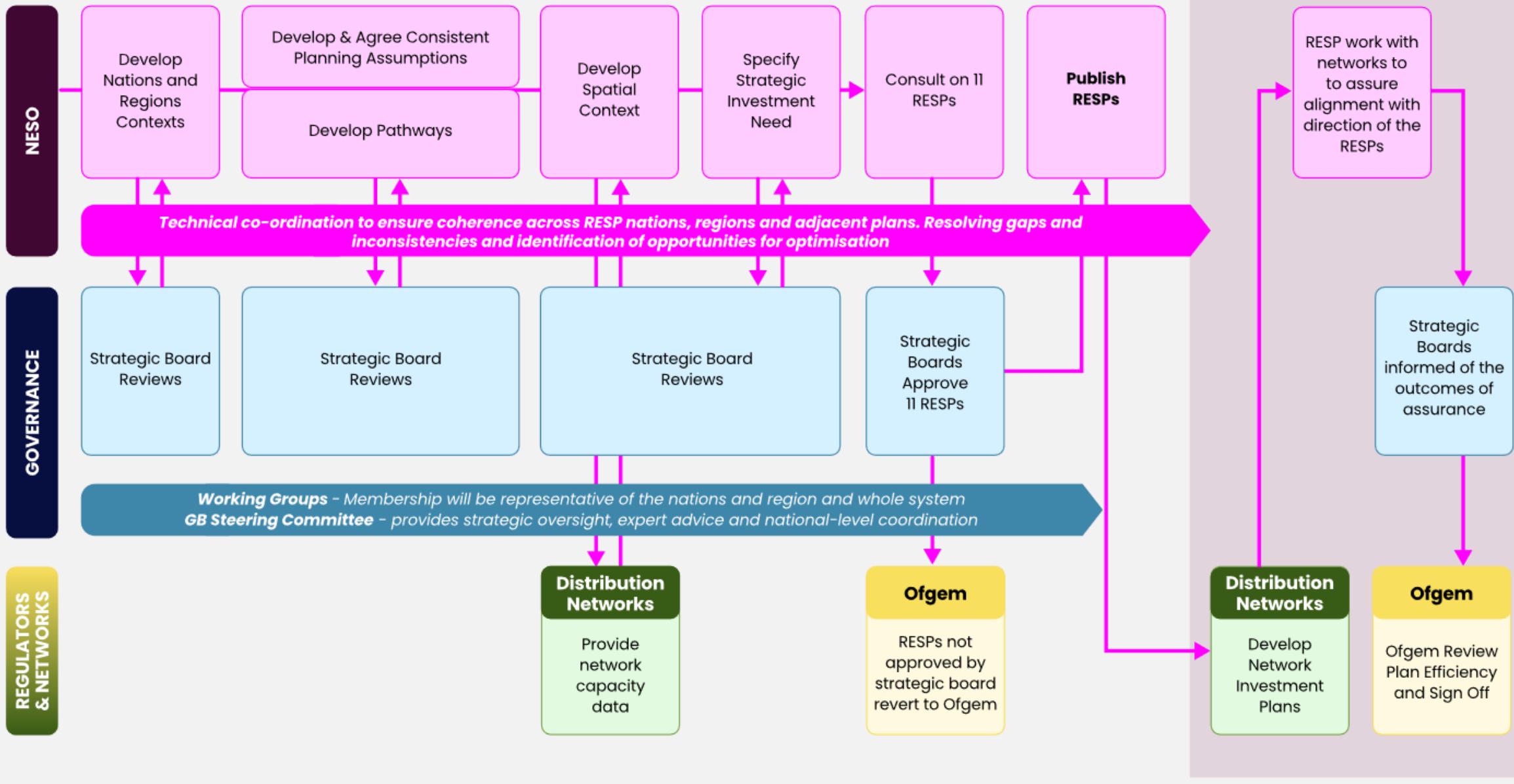
# Five components of a RESP

The  
What...

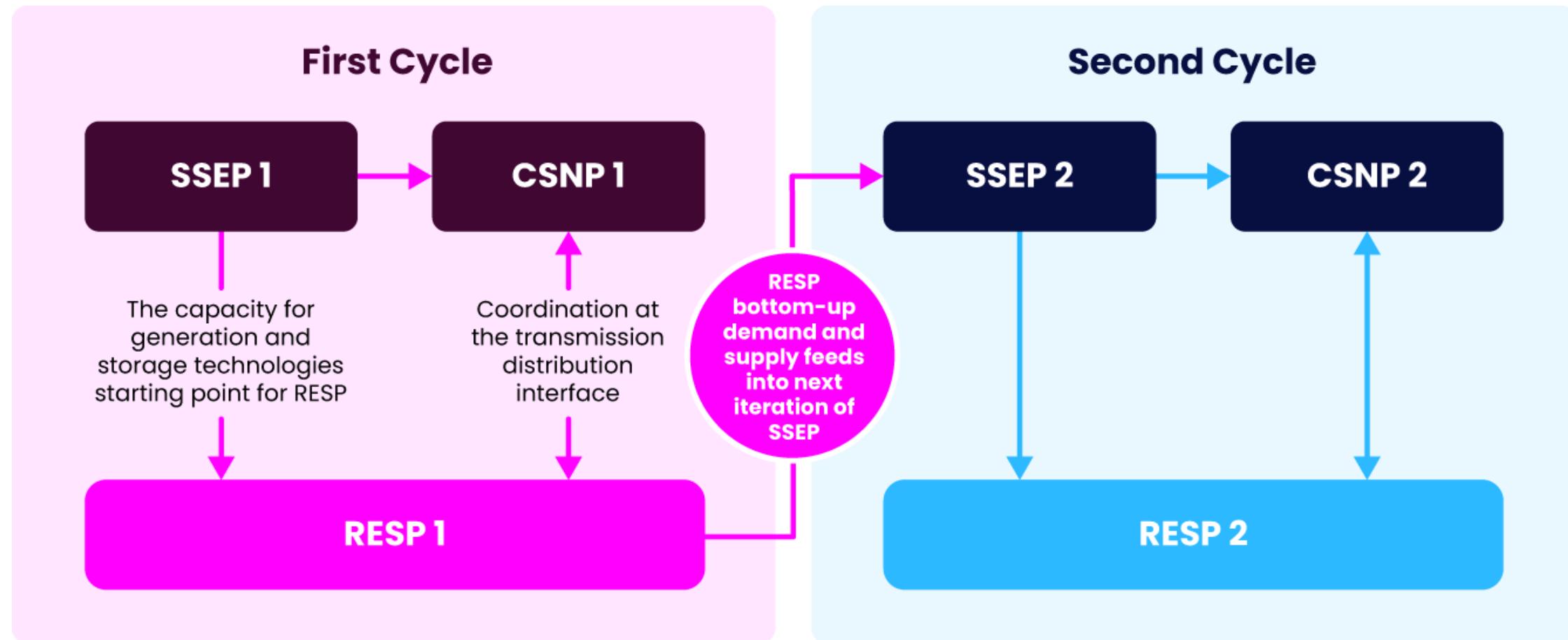
## The Regional Energy Strategic Plan



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



# 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

## Wave 1

- **Broad support that could be relevant** to many local actors
- Focused on **initial RESP development**
- Already in delivery, or for delivery early next year.

## Wave 2

- **More detailed and targeted** against RESP delivery
- **To address more nuanced needs, and needs emerging** from tRESP and/or this consultation.

## Wave 3

- To support local actors in **using the outputs** of RESP
- Support established towards the end of delivery of the first RESPs
- Will reflect RESP development taking place in the meantime

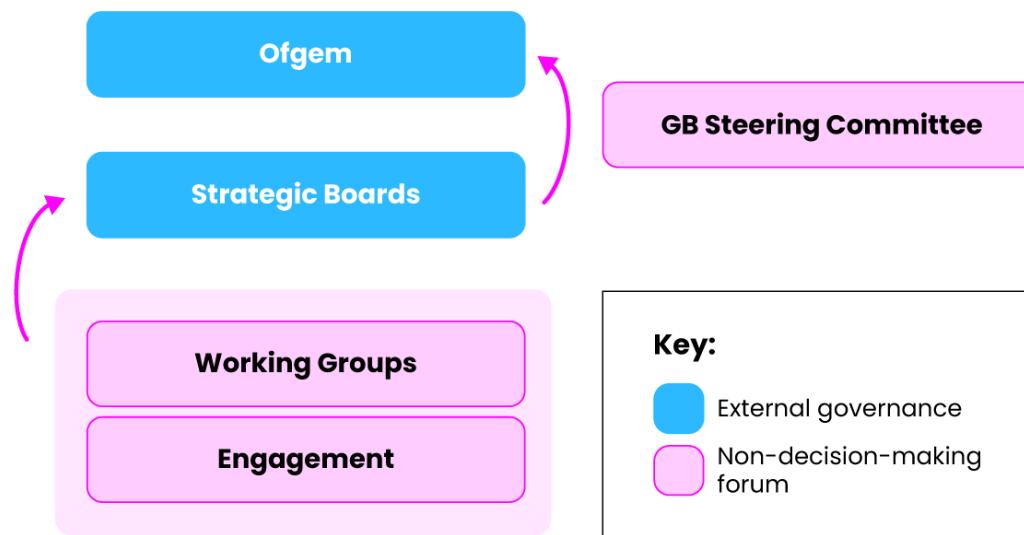
# Local Actor Support – Wave 1

Energy  
Planning  
Literacy

Signposting

Supporting  
input into RESP

# RESP Governance Structure



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

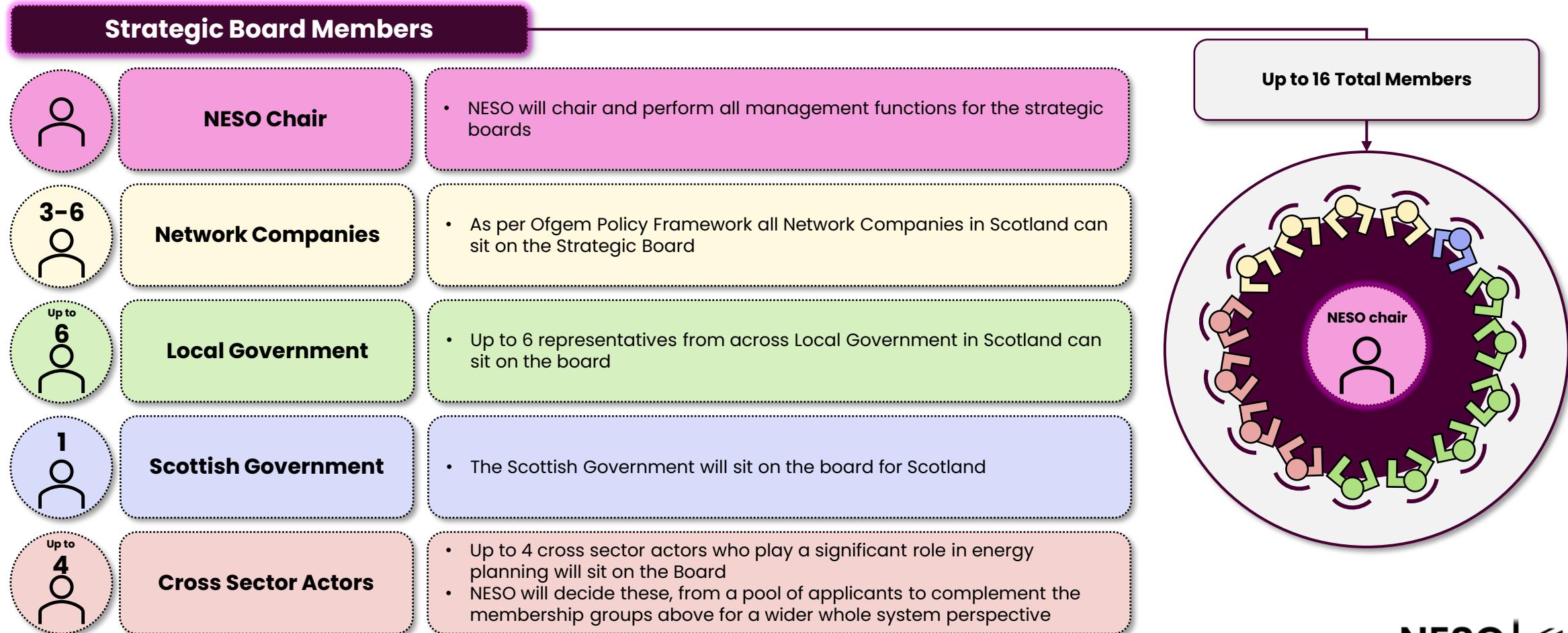
**GB Steering Committee** provides strategic oversight, expert advice and national-level coordination during development of the RESP methodology and supports alignment with national plans, including the SSEP and CSNP, and will help ensure coherence and efficiency across nations and regions

**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.

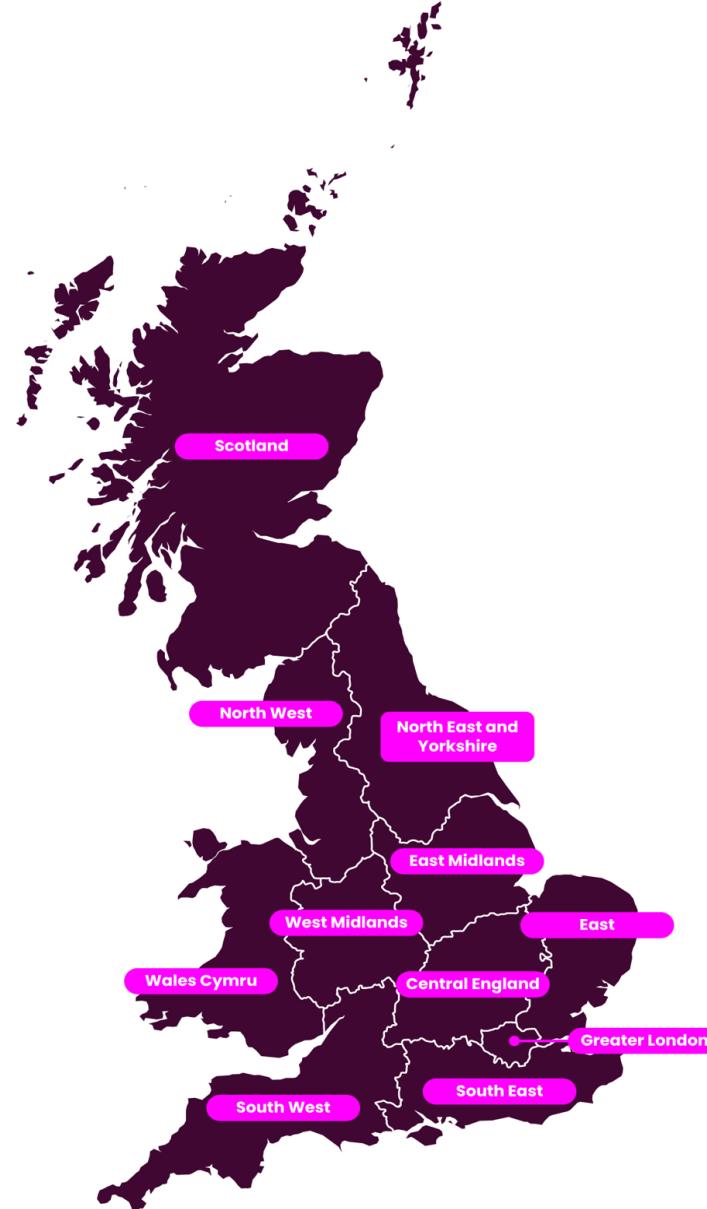
**Working Groups** provides input to RESP development and formally advise the Strategic Boards

**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



# Local Government Representation



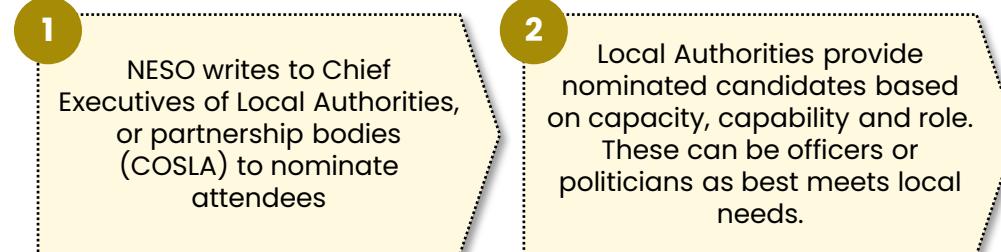
In determining the approach to Local Government representation, we have sought to set out an approach that: can work across RESP nations and regions, which have different make-ups from a Local Government perspective, while maintaining lean and effective Strategic Boards, the key aspects are set out below.

- 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)



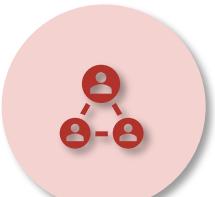
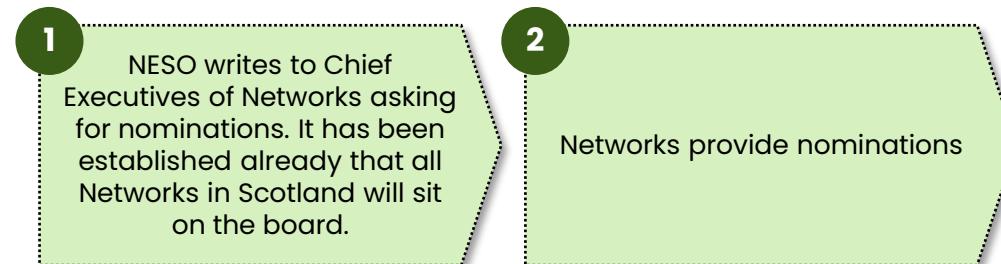
## NESO Final Decision on Board Members

**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)



**Distribution Networks**



**Cross Sector Actors**  
(Up to 4)



## 4. Next Steps & How to Get Involved

Fergus Tickell  
Scotland RESP Manager

# Timeline

**Nov 2025****Dec 2025****Jan 2026****Feb 2026****Mar 2026****Summer 2026**

## RESP Methodology

17th: consultation launch

16th: consultation closes

End-March:  
proposed final Methodology  
submitted to Ofgem and  
DESNZ

Final RESP  
Methodology + 'you  
said, we did report'

Deep-dive Webinars –  
Round 1  
(25th Nov -3rd Dec)

Deep-dive Webinars –  
Round 2  
(if required)

RESP Forums –  
Winter 2025/26

RESP Forums –  
Summer 2026

## tRESP

Final tRESP  
published

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:box.resp@neso.energy)**

## 5. Q&A

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

# Thank you

