

Agenda

1. Housekeeping and Agenda Overview –
Jonny Sadler
2. Welcome – UK100
3. Overview of RESP – Katie Privett
4. Methodology Consultation (Overview,
Local Actor Support and Governance) –
Fadi Alwadan, Gordon Telling
5. Next Steps & How to Get Involved –
Katie Privett
6. Q&A – Jonny Sadler

RESP Methodology Consultation

8 January 2026

- Jonny Sadler, RESP Engagement and Communications Manager
- Melanie Taylor, Head of RESP (North GB)
- Katie Privett, RESP Regional Manager, North East and Yorkshire
- Fadi Alwadan, RESP Technical Lead, East region
- Gordon Telling, Strategic Lead for RESP, West Midlands region

Methodology Consultation Document

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



2. Overview of Regional Energy Strategic Planning

Katie Privett, RESP Regional Manager, North East and Yorkshire

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



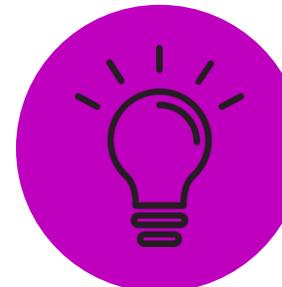
- Cymru / Wales
- Central England
- East
- Greater London
- South East
- South West

How we will work: Six guiding principles

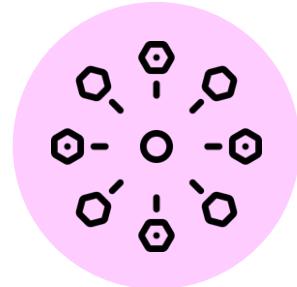
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How...



Place based



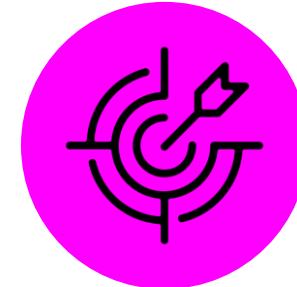
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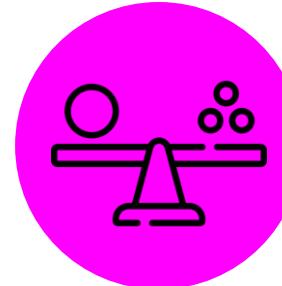
Whole-system



Transparent & collaborative

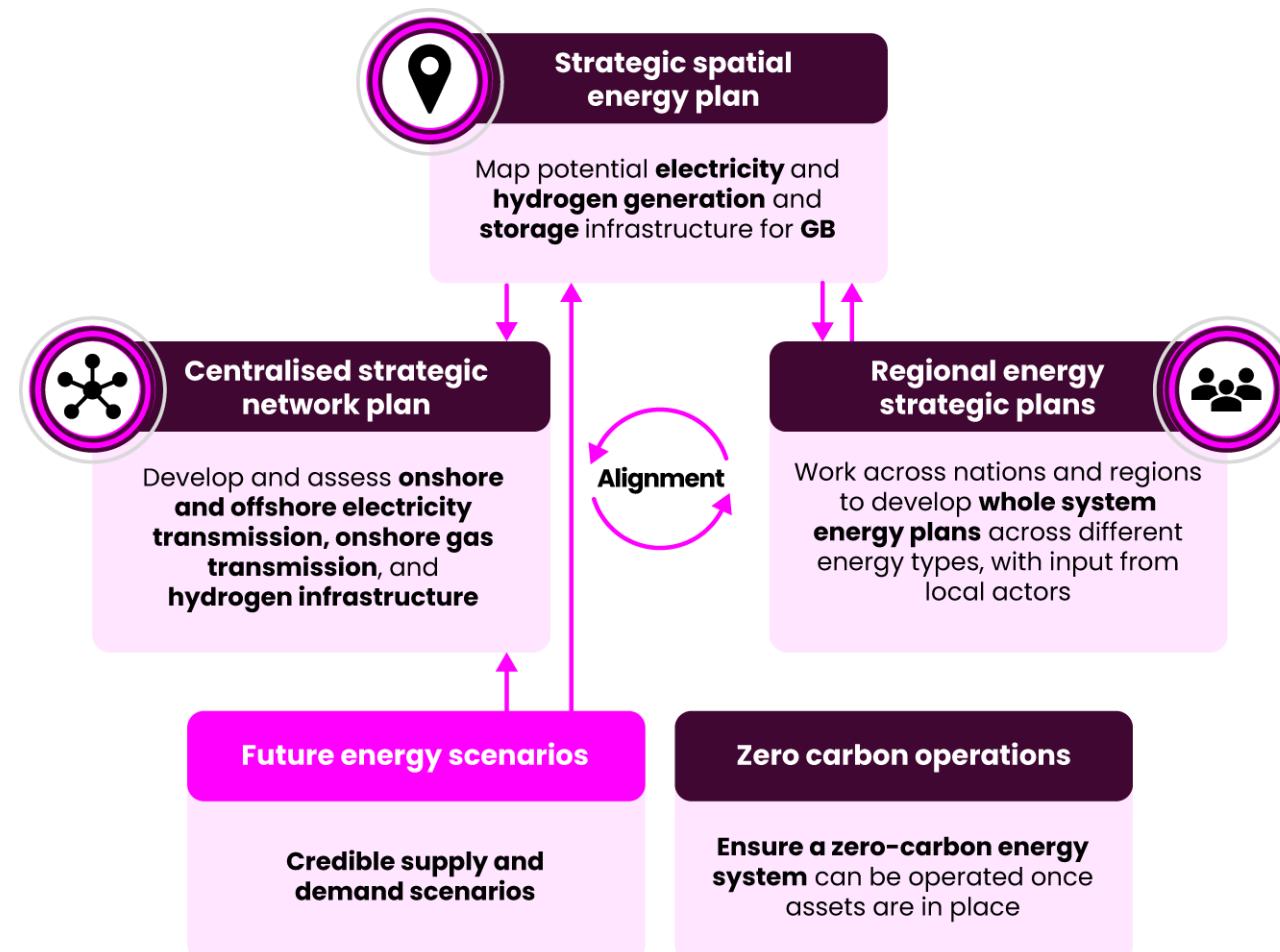


Vision led



Fair

Strategic energy planning (SEP)

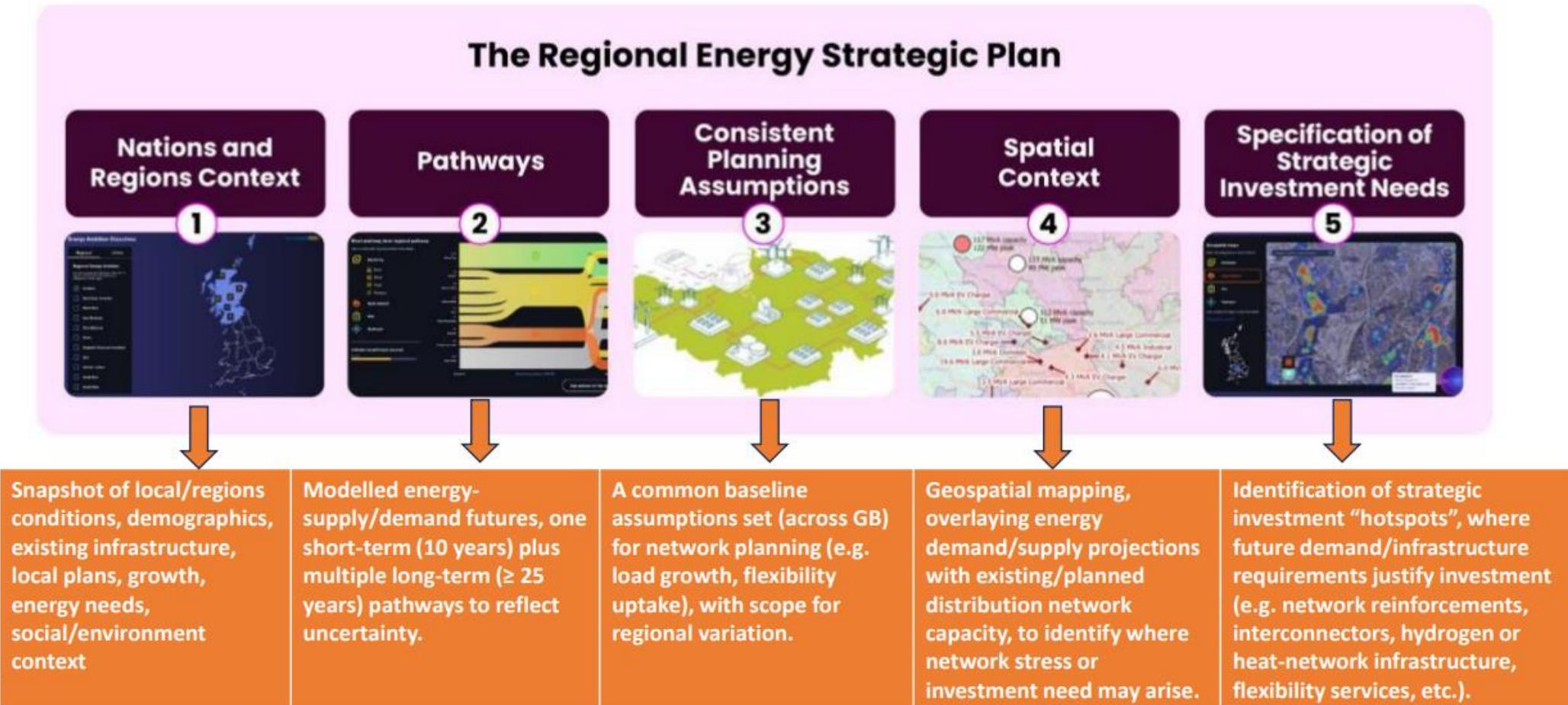


3. Methodology Consultation

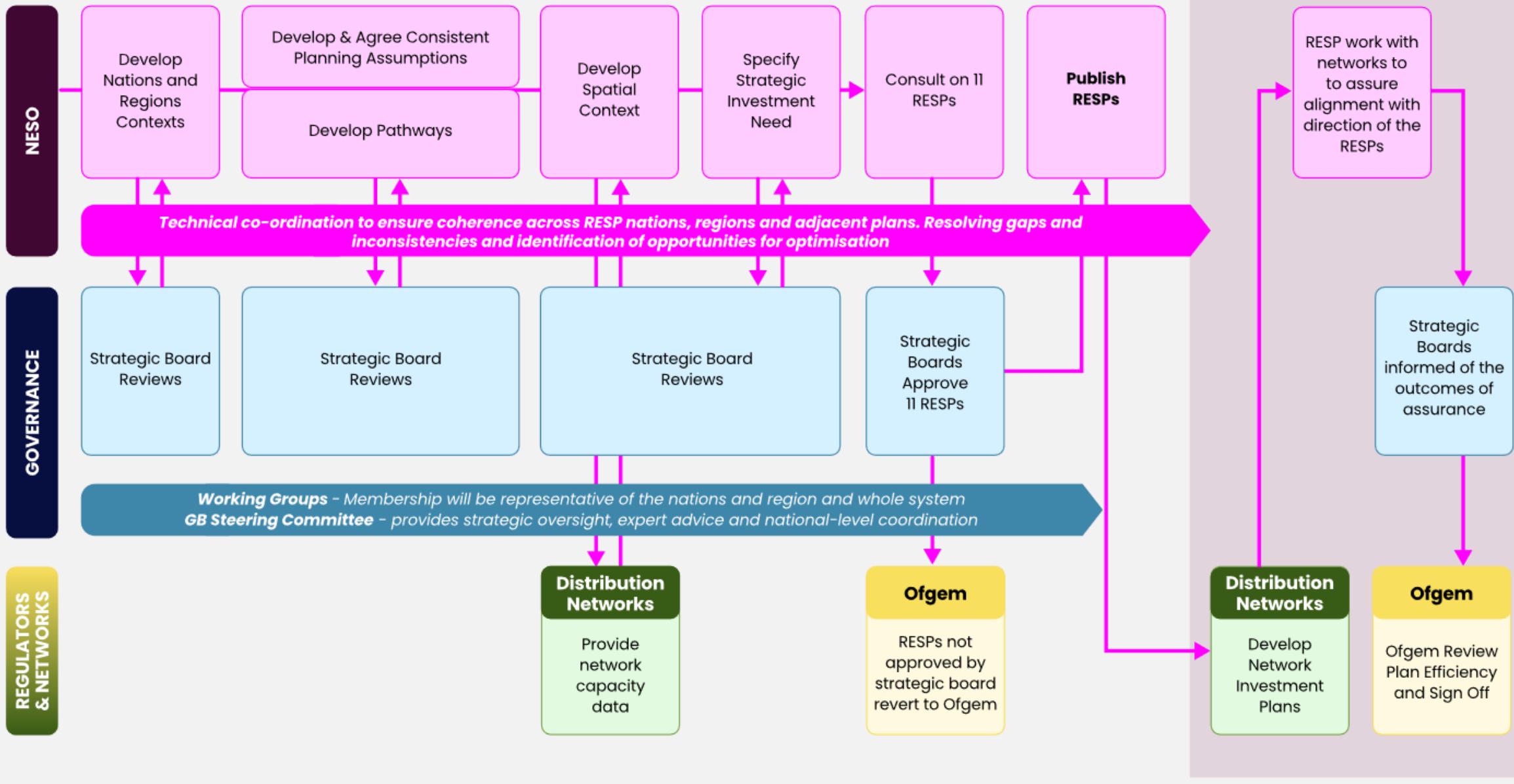
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Five components of a RESP

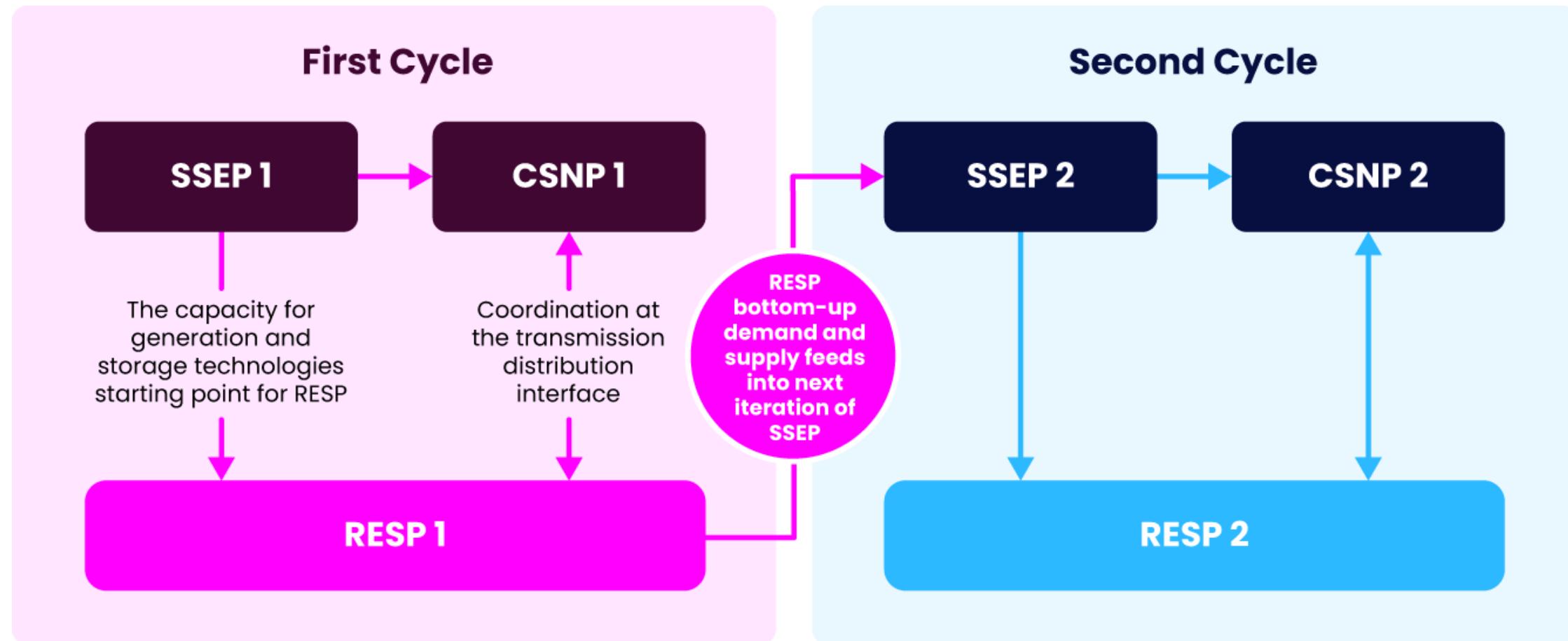
The
What...



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

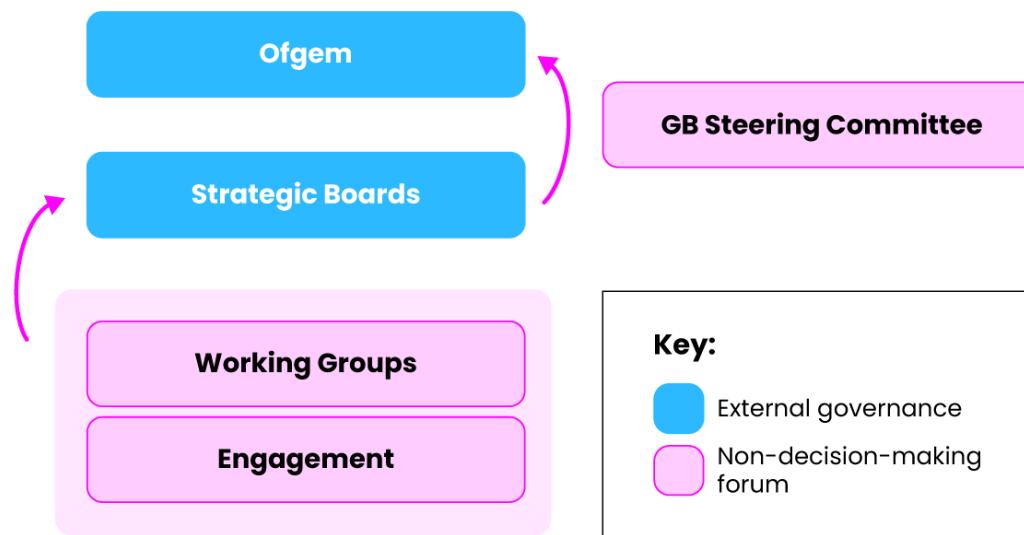
Local Actor Support – Wave 1

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

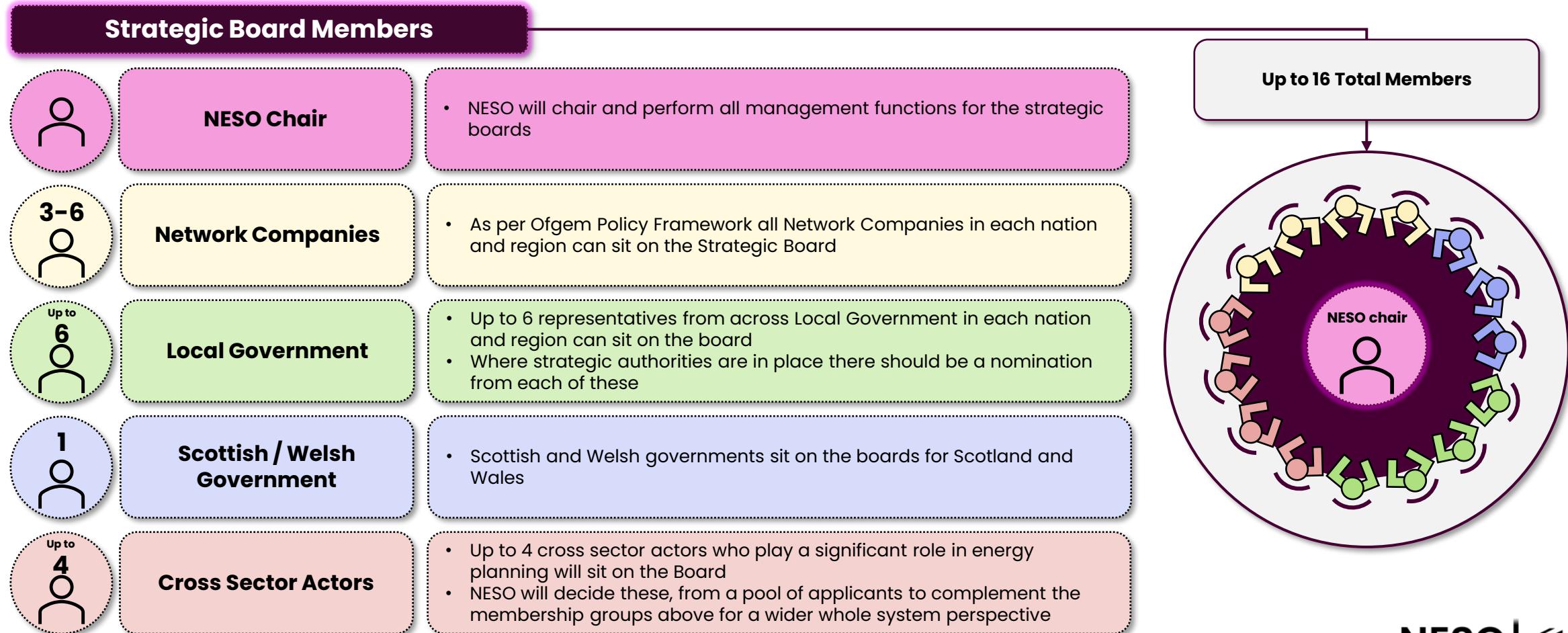
GB Steering Committee provides strategic oversight, expert advice and national-level coordination during development of the RESP methodology and supports alignment with national plans, including the SSEP and CSNP, and will help ensure coherence and efficiency across nations and regions

Strategic Boards provide 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
- 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



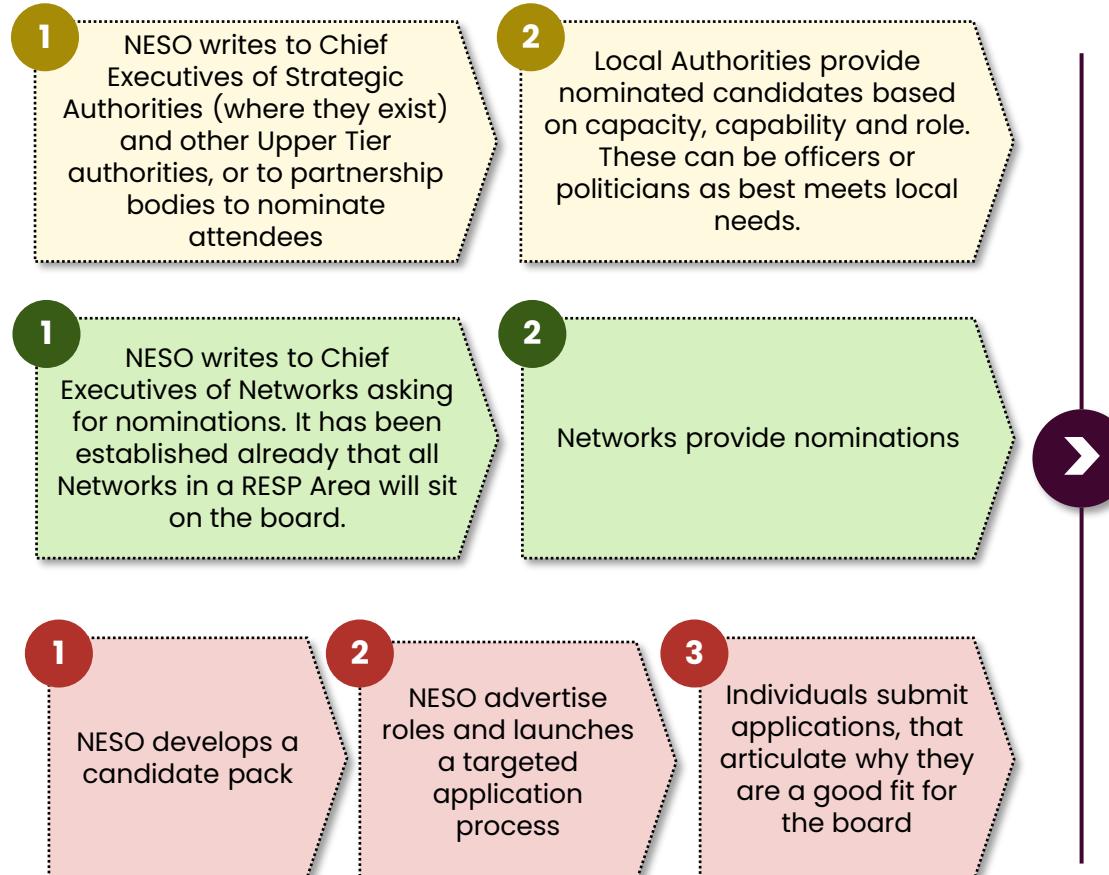
Local Government
(Up to 6)



Distribution Networks



Cross Sector Actors
(Up to 4)



NESO 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

Katie Privett, RESP Regional Manager, North East & Yorkshire

Timeline

We are here

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 –
Summer 2026

RESP Forums –
Winter 2025/26

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 by 9 January 2026, 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 and final thoughts

