

# Solar Taskforce – Terms of Reference

## Purpose

To bring together key players from Government, industry, regulatory and other relevant organisations to drive forward the increases in rooftop and ground mount solar needed to meet the ambition of up to 70GW of solar PV deployment by 2035, laying the groundwork for longer term growth beyond 2035.

## Key objectives

- **Strategic Roadmap:** Assisting in the development of, and securing cross Government and industry buy in, to a UK Roadmap setting out a clear step by step deployment trajectory to achieve up to 70GW of solar by 2035.
- **Taking Action:** Government and Industry working together to identify and drive forward processes and measures to unlock deployment.
- **Securing Investment and Value for Money:** As the sector grows, put in place structures to facilitate continued progress on cost reduction and ensure investment in UK supply chains, jobs, skills, innovation and infrastructure is enabled sustainably.

## Membership

### Chairs

#### Joint Chairs:

Rt Hon. Graham Stuart MP, Minister of State for Energy Security and Net Zero

Chris Hewett, Chief Executive of Solar Energy UK

#### Deputy Chairs:

Sarah Redwood, Director, Renewable Electricity Directorate, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero

Gemma Grimes, Director of Policy and Delivery, Solar Energy UK

#### Core Membership:

Name	Position, organisation
Ben Fawcett	Head of Solar, EDF Renewables
Alex DeSouza	General Counsel EMEA and Head of Transactions, Lightsource bp
Liz MacFarlane	Director, Segen
Mark Wakeford	Chairman, EVO Energy
Adam Howard	Director, UK Infrastructure Bank
Ross Grier	Managing Director, Next Energy Capital

Name	Position, organisation
Ian Rippin	Chief Executive Officer, Microgeneration Certification Scheme
Lawrence Slade	Chief Executive Officer, Energy Networks Association

If a member cannot attend a Taskforce meeting, they may nominate a deputy to attend on their behalf, with notification of the attendee being sent to the Secretariat ahead of the meeting.

## Taskforce Subgroups

Subgroups will be formed (each with their own membership) to focus on identifying and delivering the actions needed to address challenges relating to electricity networks, skills, rooftop solar and supply chains and innovation. There will be a further subgroup to develop and coordinate work on communications. The Taskforce will keep this structure under review for its duration.

The subgroups will report to the Taskforce and provide regular updates on its work.

Subgroups will all include representatives from DESNZ Renewable Electricity Directorate (RED) and Solar Energy UK (SEUK) joint secretariat to enable work to be reported back to the main taskforce.

The Taskforce or its subgroups may seek additional advice from others outside of the Taskforce and its subgroups, if it is deemed by the Taskforce that additional specialist input on a specific issue is required.

## Timing of meetings

The Taskforce will meet approximately every two months starting in May 2023 up to February 2024.

The frequency of subgroup meetings will be at the discretion of the respective chairs.

## Outputs

The Taskforce will oversee the production of the draft Solar Roadmap by February 2024.

## Secretariat

The Secretariat will be jointly run by members of the Renewable Electricity Team in the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero and staff from Solar Energy UK. Their role is to ensure the Taskforce functions smoothly, including monitoring outputs from meetings of the Taskforce and its subgroups, ensuring that actions are allocated and completed by the given deadlines.

The Secretariat will, wherever possible, circulate papers for the group three days prior to meetings. The Secretariat will take minutes of meetings and will circulate to attendees as soon as possible after meetings.