

# Solar Council Readout for Publication

**Date and Time:** 13:30-15:00, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## Attendees

- Michael Shanks MP (Chair), DESNZ
- Chris Hewett, Chief Executive (Chair), SEUK
- Gemma Grimes (Deputy Chair), SEUK
- Liz Cammack, Segen
- K.T. Tan, Veridian Solar
- Alex De Souza, Lightsource BP
- Matt Black, IG Renewables
- James Norman, NESO
- Thomas Weston, Prospect

With support from Officials from DESNZ, Ofgem, Scottish Government, Welsh Government and the Northern Ireland Executive.

## Summary

- Minister Shanks thanked the Council members for their ongoing engagement and discussed the important role the Council will play in driving forward actions in the Solar Roadmap.
- The Terms of Reference were approved unanimously.
- DESNZ presented the Solar Dashboard and Council members provided views regarding the information captured on the dashboard. Industry presented their views on the key blockers to solar deployment. Key themes of the discussion were around workforce data and connections reform.
- Ofgem, NESO and DESNZ provided updates on AR7, Solar on Car Parks, TNUoS, End to End Review, Connections Reform and REMA, and invited questions from the council.
- DESNZ provided an update on the non-fiscal measures that are being considered to increase in rooftop solar deployment. Industry provided feedback regarding the measures presented and provided support for the ambition.
- DESNZ presented a proposal for the prioritisation of the Solar Council's work, explaining the principles underpinning the prioritisation and invited feedback. The proposal was approved by the Council. Key themes of the discussion were around the importance of engagement between Council meetings to track action delivery, and the importance of communications campaigns to support solar deployment.
- Minister Shanks set out actions and next steps, with the next meeting likely to take place in December.
- Minister Shanks brought the meeting to a close.