

## UK CCUS Council Meeting Minutes

*10<sup>th</sup> November 2025, hybrid meeting*

Attendees	Organisation
Minister Shanks (MS), Co-Chair	Minister for Energy, DESNZ
Olivia Powis (OP), CCUS Council Co-chair	CEO, CCSA
Mark Sommerfield	UK Director, CCSA
Rich Denny	Managing Director, Northern Endurance Partnership
Louise Kingham	Senior Vice President, Europe and Head of Country, UK, BP
Sophia Northridge	Head of UK Region & Business Development, Equinor
Manfredi Giusto	Managing Director, Eni
Victoria Merton	Director of Policy, Encyclis
Simon Willis	CEO, Heidelberg Materials
Ruth Herbert	Managing Director, EET
Nic Braley	Acorn General Manager, Storegga
Graeme Davis	EVP, Harbour Energy
Allan Baker	Global Head of Power Advisory and Project Finance, Societe Generale
Ben Burggraaf	CEO, Net Zero Industry Wales
Paul Davies	Director, Severnside Carbon Capture and Shipping Hub (7CO2)
David Parkin	Director, Progressive Energy
Aniruddha Sharma	CEO, Carbon Clean
Elliot Renton	CEO, Evero
Suzanne Ferguson	Carbon Capture Lead Consultant, Wood
Matthew Cheadle	Managing Director, Technip
Philippa Parmiter	CEO, NECCUS
Enrique Cornejo	Head of Energy Policy, Offshore Energies UK
Karl Smyth	Co-founder, Coalition for Negative Emissions

Toby Lockwood	Technology and Markets Director, Clean Air Task Force
Roz Bulleid	Research and Policy Director, Green Alliance
Stuart Haszeldine	Professor of CCS, University of Edinburgh
Niall MacDowell	Professor of Energy Systems Engineering, Imperial College London
James Eyton	CCUS Director, Viridor
Kirstie Simpson (KS)	Dean and Associate Professor, University of Chester
Emily Sidhu	Managing Director, National Wealth Fund
Charlotte Brumpton-Childs	National Officer, GMB Union
Sue Ferns	Senior Deputy General Secretary, Prospect
<b>Senior Officials</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Paro Konar (PK)	Director General, DESNZ
Matt Taylor (MT)	Director, CCUS Strategy & Policy, DESNZ
Alex Milward	Director, CCUS Delivery, DESNZ
Philip Orr	Deputy Director, CCUS, DESNZ
Emma Bulmer (EB)	Deputy Director, CCUS, DESNZ
Michael Brown	Deputy Director, CCUS, DESNZ
James Screen (JS)	Deputy Director, CCUS, DESNZ
<b>External Presenters:</b>	
David Joffe (DJ)	DESNZ
Mark Ellis-Jones (MEJ)	Environment Agency

## 1. Opening remarks from co-chairs Minister Shanks and Olivia Powis

- MS welcomed members and reflected on progress in CCUS deployment, noting the importance of CCUS for reaching net zero, protecting existing industries and creating jobs of the future.
- OP recapped progress and noted future opportunities for UK CCUS, noting the economic and employment impact, benefits for energy systems, support for foundational industries, storage export potential, and the opportunity to lead a global GGR market.
- OP outlined next steps to maintain momentum to support the transition to a self-sustaining market, including facilitating cross border Co2 storage, progressing ETS linkage, establishing a low-carbon products markets and creating demand for engineered GGRs.

## **2. Presentation on the Independent Review of Greenhouse Gas Removals, DESNZ**

- DJ presented on the Independent Review of Greenhouse Gas Removals (GGRs), highlighting headline recommendations to deliver a GGR strategy, establish an Office for GGRs, minimising large scale power BECCS, and expanding the SAF mandate to include GGRs.
- DJ noted that the Review highlighted that GGRs constitute the majority of CCUS needed to reach Net Zero, and aviation will constitute a large proportion of required GGRs. The Review also highlighted distributed opportunities for GGRs across anaerobic digestion, energy-from-waste, and small-scale power BECCS.
- JS noted that DESNZ would be engaging with the sector over the coming weeks and welcomed reactions from the Review.
- Members reflected on the recommendations of the Review and discussed next steps. MS noted that government will consider the recommendations and respond in due course.

## **3. Presentation on Environmental Capacity in Industrial Clusters, Environment Agency**

- MEJ outlined the focus of the Environmental Capacity in Industrial Clusters report and highlighted key recommendations around land use planning, environmental permitting, water availability, water quality, and air quality.
- MEJ noted that the Environment Agency are already positively engaging with the CCUS sector and underscored the need to consider planning and permitting on a cluster scale to unlock long-term growth potential.
- Members discussed how strategic planning can support growth and delivery.

## **4. Presentation on Jobs, Skills and Supply Chain, DESNZ**

- EB raised the need to amplify messaging on how CCUS supports the growth mission and will deliver UK manufacturing capability, jobs, and export potential.
- EB shared new statistics on expected jobs, GVA, and exports, from latest government analysis and requested engagement with the CCSA to better align government and industry figures.
- EB requested members to volunteer for a working group to drive forward work on skills and supply chain.
- Members reflected on how supply chain and skills development is needed for industrial decarbonisation and will support people to secure well-paid, long-term jobs.

## **5. Presentation on Deployment Pathways, DESNZ**

- MT reflected on a successful outcome in Spending Review 2025 and noted ongoing work to identify what the potential Spending Review 2027 will look like and how to best make the case for CCUS in order to reach CB6, noting broader fiscal pressures.

- MT noted ongoing internal work on how to evolve business models, and that DESNZ will be engaging with industry in the coming months to identify cost reduction opportunities.
- Members discussed cost reduction methods and agreed to engage with DESNZ to support this work.

## **6. Closing remarks**

- MS thanked members for participating and closed the meeting.