

Green Finance Strategic Partnership: Inaugural Steering Group Meeting - 27th January 2026

Attendees

- Secretary of State Ed Miliband - DESNZ
- Minister Martin McCluskey - DESNZ
- Ryan Jude – Green Finance Institute
- Jess Skilbeck - DESNZ
- Annette Rusling - DESNZ
- Maria Dutton – Green Finance Institute
- Dame Clare Moriarty – Citizens Advice
- Mike Thornton – Energy Saving Trust
- Dhara Vyas – Energy UK
- David Postings – UK Finance
- Ian Bhullar – UK Finance (deputy for David Posting)
- Joanne Wheeler - UKGBC (deputy for Simon McWhirter)
- Ravi Gurumurthy - Nesta
- Shanika Amarasekara MBE – Finance and Leasing Association
- Andrew Asaam – Lloyds Banking Group
- Carlo Pileggi – Nationwide (deputy for Henry Jordan)
- Lloyd Cochrane – NatWest Group (deputy for Barry Connelly)
- Oli O'Donoghue MBE – HSBC (deputy for Jose Carvalho)
- Lee Chiswell - Barclays (deputy for Jatin Patel)

Apologise

- Dr Rhian-Mari Thomas OBE, Green Finance Institute
- Simon McWhirter – UKGBC
- Henry Jordan – Nationwide
- Barry Connelly – NatWest Group
- Jose Carvalho – HSBC
- Jatin Patel – Barclays

(Officials from the Partnership secretariat and Private Office were also in attendance but have not been listed above)

Summary

- The Green Finance Strategic Partnership held its inaugural Steering Group meeting, bringing together government, financial institutions, consumer organisations, and industry leaders to support delivery of the private financing elements of the Warm Homes Plan.
- The Secretary of State and Minister for Energy Consumers highlighted the importance of expanding affordable green home finance and developing a

joined-up national approach to home energy upgrades in the non fuel-poor sector.

- Members welcomed the Warm Homes Plan and committed to working collaboratively to develop pathways and solutions to support households to access low-carbon technologies, improve the energy performance and energy efficiency of their homes and reduce bills.
- DESNZ and GFI outlined the Partnership's proposed aims, objectives and approach. It was emphasised that the overarching objective is to widen access to green finance for the non-fuel-poor market and support practical, implementable solutions - including action plans, recommendations to government, and proposals to remove barriers and drive innovation.
- Following discussion members agreed the overall structure, purpose, and initial programme of work. Sitting under the Steering Group, four working groups will focus on:
 - identifying the green finance products most necessary to serve the market and ranking them for development or expansion purposes,
 - accelerating availability of green finance products (including products supported via the government low-interest consumer loans scheme) and developing consumer-friendly offers,
 - strengthening consumer protections, and
 - improving the overall customer journey.
- Members noted:
 - the importance of financial inclusion and ensuring appropriate solutions are available to meet the needs of households across all income levels,
 - that the consumer journey work should include consideration of ongoing support after installation, recognising that the journey does not end once technology is installed,
 - the importance of establishing good practice around confidentiality, recognising that organisations will need to be able to share valid insights to add value to the Partnership's work.
- The Memorandum of Understanding and Terms of Reference were reviewed and broadly agreed, with members invited to submit any final comments on the ToR via Correspondence.
- The members agreed that the Steering Group will meet quarterly, and that Working Groups will begin their first "sprints" in the coming weeks. Initial outputs will be reviewed at meeting two, marking the start of a coordinated, cross-sector effort to expand access to green home upgrades and build consumer confidence in the transition to net zero.

Next Steps

- The Steering Group will meet quarterly; Working Groups will begin within a month.

- The Secretariat will circulate updated governance documents, confirm cross-group coordination processes, and establish collaboration tools.
- Initial Working Group outputs will be presented and discussed at the next Steering Group meeting.