

UK CCUS Council Meeting Minutes
9th March 2026, hybrid meeting

Attendees	Organisation
Minister Shanks (MS), Co-Chair	Minister for Energy, DESNZ
Olivia Powis (OP), Co-chair	CEO, 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
Phil Hemmens	Senior Adviser, Eni
Andy Bedford	Director, Encyclis
Ruth Herbert	Managing Director, EET
Nic Braley	Acorn General Manager, Storegga
Jenna Harvey	CCS Senior Manager, Harbour Energy
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
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
Sophie Whinney	Senior Analyst, Green Alliance
Stuart Haszeldine	Professor of CCS, University of Edinburgh
Kevin Bradshaw	CEO, Viridor
Ben Burggraaf	CEO, Net Zero Industry Wales
Mark Hughes	COO, NECCUS
Emily Sidhu	Managing Director, National Wealth Fund
Charlotte Brumpton-Childs	National Officer, GMB Union
Jarad Daniels	CEO, Global CCS Institute
Giorgia Albieri	Ofgem

Senior Officials	Organisation
Matt Taylor	Director, CCUS, DESNZ
Alex Milward	Director, CCUS, DESNZ
Michael Brown (MB)	Deputy Director, CCUS, DESNZ
Yanti Tijono (YT)	Deputy Director, CCUS, DESNZ
Emma Bulmer (EB)	Deputy Director, CCUS, DESNZ
External Presenters:	
Chris Thackeray (CT)	Director and Global CCS Lead, Baringa

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

- MS welcomed members and reflected on the importance of CCUS for energy security, growth, protecting existing industrial jobs and creating new jobs.
- MS thanked council members for their ongoing support and encouraged continued close collaboration between government and the CCUS sector.
- OP noted progress to date, emphasised the benefits of CCUS, and outlined future steps to maximise deployment and growth opportunities.

2. Presentation on Deployment Pathways from DESNZ

- MB reflected on a successful outcome in Spending Review 2025 and outlined ongoing work to identify future pathways that can deliver on deployment objectives in a sustainable manner, progressing towards a self-sustaining market.
- MB invited council members to share views on different approaches to future deployment, balancing costs, economic growth, and carbon budgets targets.
- Members discussed different deployment pathways and how to drive progress towards a market led system in preparation for Spending Review 2027.

3. Presentation on DESNZ Market Developments from DESNZ

- YT updated on recent market activities, including the East Coast Cluster (ECC) Teesside Selection process, Non-Pipeline Transport Consultation, and Humber Market Survey.
- Members shared reflections and discussed the assessment process for the ECC Teesside Selection. YT outlined that impacts on growth, jobs, affordability, value for money and deliverability within the required timeframes will all be considered through the selection process.
- Members discussed how to amplify messaging around how CCUS will protect existing jobs, as well as creating new jobs.

4. Presentation on Supply Chains Task and Finish Group from DESNZ

- EB updated on progress of the Supply Chains Task and Finish Group.

- Members welcomed progress from the Task and Finish Group and discussed cross-sector supply chain opportunities.
- Members noted the importance of alignment with other ongoing supply chain workstreams across government to ensure alignment.

5. Presentation on ‘Scaling Investment in CCS’ Report from Baringa

- CT provided an overview of Baringa’s report *Unlocking Private Capital: Scaling Investment in the CCS Sector* and highlighted that the Sustainable Markets Initiative’s Financial Services Task Force sees CCUS as investable.
- CT outlined key recommendations from the report for the financial services sector to increase the scale of capital in CCS.
- Members reflected on the recommendations from the report and discussed how to catalyse private sector financing in CCS.
- Members noted that public sector institutions should be involved in lessons learned exercises from successful financial investment decisions in different markets.

5. Forward look

- OP outlined the priorities for the year ahead, notably preparing for Spending Review 2027.
- Members agreed that government and industry should work closely together to build evidence based recommendations for future deployment.

5. Closing remarks

- OP thanked members for attending and closed the meeting.