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## **Jet Zero Taskforce – Non-Ministerial Expert Group Meeting**

**15:30–16:30, Tuesday 14 April 2026**

### **Online Meeting**

#### **Attendees**

##### Chair

- Holly Boyd-Boland, Senior VP Corporate Development and Legal Affairs, Virgin Atlantic

##### Task and Finish Group Chairs

- Carrie Harris, Chair of Greenhouse Gas Removals (GGRs) Task & Finish Group, British Airways
- Steven Gillard, Chair of Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF) Task & Finish Group, Regional Sustainability Director, UK, Europe, Africa, Middle East and Turkey, Boeing
- Brett Ryan, Chair of Hydrogen Task & Finish Group, Head of Policy and Analysis, Hydrogen UK

##### Members

- Dr Mark Bentall, Head of R&T, Airbus
- Tim Alderslade, Chief Executive, Airlines UK
- Rod Campbell, Director of Business Development, 1PointFive
- Jonathon Counsell, Group Head of Sustainability, IAG
- Paul Davies, Director, Coalition for Negative Emissions
- Karen Dee, Chief Executive, Airports UK
- Simon Holt, Manager Emerging Europe, Phillips 66
- Tim Johnson, Director, Aviation Environment Federation
- Tim Johnson, Director for Strategy, Policy and Communications, Civil Aviation Authority
- Prof. David Lee, Professor of Atmospheric Science and Director of the Centre for Aviation, Transport and the Environment (CATE), Manchester Metropolitan University
- Duncan McCourt, Chief Executive Officer, Sustainable Aviation
- James McMicking, Chief Strategy Officer, ZeroAvia
- Fiona Smith, Sustainability Director, AGS Airport
- Rosanna Turnham, Manager UK Government Affairs, bp
- Sophie Lane, Chief Relationships Officer, Aerospace Technology Institute



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## HMG Officials

- Joe Delafield, Deputy Director, Aviation Decarbonisation and Environment, Department for Transport
- Sonia Krylova, Deputy Director, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
- Rachael Gilbert, Deputy Head, Low Carbon Fuels, Department for Transport
- Jet Zero Taskforce Secretariat

## Apologies

- Paul Griffiths, Deputy Director, Aerospace, Department for Business and Trade
- Lahiru Ranasinghe, Sustainability Director, easyJet
- Matt Gorman, Director of Sustainability, Heathrow Airport
- Chris Gould, Energy Transition Lead, Fuels Industry UK
- Chrissy Tichler, Deputy Director, Low Carbon Fuels, Department for Transport

## **Actions**

- Task & Finish Group (T&FG) chairs, Industry Chair and Jet Zero Taskforce Secretariat colleagues to discuss how the three T&FGs interact this year

## **Summary of Meeting Readout**

### **1. Chair Welcome**

Holly Boyd-Boland (Industry Chair) opened the meeting by confirming that chairs had been appointed for this year's Task and Finish Groups (T&FG) a) GGRs – Carrie Harris, b) SAF – Steven Gillard and c) Hydrogen – Brett Ryan. Holly noted that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the terms of reference and scope for each group.

### **2. Hydrogen T&FG**

Brett Ryan talked members through the group's three draft key objectives for this year; 1) the creation of an up-to-date body of knowledge report on hydrogen infrastructure requirements for airports, including an assessment of current technology readiness levels and accompanying gap analysis on key technologies; 2) the production of a report benchmarking the UK's preparedness against international counterparts; and 3) the production of an industry-led minimum set of conditions for regulation, compliance and operating methodologies.

Brett Ryan also addressed that there were some member queries regarding timelines, aircraft types and fuel technologies. He confirmed that the intention was for the group's scope to include both gaseous and liquid hydrogen infrastructure; and cover timelines for both the 2030s and 2040s.



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- Feedback was provided by some members who commented that it would be useful for the scope to consider the wider context of regulations, business cases, budgetary requirements and stakeholder requirements.
- Members noted that it was important to not be overly ambitious with the group's aims and the key objective should be the benchmarking piece of work, with a focus on investment.
- Some members encouraged the group to focus on defining the detail of UK preparedness including a potential roadmap or case study to help identify what the specific levers and incentives are going to be regarding investment.

Holly Boyd-Boland summarised that the group's scope and objectives would need to be amended slightly to incorporate the feedback.

### **3. GGR T&FG**

Carrie Harris summarised the GGR group scope. Carrie Harris confirmed that the scope was broadly a continuation of the work of last year's group with four main objectives; 1) learning and extracting the maximum value from the advanced market signal (AMS); 2) the assessment of government policy options (from the proposals that last year's group put forward); 3) engagement across the wider GGR community and interaction with international organisations; and 4) producing updates to roadmaps. Carrie Harris explained how these four objectives are grouped into three key outputs; the AMS, policy options and consensus building, with a key priority being the assessment of current blockers preventing airlines from presenting removals as an option for customers.

- Members queried how the government's response to the Whitehead Review factors into the T&FG's thinking, especially as the Review set out several concerns around GGRs and cost.
- Carrie Harris confirmed that the group wanted to work with government this year to address some of these concerns (objective 2).
- Some members questioned whether the group could inform international bodies while still working through its own proposals. Carrie Harris noted that she had been engaging with ICAO regarding its Aviation Climate Week in June and hoped to do some work with them on carbon removals during this.
- A member also referred to the role of GGRs with net zero and net negative emissions, emphasising the difference between the two and reiterating the need to be in a net negative regime. Carrie Harris took this on board and noted the significant shift in global aviation demand for removals which is something the group will explore this year.

Holly Boyd-Boland noted broad endorsement for the group's scope across members.



#### **4. SAFT&FG**

Steven Gillard talked members through the draft three primary areas of focus for the SAF T&FG; 1) accelerating the deployment of capital into UK projects; 2) assessing the relative competitiveness of the UK as a destination for attracting inward investment into SAF; and 3) a refreshed look at the day-to-day operation of the SAF mandate, following on from last year's group.

Regarding 3, Steven Gillard explained the main takeaway from last year's group was that the operation of the mandate was an emerging market of which it was too early to make any sort of recommendations or changes to policy. This year, the group would review what was done previously, assessing what has changed and seeing if any other recommendations can be made. Steven Gillard spoke about the bankability workstream and a key recommendation from last year being the Pathfinder projects. He mentioned that this year, this would look like providing advice to and working with government around the allocation of support to sub-projects in the UK. Steven Gillard also referred to a UK capability guide, something which last year, was identified as being missing. This is something which the group will focus on producing this year. Steven Gillard informed members of the value of examining the relative competitiveness of the UK, including identifying what those unique sources of competitive differentiation are, while being honest about where gaps are, and how to close these gaps.

Steven Gillard referred to the point in the terms of reference around the GGR and SAF T&FGs working more closely together this year and the potential of having a member cross both groups. Steven Gillard took an action away to work with other T&FG chairs regarding further collaboration.

- Members showed support for the group's scope, with some encouraging an inclusion of an assessment of access to cost-effective renewable power
- Members echoed Steven Gillard's reference to cross-working across the three T&FGs.
- Regarding workstream two on competitive comparison, some members felt it would be difficult to achieve without being able to reflect on certain aspects out of the group's scope.
- Members were also cautious that that the group does not spend too much time looking at things that it has little influence over.

#### **5. Next Steps, AOB and Closing Remarks**

Holly Boyd-Boland concluded by noting the action for herself, T&FG Chairs and Jet Zero Taskforce Secretariat colleagues to look at how the three T&FGs interact this year. Holly also confirmed that there appeared to be a broad consensus across members on the



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terms and reference and scope of each T&FG; she also updated that membership of each group was to be confirmed over the next few weeks.