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Local Authority Newsletter



Hello and welcome to our latest Local Authority Newsletter.

In this edition, we're looking back at our recent Electricity Futures Conference, as well as letting you know the date for our flagship event in March 2026 (which, of course, you're invited to). We're also giving you a sneak insight into a new evolution of our data portal, and sharing information about our ever-popular Net Zero Surgeries.

It's been a busy few months across the DSO. We've published our Key Performance Indicators for the quarter, as well as an important Data Centre Study - which we're sure will be of interest following questions at our Electricity Futures Now Autumn Conference. Both documents can be downloaded from our publications library: <https://dso.nationalgrid.co.uk/resource-centre/publications-library>.

We hope you find this issue useful and informative. If you'd like to provide any feedback about our newsletter, please email us at nged.energyplanning@nationalgrid.co.uk.

Electricity Futures Now Autumn 2025 Conference

Thank you to everyone who joined our Electricity Futures Now Conference - it was the best attended virtual conference that we've run to date! We welcomed over 200 people to the Conference, with many people attending more than one of the seven sessions.

The questions and answers revealed a true thirst for information – no session finished with all questions answered (from the chat or live). We have since answered all of the questions - more information on that below.

Early feedback

The sessions were generally well received, with attendees feeling that they'd learnt new, useful or interesting information. We've heard loud and clear that we still use too many acronyms at times. We've also heard that many of you want to know more about what NGED are doing in relation to climate change and adaptation. This feedback has given us ideas for future sessions, so please watch this space.

Emerging themes

A number of themes have emerged from our Q&A sessions - the biggest of which is the value of human connection across the energy system. We're taking this on board to find more opportunities for live webinars and conversations, alongside our Conferences and Net Zero Surgeries. Other themes include:

- Coordination with other systems and network operators for the benefit of local places
- Data introductory sessions, as well as more deep dive sessions to really get under the skin of everything that's available
- AI and how this might change what we do
- What we're doing to respond to climate change

We're working our way through all of these themes and thinking about the best way we can rise to them for you.

Missed a session? We've got you covered!

All of the conference videos, presentations and Q&A sessions will be available through our [Stakeholder Event Library](#) web page.

Save the date - Electricity Futures Now Conference 2026!

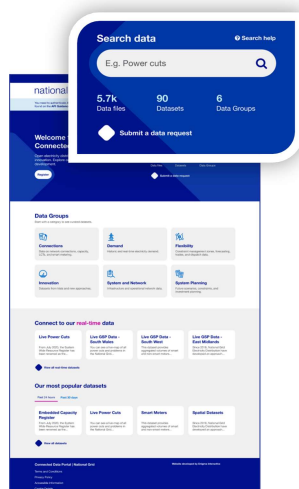
We have already set a date for our flagship event.

More detail (and your invitation) will be coming out over the next few months but, for the time being, please reserve **25 March 2026** in your diaries!

Last year's event was a highlight in the calendar - this [short video gives a small snapshot of the day!](#) If there is anything that you would particularly value from this event, please let us know by replying to this email.



We've listened - and an evolved data portal is coming



In early 2026, we're going to be evolving our Data Portal. We've used your feedback about what works well, and what improvements you need, in the new design. We're confident that it will have:

- A clearer layout - helping you to get to the data you need more intuitively
- Easier ways to subscribe to the datasets you need - so you never miss an update
- Visible file descriptions so you know what each file is before you open it
- And more to help you get the right data in the right format and at the right time.

Interested in finding out more?

Connect with the team for more information and to register your interest in providing input on the new design: nged.dataportal@nationalgrid.co.uk

You can also find out more from our experts by watching the Electricity Futures Now Data In Focus webinar here (the new data portal is discussed at 30m 20seconds): [Data In Focus Webinar \(Youtube\)](#)

Net Zero Surgeries - book now

Our Net Zero Surgery is a dedicated session for local authorities and government departments to explore how we can support your decarbonisation and growth plans.

Whether you're developing Local Area Energy Plans, housing developments, electric vehicle infrastructure, or other low-carbon projects, this is your opportunity to speak directly with our team for expert support and guidance. These sessions are the first step in understanding how your strategic project could best connect to our network, helping to unlock opportunities and accelerate progress toward a net zero future.

Net Zero Surgeries are delivered by our DSO Strategic Engagement team - please contact them today to book your surgery: nged.energyplanning@nationalgrid.co.uk

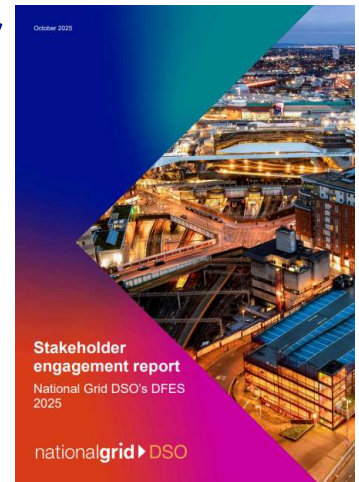
Out now: Stakeholder Engagement Report for DFES 2025

Thank you to all of our stakeholders who engaged with us over the summer to help us refine our DFES 2025 plans.

Thanks to your input, we have been able to:

- **Update new housing data** (in reference to UK government housing targets);
- **Gather views on the DFES 2024 scenario projections** that best align with local energy planning, and signpost any recently published LAEPs;
- **Bring clarity** to the wider DFES process and methodology;
- **Refine our regional assumptions** and local distribution factors around industrial decarbonisation and electrification

The report is out now. Please click the button opposite to go directly to it, or [download it from our website](#).



Download the
report today

Latest news - in case you missed it

There's a lot going on across your DSO. In case you missed our last three new stories, we've put the links below. Don't forget that you can also [follow us on LinkedIn](#) so you never miss an update again!

- [National Grid's Market Gateway hits 200,000 asset milestone](#). We're growing the local flexibility market, increasing competition to achieve more affordable, greener energy for our communities
- [Household heroes – affordable clean flexibility starts at home](#). Households are leading the way in the affordable and clean local energy revolution - and we celebrate using zero fossil fuelled power for flexibility since the start of the year
- [Pushing down network running costs, one asset at a time](#). Many of our conference attendees were interested in how we maintain the network efficiently and cost-effectively. This story gives insight into one way we do this for our customers

Get in touch

Our Strategic Engagement team are available to support you with local area energy plan and local decarbonisation planning. You can get in touch with the team by emailing nged.energyplanning@nationalgrid.co.uk or contact your local Strategic Engagement Officer.

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