## Driving a positive environmental and community impact

We will start at 10.02 to allow participants to finish previous meetings and join the call



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#### **Welcome and Opening**

Thank you for joining us today

Jake Tudge Director of Corporate Affairs



#### Who will be speaking?

**Christine Glew** 

Environment & Sustainability Manager



**Kiera Pullen** 

**ESG Co-Ordinator** 





#### Lauren Chater

Customer & Stakeholder Business Partner



#### **Logistics**



#### Should last for approximately about 60 min



Questions and polling via slido.com #GT14

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All callers will be placed on mute



We will circulate the slides and a recording of this webinar

#### Agenda

**1. Setting the Scene** 

2. Improving the Environment

3. Acting with a Social Conscience

#### 4. Conclusion

#### **Quick poll**

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Volunteering	Community Engagement	Skills and education
Reporting	Other, please explain	

# Setting the scene

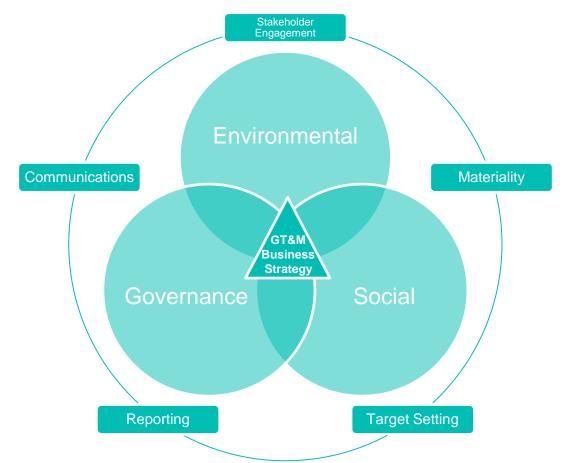


#### **ESG Underpins Our Purpose, Priorities and Values**

Purpose	Leading a Clean Energy Future for Everyone						
Priorities	Operating safely, reliably and flexibly and sharehold		lue ners	Driving a positive environmental and community impact	Investing in our people, growing our capability and valuing everyone's contribution		Shaping the gas market of the future
Values	Ownership		Simplicity		Progress		
ESG Activity Bringing our Purpose, Priorities and Values to life through our actions	ENVIRONMENTAL Improving the Environment		SOCIAL Acting with a Social Conscience		GOVERNANCE Running our Business Ethically		

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#### **ESG structure and delivery model**



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# Improving the Environment



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### **Improving the Environment**

Goal	We strive to achieve minimal adverse environmental impacts across all our operations whilst also seeking ways to enhance the local environment
Measures of success	Sustainable thinking is embedded in our business strategy & decision making processes, improving the environment in which we operate
	Our external and internal stakeholders can see how we are contributing to positive environmental impact
	We have reported our progress externally - Annual Environmental Report (AER), TCFD, Annual Report
	We have met our legislative and RIIO-T2 commitments

### **Improving the Environment - Activities**

ACTIVITIES	Air Quality	Reduction in NOx emissions from compressors
	Climate Change	Reduction in CO2 emissions from: Methane, construction, transport and NG energy usage
	Responsible Asset Use	Reduction in waste / promotion of circular economy from: construction, including redundant asset repurposing
	Caring for the Natural Environment	Increase the value of our land through: GT land management, protect and promote biodiversity, sustainable construction
	Leadership for Change	Embed sustainability in decision making, ensure transparent reporting and engage in industry collaboration

## We aligned with the Global Methane Pledge to collectively reduce methane emissions by at least 30% below 2020 levels by 2030

• To fulfil this Pledge, we are working with Ofgem to implement a methane emissions reduction plan and to increase detection of leaks across the NTS









- We completed a consistent assessment of physical climate change risks to our assets
- Commissioned an interactive geographical visualisation tool to show risks for 2° C and 4° C scenarios
- We measured the carbon footprint of two major schemes and will drive carbon neutrality across all schemes by further implementing PAS 20260 and PAS 2080
- Commercial fleet alternative vehicles

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- Asset repurposing
- Our contractors are proactively managing their waste and reporting through a Contractor Sustainability Portal which has recorded 99% of waste as being diverted from landfill in FY 2021/2022.
- The recorded recycling rate is 97%







- Protect and promote biodiversity on construction sites and non operational land
- The Hatton Project results in the loss of three Biodiversity Units and a project is in discussion with the Lincolnshire Chalk Streams Trust to address this negative impact
- Our Pipelines Maintenance Centre (PMC) have completed BNG assessments across their operational project portfolio









- We actively participate in energy industry groups to reduce the UK GHG emissions, minimise resource usage and enhance our natural environment.
- Our carbon and natural capital tools are shared within the energy industry
- Through the employee volunteering programme, NGGT colleagues have been working with The Conservation Volunteers



Acting with a Social Conscience



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## **Acting with a Social Conscience**

Goal	We deliver positive, meaningful and sustainable social impact, promoting the wellbeing and development of our people and adding value to both the communities within which we operate, and wider society
Measures of success	We are delivering measurable social impact / improvements, reported via industry Social Value Tool
	Our stakeholders can see how we are contributing to positive social impact via external communications
	Our people can see how we are acting for social good and are able to directly contribute to positive social impact
	We have met our regulatory commitments

#### **Acting with a Social Conscience - Activities**

ACTIVITIES	Charitable Giving	Corporate and Local Charity Partnerships, Employee Giving, Employee Fundraising, Corporate Matched Giving
	Volunteering	Team Volunteering, Individual Volunteering
	Future Skills & Education	Primary School (Key Stage 1 and 2), Secondary School (Key Stage 3 and 4), NEET's - Not in Education, Employment or Training (Age 16 – 24)
	Community Engagement	Community-Led Grant Scheme, Major Project Funding for Community-Led Improvement, Community Partnerships, Fuel Poverty Action

## **Charitable Giving**

- GT&M has selected Barnardo's as our corporate charity partner
  - Target fundraising £100,000 over 3 years
- We also support:
  - Local charity partnerships
  - Employee donations
  - Self-led fundraising activities
  - Corporate matched giving





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## **Employee Volunteering**

- Employees share skills, time and expertise through volunteering activities
- Delivering activity close to our operations
- Bringing social, environmental and / or economic benefits
- To charities, community groups and not-for-profits
- Via two days paid leave, per financial year





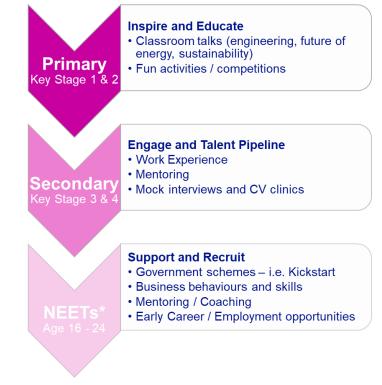


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## **Future Skills & Education**

- Our Future Skills & Education plan will engage the next generation in the net zero transition:
  - Local and national skills development partnerships and initiatives
  - Focus on disadvantaged communities
  - Training and mentoring opportunities, with the aim of potential employment

Stakeholder feedback and suggestions are welcome and appreciated



# Quick poll results

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### **Quick poll**

# What would you like to see us doing in future skills and education?

- Please share what you would like us to focus on?
- What are priority areas for you and your communities?
- Where should we focus our efforts?

## **Community Engagement**

#### Demonstrate GT&M is a good neighbour and part of the community

# Educate the public about environmental issues through outreach linked to major projects

- Engage meaningfully with communities
- Consider impact of the project and ways we will be offsetting this
- Opportunity to inform the public and leave a positive legacy





# Conclusion



#### Conclusion

Sustainability is at the heart of our business, embedded within our Purpose - Leading a Clean Energy Future for Everyone

We want to ensure a positive and lasting impact on the environment, our people and society at large

Our strategy defines who we are and who we want to become - today, in 2050 and beyond

#### **Quick poll**

#### Does our strategy show the right level of ambition?

Too much

About the right level

Not enough

Please explain

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#### What next?



You will receive the recording and material from today's session



If you have any further questions or would like to discuss anything specific please get in touch with Lauren.Chater@nationalgrid.com



Feedback is important to us, therefore if you have not already taken part, we would like to put you forward for a survey

### Thank you for joining us

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