

**All Members Call**



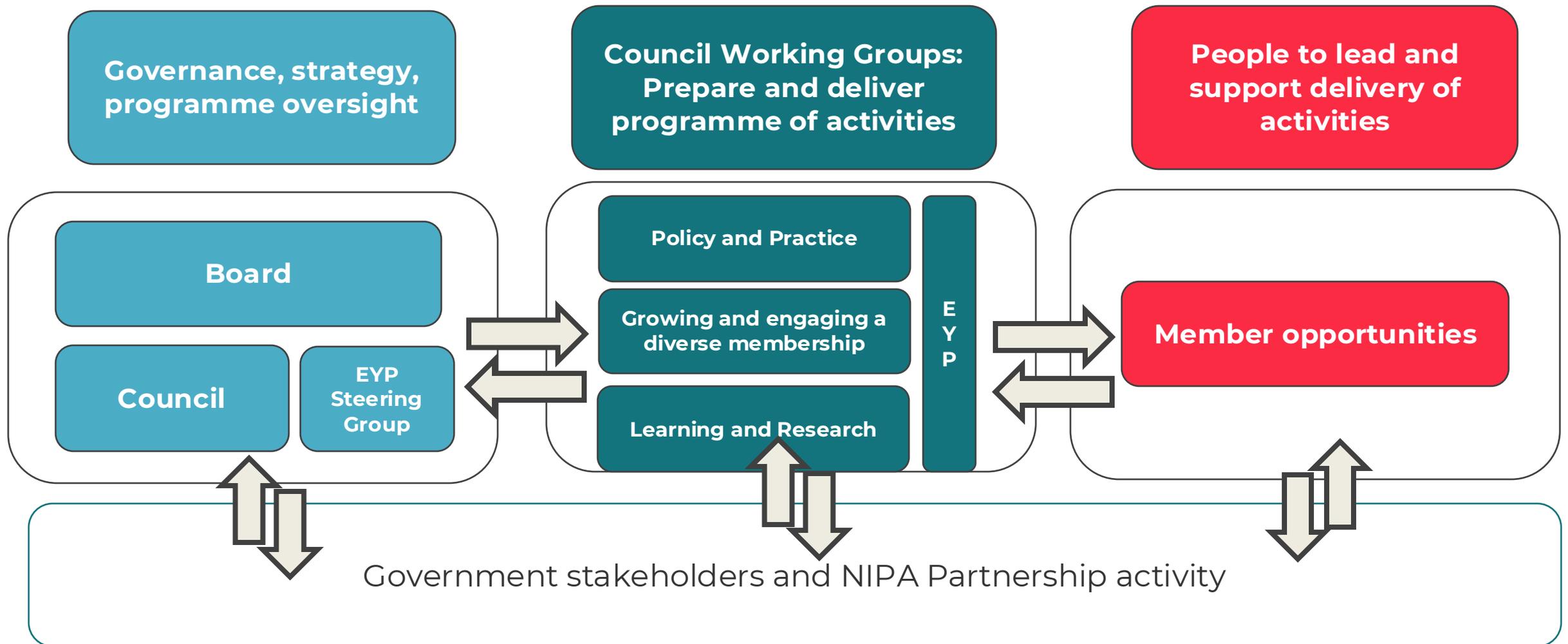
# AGENDA

- Welcome and update on NIPA activity
- NIPA members survey
- NIPA Plan introduction
- Working Groups introduction
- EYPs Steering Group introduction
- Programme / forthcoming events update
- Members Q&A / feedback

# Emerging Vision and NIPA leadership structure

*Our vision is for NIPA to become a vibrant community of practice where different professions and interests come together to drive better infrastructure planning and delivery*

# Emerging Vision and NIPA leadership structure



# Update on NIPA activity

Winter 24 / 25

Spring 25

Plan For Growth

Government Working Papers

Planning and Infrastructure Bill

NIPA Dinner

Community benefits webinar

Consultation responses (Wales Bill, JRs, Streamlining Infrastructure)

EYP / ICE joint event

NIPA Survey

Spring Prog.

NIPA Plan Launch

Board

EYP SG meet monthly

Board and Council

Board

AGM 13 May

# NIPA members survey

Thank you to everyone who has responded !

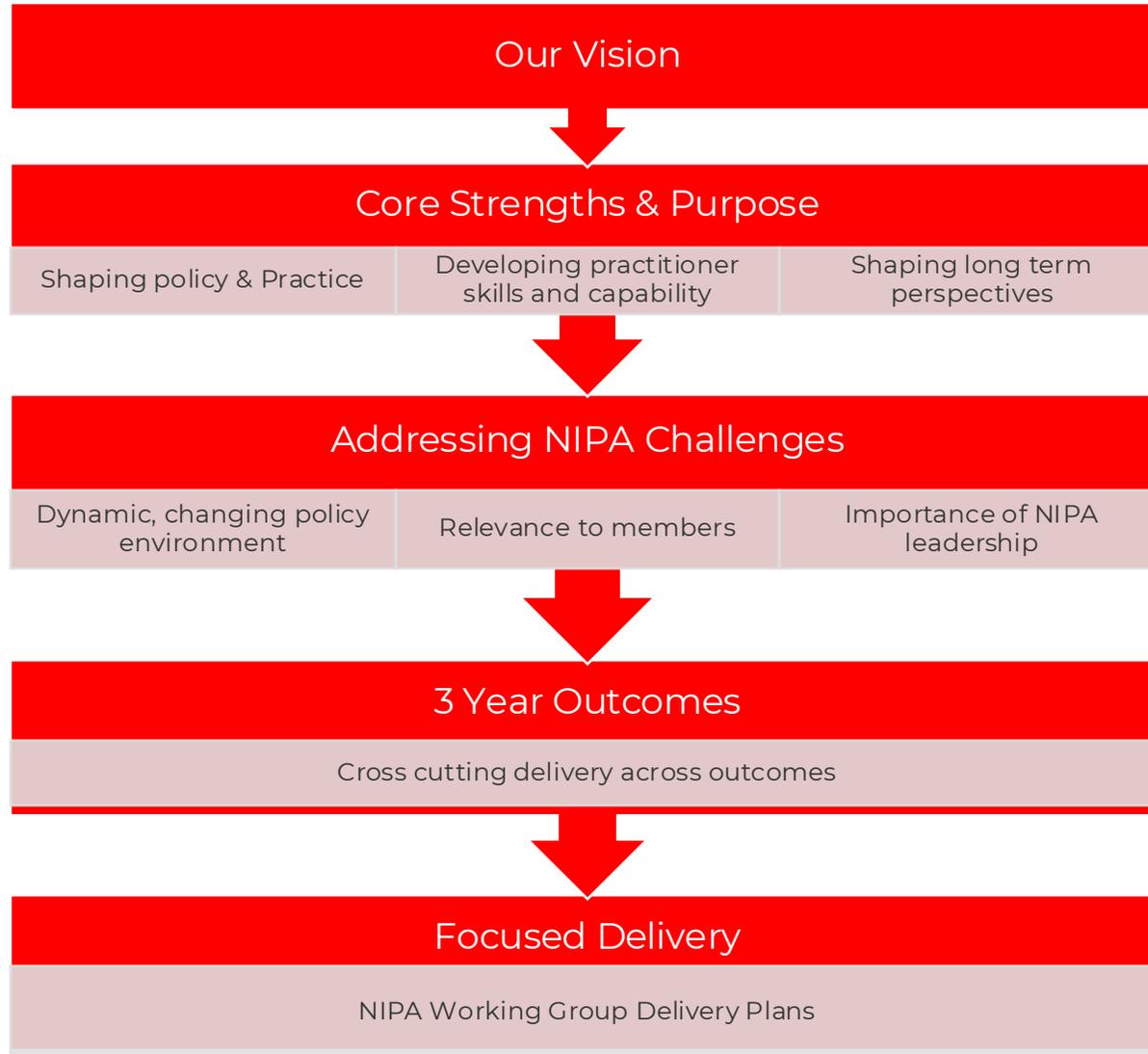
There is still time to provide your response – deadline is this Wednesday

Incredible response so far with some key insights into where, what and how you, our membership, want NIPA to be and do in the next 3 years

Has already influenced several areas of the NIPA Plan (for example regional events)

We will demonstrate how your responses have shaped the NIPA Plan at the AGM in May

# NIPA Plan: Overview



# Working Groups

## Policy and Practice

Purpose: shaping national infrastructure policy and practice

Key activities: consultation responses; review/input to reform and best practice; environmental sustainability goals; and digital.

- Leads: Peta Donkin (LDA Design) and David Grattan (Grattan Planning)
- Working group members: Clare Barras (National Highways), Alex Herbert (Telis Energy), Ada Lee (RTPI), James Maurici KC (Landmark Chambers), Sinead Morrissey (TLT), Mark Williets (North Kesteven Council), Sophie Young (ABP)
- Board Sponsors: Matt Sharpe (Quod) and Ali Leeder (Aeos)



# Working Groups

## Policy and Practice

### Concluded consultation responses (2025):

- Planning Reform Working Paper: Streamlining Infrastructure Planning  
<https://nipa-uk.org/planning-reform-working-paper-streamlining-infrastructure-planning-consultation-response/>

### Upcoming consultations:

- Draft NPS Nuclear Energy Generation (EN-7) – 3 April 2025. **Volunteers welcomed!**
- Land Use in England consultation (DEFRA) – 25 April 2025.
- Planning and Infrastructure Bill – this week!

### Other work:

- Infrastructure Delivery Taskforce engagement
- Policy response forward look, resource and process review
- Development and Nature Recovery engagement with MHCLG

### Upcoming events:

- 10 year Infrastructure Strategy (webinar)
- Streamlining Infrastructure Planning consultation response (webinar)
- Welsh Infrastructure Consenting
- Planning and Infrastructure Bill discussions
- Scotland Electricity Infrastructure Consenting

# Working Groups

## Growing and engaging a diverse membership

Purpose: Engaging with Members and Expanding Membership

Key Activities: engaging members, reaching out to members, expanding diversity and inclusion

- Leads: Amanda Pownall (Pownall Associates) and Jordan Martin (DWD)
- Working Group members: Alex Crow (Arden), Matt Fox (Pinsent Masons), Olivia Heininger (Burgess Salmon), Greg Phillimore (Camargue), Oliver Spencer (RWE Renewables), Anna Sutherland-Bamber (Jacobs)
- Board Sponsors: Tom Beckford (National Grid), Peta Donkin (LDA Design), Catherine Anderson (WSP)



# Working Groups

## Engaging/Reaching out to Members:

- Breakfast shares (**next one Bristol in April**), evening social (**next one London May**) - all Members welcome, bring a friend!
- Lunchbox talks (**first one June**)- **Volunteers Welcome!**
- NIPA newsletter
- Quarterly calendar on website
- Regular roundtables on key issues (**Volunteers Welcome!**)
- Collaboration with Local Authorities, collaboration with other organisations
- Developing a communications strategy with a clear and consistent approach across all NIPA channels
- Using events etc. already in place to develop content such as NIPA Stories and highlight the great work already being done
- Reviewing performance at the end of year 1 to increase impact

# Working Groups

## Diversity and Inclusion:

- develop diversity and inclusion principles with help from members which are SMART and outcome focused
- continuing with, and improving, membership survey and diversity survey (**with members input**)
- consider how NIPA and members can reach out to those early in their careers and those still considering their careers
- identify goals to grow NIPA membership including broadening diversity including the range of professions
- develop ideas for NIPA outreach especially with universities and working with Regeneration Brainery

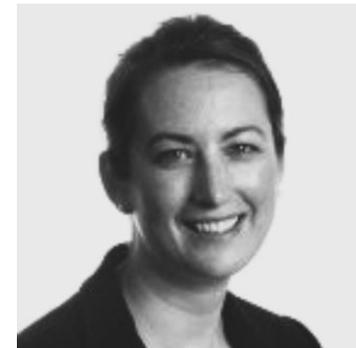
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## Learning and Research

**Purpose:** To promote best practice in the delivery of infrastructure through research and learning.

**Key activities:** Coordinating and leading events such as NIPA Matters. Identifying and steering research initiatives (e.g. NIPA Insights III). Developing wider opportunities for learning with other organisations inc. Universities, currently developing the NIPA bursary scheme.

- Leads: Vicki Redman (Womble Bond Dickinson) and Phil Emison (Costain)
- Working group Members: Matt Anderson (Ardent), Harry Dent (WSP), Viral Desai (AtkinsRealis), Andy Hunt (QUOD), Viki James (Ardent), Andrew Prior (AEOS)
- Board Reps: Julian Boswall (Burgess Salmon) and Jan Bessell (Pinsent Masons)



# Working Groups

## Learning and Research

### NIPA Matters

- Forward programme later in the presentation, building on previous successful events.
- Examples of topics being considered
  - Onshore wind post recent NPPF changes
  - The use of Artificial Intelligence to consent and build infrastructure

### Research

- Identifying potential areas of research from NIPA Insights III recommendations, NIPA Conference 2024 feedback and other areas
  - Community benefits – follow up from NIPA Matters with in-depth work
  - Spatial considerations in National Policy

### Partnerships

- Developing partnerships to share learning and best practice

# EYPs Steering Group introduction

**Purpose:** A special interest group for Early Years Practitioners (up to 10 years qualification / experience) of all backgrounds in the infrastructure planning sphere to learn, network and share experiences and ideas.

**Key activities:** Supporting NIPA Plan and Working Groups. Leading on events and activities for EYPs including knowledge-sharing sessions, mentoring lounges, site visits, networking and socials. Promoting engagement between NIPA and EYP members.

- **Co-Chairs:** Tom Beckford (National Grid) and Sophie Young (ABP)
- Steering Group members: Olivia Henshall (Pinsent Masons), Alex Higgin (Quod), Celestia Godbehere (RenewableUK), Jess Bere (Gateley Hamer), Daisy Noble (FTB Chambers), Jo Camille-St. Marie (National Grid), Henry Jeffreys (DLA Piper), Luke Thurley (Volterra), Will Shayshutt (Tribus Clean Energy), Orla Downs (Ardent)



# Programme / forthcoming events update

Event Type	Topic	Date
Consultation Response	Draft NPS Nuclear Energy Generation (EN-7)	03.04.25
Consultation Response	Land Use Consultation (DEFRA)	25.04.25
Consultation Response	Planning and Infrastructure Bill	March / April 25
Event	Breakfast Share – Planning and Infrastructure Bill	May 25
Event	Suffolk NSIP Centre of Excellence Conference (Sponsorship)	June 25
Event	Breakfast share	Spring / Autumn 25
Event	NIPA in the North (Panel discussion and networking)	Spring / Autumn 25
Event	NIPA AGM	13.05.25
Event	NIPA Conference	07.07.25
Social	NIPA Social (Summer)	May / June
Social	NIPA Social (Autumn)	Sept / Oct
Social	NIPA Dinner	20.11.25
NIPA Comms	Quarterly All Member Calls	March, June, Sept, Dec

# Programme / forthcoming events update

Event Type	Topic	Date
<b>NIPA Matters</b>	10 year Infrastructure Strategy	TBC
<b>NIPA Matters</b>	Response to Banner Review / Streamlining Infrastructure Planning consultation response	TBC
<b>NIPA Comms</b>	NIPA Plan Launch events	April 2025
<b>NIPA Matters</b>	Welsh Infrastructure Consenting	TBC
<b>NIPA Matters</b>	Outputs from NIPA Conference Breakout Groups	TBC
<b>Event</b>	Breakfast Share (Scotland)	TBC
<b>MISC</b>	NIPA Membership Survey (Diversity)	TBC
<b>MISC</b>	PAS and Suffolk CoE re Planning Performance Agreements	TBC
<b>MISC</b>	Site Visits	TBC
<b>MISC</b>	NIPA Prize – members survey for thoughts on criteria	TBC



**MEMBERS Q & A  
COMMENTS  
AND  
REFLECTIONS**