

MEMBER UPDATE



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Dear member,

As we approach party conference season, the Policy Team have prepared a revised policy manifesto for the energy and utilities sector for members to use at these conferences. Also, the manifesto can be used with stakeholders and policy and decision makers to highlight the strategic value of our sector to the UK: we require support from all UK governments to ensure the sector is able to maximise its contribution to productivity and growth, helping to ensure the prosperity of the UK in a post European environment. To enable this, longstanding workforce renewal and skills weaknesses need to be addressed.

For these reasons, the sector's priority recommendations to consider are:

1. **Collaborative partnership across the UK** – The increasingly devolved and fragmented efforts to address the UK's labour market and workforce resilience challenges need leadership to ensure the UK delivers in a post European economy.
2. **To invest in industries that are of strategic value for the UK economy** – Energy and utilities are the largest single contributor to the National Infrastructure Delivery Plan. Ensuring a sustainable and resilient workforce here first is an intellectually sound investment for the whole of the UK.
3. **A predictable skills and employment policy environment** – Employers need a stable and predictable skills policy to enable them to minimise wasted resource and commit to long-term investment in the workforce.
4. **Continuing dialogue and evaluation of policy and practice with employers** – Ensuring skills and workforce policy interventions are employer-led, recognising the needs of employers in the energy and utilities sector.

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Kind regards,

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