



Department  
for Education

# Sustainability & Climate Change

**Governance for DfE's Sustainability and  
Climate Change Portfolio - External Use**

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# Introduction

The purpose of this pack is to demonstrate how the youth voice and DfE's stakeholders views are being fed into the development of the Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy.

This pack sets out:

1. The interaction between the working groups, youth panel, user group and the DfE Sustainability and Climate Change governance.
2. The members of each of the working groups, the youth panel, the user group and their associated organisations.

The roles of the user group members and their associated organisations have been provided so that those working or interacting within the sectors know where to feed in their views.

The organisations that the youth panel members represent are also provided so that young people are aware of which organisations to feed their views into. In addition to this sector engagement there will also be a survey launched in early 2022.

**Please note** that the proposed governance from April 2022 is still to be formally approved and may be subject to change. However, this document can be circulated to the memberships of the organisations represented in the working groups, youth panel and user group.

**Please note** that the membership lists of each working group may be subject to change and the sectors each organisation represents are reflective of the context of our engagement with them.

# DfE's approach

In recognition of the importance of this agenda:

- ▶ We have established a **Sustainability and Climate Change Unit** to develop and drive a strategy for the Education and Children's Services system
- ▶ **Secretary of State is** DfE's Climate Change Minister with oversight of the Climate Leaders Award. He is supported by his ministerial team and has agreed the vision and 4 strategic aims.

**VISION: UK education sector is a world leader in sustainability and climate change by 2030:**

1. Excellence in education and skills for a changing world
2. Net Zero
3. Resilient to climate change
4. A better environment for future generations

We launched the **draft strategy for stakeholder engagement and feedback at COP26** and will publish DfE's **final strategy** in April 2022.



# Governance

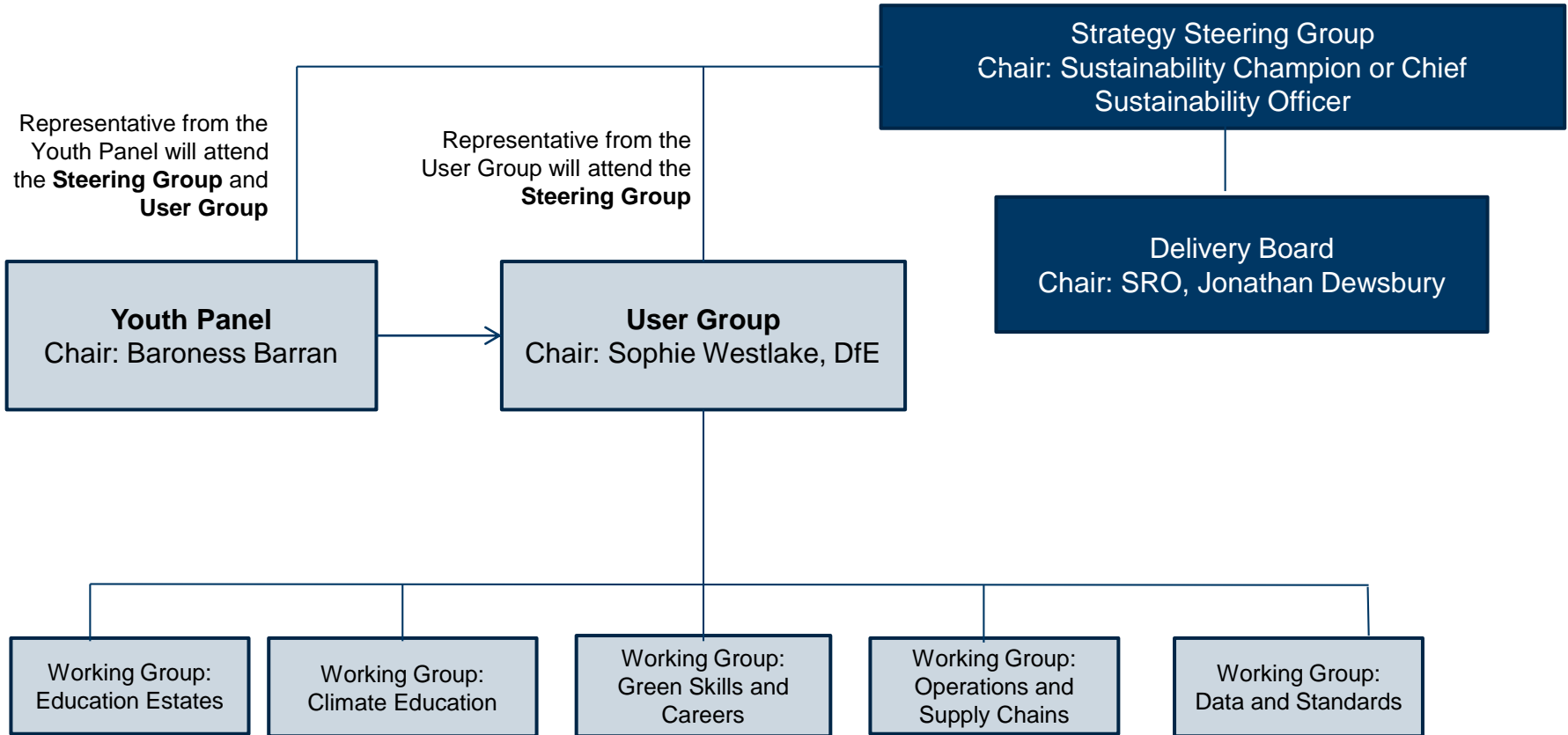
**Until April 2022** - Building on delivery of the draft strategy and our pledges at COP26 we will engage our sectors via working groups, a youth panel and a user group. These will feed directly into DfE's steering group for Sustainability and Climate Change in order to deliver a final strategy for April 2022. Please see next slide for details.

**From April 2022** - it is proposed that the DfE's steering group will transition into a formal DfE Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy and Assurance Board, that is underpinned by a cross cutting Portfolio Office and Portfolio Delivery Board. The User Group and Youth Panel will feed directly into the DfE Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy and Assurance Board as illustrated on the next slides.

We have commitment at a senior level to ensure the sustainability agenda is driven forwards, with the following roles in place:

Title	Role
Mike Green, Director General, Sustainability Champion	Sponsor of the Sustainability and Climate Change Portfolio and responsible for championing the case across DfE and Government.
Jonathan Clear, Chief Sustainability Officer	Responsible for assuring DfE's operations are sustainable and the DfE's strategic aims for Sustainability and Climate Change are being met.
Jonathan Dewsbury, Senior Responsible Owner for Sustainability and Climate Change	Responsible for delivery of the major changes required to meet our legal targets, strategic aims and vision.

# Governance until April 2022



# Sustainability and Climate Change Steering Group

The Steering Group will review, steer progress and approve the strategy for Secretary of State sign off and publication in April 2022. **The Steering Group will be chaired by the DG Sustainability Champion or the Chief Sustainability Officer.**

The Steering Group will be attended by or have representatives from the following departments and organisations:

- SRO for Sustainability and Climate Change
- DfE Non Executive Director
- DfE and ALBs policy officials
- Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS)
- Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA)
- Her Majesty's Treasury (HMT)
- Institute of Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IATE)
- Environment Agency
- Office for Environmental Protection
- Office for Students
- **Youth Panel Representative**
- **User Group Representative**

This list is not exhaustive and may change as the strategy and portfolio develops.

# Make up of the user group

Name	Organisation & Role	Sector Representing
<b>Sophie Westlake</b>	<b>DfE, User Group Chair – Sophie Westlake</b>	<b>DfE</b>
	Youth Panel representative	Youth Voice
Neil Leitch	Early Years Alliance, Chief Executive	Early Years
Ann Finlayson	SE-ED, CEO	Schools
Dr Jessica Tipton	UK Schools Sustainability Network/ Global Action Plan, Head of Youth Networks	Schools
Prof Daniella Tilbury	HM Government of Gibraltar, Commissioner for Sustainable Development	Climate Education
Professor Judith Petts	UUK, Chair of Task & Finish Group, Climate Commissioner	HE
David Hughes	Association of Colleges, Chief Executive	FE
Alex Green	Ashden, Programme Manager	Schools
Professor Andrew Charlton Perez	University of Reading, Professor of Meteorology & Head of External Affairs	HE and Climate Education
Fiona Goodwin	EAUC, Deputy CEO	HE/FE
Katie Luxton	Education Endowment Fund, Science Programme Manager	Teachers and ITT
Graham Quinn	CEO, Transforming Lives for Good	SEND/AP
Depending on agenda	<i>Action Area Lead (DfE)</i>	
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	SCCU Secretariat	DfE
	SCCU Secretariat/logistics	DfE
Jonathan Dewsbury	SRO for Sustainability and Climate Change	DfE

# Make up of Youth Panel

Organisation & Role	Sector Representing
<b>Parliamentary Under Secretary of State – Baroness Barran</b>	<b>DfE Chair</b>
UK Schools Sustainability Network	Student voice – adult support
SOS-UK, Executive Director	Student voice – adult support
St Vincent's Specialist School for Sensory Impairment, Principal	Student voice – adult support
Calderdale Youth Council/Regional Youth Climate Assembly, Youth worker	Student voice – adult support
DfE Young Person's Network and Steering Group Representative	Youth voice (DfE) and DfE Green Network
Student Climate Commissioner, EAUC (three representatives)	FE/HE
Enactus - students from schools & universities	HE
Student governor (Runshaw College); Unloc	Student voice
Student governor (Leyton College); Unloc	Student voice
Student, St Vincent's School Liverpool (three representatives)	Student Voice
Future Leaders Network	FE
Mock COP (two representatives)	Youth Voice
Teach the Future (two representatives)	Youth Voice
UK Schools Sustainability Network, Year 12 (two representatives)	Youth Voice
Lancashire Wildlife Trust – Youth Council; National Youth Agency	Youth voice
Centre for Sustainable Energy; National Youth Agency	Youth Voice
Centre for Sustainable Energy & Climate Leeds; National Youth Agency	Youth Voice
Our Bright Future Youth Forum Representative	Youth Voice
Green Skills Youth Council, Speakers for Schools	Youth Voice
Vice Chair, Chester Zoo Youth Board (two representatives)	Youth voice
Kids Against Plastic (two representatives)	Youth voice
Friends of the Earth (two representatives)	
Calderdale Youth Council & Regional Youth Climate Assembly (four representatives)	Youth voice
SCCU Secretariat	DfE
SCCU Secretariat/logistics	DfE



# Make up of working groups – Climate Education

Organisation & Role	Sector representing
SCCU action area lead and chair	DfE
John Moore's University, Senior Early Years Lecturer	Early Years
The Green Schools Project, Managing Director	Schools
NEU, Lead Officer, Health, Safety, & Environment	Teaching Union
NASUWT, Principal Officer (Education team)	Teaching Union
NAHT, Senior Policy Advisor	Heads' Union
Charlton Park Academy, Principal	SEND
Geographical Association, Chief Executive	Teaching staff and ITT
UKSSN & Principal of St Vincent's Specialist School for Sensory Impairment	SEND
BHASVIC, Principal and Governor	FE
ET Foundation, National Head of ESD	FE
UUK representative, University of Reading Vice Chancellor and Chair of Thames Regional Flood & Coastal Committee	HE
EAUC Chair and Assistant Vice Chancellor for Environment and Sustainability at UWE, Bristol	HE/ FE
KCL, Lecturer in Geography Education (ITT Lead)	Schools and ITT
FE/HE Climate Commissioner and Chair of the AoC Services Board	FE
Guild HE representative and University of Leeds Sustainability Project Coordinator	HE
Chair of the Universities Council for the Education of Teachers Forum on Continuing Professional Development	HE/Teacher CPD
Wildlife Trust, Director for Climate Action	Environmental Charity
Durham County Council, Education Development Advisor – Sustainability Education	Schools/LA
UKSSN English teacher, English KS3 lead and Sixth Form Tutor and Cross Trust Sustainability Lead	Teaching staff
National Association of Environmental Education, President	Teaching staff and ITT
Chief Operating Officer, STEM Learning	STEM curriculum
Engineering UK, Head of Public Affairs and Policy	STEM learning & careers
Curriculum Designer, Teacher Development Trust (former Head of Science)	Teaching staff and ITT
Curriculum	DfE
SCCU Secretariat/ Logistics	DfE

# Make up of working groups – Green Skills and Training

Organisation & Role	Sector representing
SCCU action area lead and chair	DfE
AoC, Senior Skills Policy Manager	FE
EAUC Trustee and South Devon College	FE/ HE
BHASVIC, Chair of Governors	HE
Guild HE, Deputy CEO	HE
UUK Climate Task and Finish Group & Warden of Goldsmiths University London	HE
Guild HE representative and Worcester University	HE
Edinburgh University, Chair of Carbon Management and Education, & Exec Director of Edinburgh Climate Change Institute	HE
IEMA, Director of Policy and Public Affairs	Professional Body
Wildlife Trust, Head of Health and Education	Environmental Charity
Newcastle University, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Provost	HE
Dagenham and Redbridge College, CITB Board	FE
Durham County Council, Education Development Advisor – Sustainability Education	Schools/ LA
Speakers for Schools (Green Skills Youth Council), Education and Policy Director	Youth voice & careers
Engineering UK, Head of Public Affairs and Policy	STEM learning & careers
People Programme Manager – Strategic Workforce Planning, Resourcing and Skills	EA
Open University, Green Agenda	HE
Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management	Professional Body
EAUC Chair, Professor of Environmental Science, and Assistant Vice Chancellor for Environment and Sustainability at UWE, Bristol	HE
UCU, Bargaining & Negotiations Official	Union
Green Skills policy for Net Zero Strategy	BEIS
Green Skills policy	DfE
Environment and 25 year plan	DEFRA
Skills & Jobs, Green recovery	DEFRA
T-Levels	DfE
SCCU Secretariat	DfE

# Make up of working groups – Education Estates

Organisation & Role	Sector representing
SCCU Action Area Lead and Chair	DfE
Ashden/Let's Go Zero, Director of Programmes	Schools
Durham County Council, Education & Development Advisor	LA
South Devon AC, Principal and CEO	HE
Unison, Climate Change & Sustainability Lead	Union
Skylark Partnership Trust, CEO	SEND/AP
ASCL, Business Leadership Specialist	Union
Association of Colleges, Area Director	FE
UUK representative, Keele University, Director of Estates and Development	HE
Hadland Care Group & GEECCO, CEO	Early Years
EAUC Deputy Chair and University of Cambridge	HE
Head of Estates, United Learning	MAT
Business Development Director, Academies Enterprise Trust	Schools
The Trust Network, Director of Estates	MAT
Demand Logic, CEO and CO Founder	Commercial
Church of England Education Office, School Estates and Policy Manager	Schools
Association of University Directors of Estates	HE Estates
Head of Education and Communities, Learning Through Landscapes	Education Charity/ Schools
Catholic Education Service, Director of Property and Facilities Management	Schools
Educational Building & Development Officers Group, Chair and Vice Chair	Local Authority
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LGA Climate Change Sector Support Programme	OGD
LGA Programme Manager in Children's Services	OGD
Environment Agency	OGD
Association of University Directors of Estates	HE
Smart metering implementation team	BEIS
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Capital Design Team, Environment, Energy and Construction Unit	DfE
Capital Efficiency and Capability Team supporting Good Estate Management for Schools (GEMS)	DfE
Capital Efficiency and Capability Team	DfE
SCCU Secretariat	DfE

# Make up of working groups – Operations & Supply Chains

Organisation & Role	Sector representing
SCCU action area lead and Chair	DfE
EAUC, Deputy CEO	FE
UUK, Staffordshire University, Chief FO & Deputy Chief Executive	HE
Childbase, Health, Safety & Environment Director	Early Years
Northumberland County Council, Early Years Consultant	Early Years
Programme Manager, A4S (Accounting for Sustainability)	Charitable/ Finance
Ashden/Let's Go Zero, CEO	Schools
Deputy Chief Operations Officer, The Priory Learning Trust, UK Schools Sustainability Network	Schools
DD of Strategy and Performance, United Learning	MAT
Devon County Council, Waste Education in Schools Lead	LA/ Schools
ProVeg, Programme Manager	Food Group
The Country Trust, Policy Advisor	Food Group/ Wildlife Charity
Estates Manager, Aspire Academy Trust	MAT
CFO, Manchester Metropolitan University and chair of HEPA	DfE
Chief Procurement Officer at KCL and Deputy Chair HEPA	FE
Director of Education, The Harmony Project	Food Group/ Educational Charity
Head of Strategic Procurement, Manchester University	HE
Category Manager in Schools Commercial Team and lead for Facilities Management (Services) & Utilities (Energy)	Early Years
Developing Govt response to National Food strategy	Early Years
School Food team	Charitable/ Finance
Schools Commercial Team	Schools
SCCU secretariat	DfE

# Make up of working groups – Data

Organisation & Role	Sector representing
DfE SCCU, Lead Analyst and Chair	DfE
AoC, Deputy Chair	FE
UUK, Deputy Director	HE
EAUC, CEO	HE/FE
Guild HE representative and Leeds Arts University	HE
University of Gloucestershire, Sustainability Operations Manager	HE
Association of University Directors of Estates, Executive Director	HE
HESA, Deputy Director, Data & Innovation	HE
CEO of Consortium Academy Trust	Schools
Early Years Consultant, Northumberland County Council	LA / Early Years
Royal Meteorological Society	Education
School Estates and Policy Manager, Church of England Schools	Schools
Learning through Landscapes	Schools
Sustainability Expert	DfE
Secretariat	DfE

## From April 2022

Following publication of the strategy it is proposed that the steering group will be formalised into an assurance and strategic board for Sustainability and Climate Change. The youth panel and user group will continue to feed into this board as the Sustainability and Climate Change Portfolio embarks on delivering upon the strategy.

# Proposed Governance - April 2022 onwards

