RECCo Metering Strategy 2026 – 2030

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1. Introduction

The previous Metering Strategy was published in July 2020, at a point when the Retail Energy Code (REC) was still settling into new arrangements and the primary focus was consolidating legacy metering arrangements into a single governance framework. That strategy successfully established the foundations for REC-led metering governance, including the migration of Codes of Practice, clarification of roles, and the early development of REC assurance and accreditation arrangements.

Since 2020, the metering landscape has evolved significantly. Metering governance under the REC has matured and is now operating in a far more complex environment: one that is increasingly digital, data-driven, and shaped by new technologies, higher safety expectations, and accelerating change across the energy system. Metering now sits at the intersection of consumer safety, settlement confidence, low-carbon technologies, and operational resilience.

This Metering Strategy sets out RECCo's approach for 2026–2030. It builds on the foundations laid in 2020, seeks to address known market risks and operational challenges, and aligns with Ofgem's Strategic Direction Statement (SDS), and the wider REC Strategy's focus on resilience, outcomes, and consumer protection. It provides a clear, top-down framework for how RECCo will prioritise, govern, and modernise metering services over the next five years.

The strategy:

- establishes why metering is strategically critical to REC outcomes.
- sets out the key market risks that require coordinated action.
- defines where RECCo will actively lead, and where it will collaborate or prepare.
- provides a coherent roadmap for strengthening assurance, evolving Safe Isolation Provider (SIP) processes, modernising digital services, and improving governance and engagement; and
- clarifies the distinction between Technical Assurance and Audit (physical, technical, safety-critical metering activity) and Performance Assurance (systemic oversight focused on trends, capacity, and scalability).

Technical Assurance vs Performance Assurance

Across RECCo, assurance is applied in complementary but distinct ways. In the metering context, it is important to clearly separate technical assurance and audit - focused on physical, technical, and safety-critical activity on the ground - from the broader definition of performance assurance used elsewhere in RECCo, which concentrates on system-level trends, capacity, and scalability. Making this distinction improves clarity of purpose, strengthens accountability, and ensures each form of assurance is applied where it delivers the greatest value.

Technical Assurance is a term used independently within each code framework. Under the BSC, it is delivered by the Technical Assurance Agent to assess compliance with BSC Metering Codes of Practice for settlement purposes. Under REC, RECCo delivers Technical Assurance against REC requirements and Consolidated Metering Code of Practice (CoMCoP), maintaining a focus on technical compliance alongside safety and performance considerations.

Metering within the Industry Code Landscape

Metering underpins the safe delivery of energy, accurate billing, consumer protection, market settlement, and the transition to a smarter, more flexible energy system. Responsibility for these outcomes is shared across several industry codes, each governing different aspects of the end-to-end metering lifecycle.

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The Retail Energy Code (REC) plays a central role in governing metering installation, operational processes, consumer interactions, and assurance arrangements across the retail market. Through frameworks such as the CoMCoP, the REC establishes the standards, obligations and assurance activities that support safe, compliant, and consumer-focused meter installation and operation.

The Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC) provides the technical and settlement framework for electricity metering, ensuring metering systems deliver accurate data for market settlement and balancing purposes. The Smart Energy Code (SEC) governs the smart metering communications infrastructure and associated security arrangements, whilst the Uniform Network Code (UNC) administers the gas market framework that relies upon accurate metering data to support allocation, reconciliation, and settlement activities.

Whilst each code maintains a distinct area of accountability, effective metering governance depends upon their collective operation. Together they provide assurance across the full metering lifecycle, from installation and commissioning through to communications, settlement, and ongoing market operation.

Alongside the existing code landscape, the emerging Energy Digitalisation Framework introduces additional governance arrangements for data and digital interoperability across the sector. Under the current framework design, RECCo has been identified as the lead organisation for the Customer Domain, while, subject to ongoing consultation, Elexon has been identified as the lead organisation for the Behind-the Meter and Metering Domains. These roles reflect the increasing importance of trusted data governance, interoperability and digital enablement across the energy sector and reinforce the strategic importance of metering as both a physical and digital market capability.

As the Digitalisation Framework develops and evolves, RECCo will continue to work collaboratively with all code bodies involved in metering and behind-the-meter asset domain including Elexon and other code bodies to ensure that metering governance remains aligned with wider data, consumer, and market objectives and that the boundaries of governance and activity for each code body are clear.

Area	Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC)	Retail Energy Code (REC)	Smart Energy Code (SEC)	Uniform Network Code (UNC)
Primary Focus	Accurate measurement of electricity energy volumes for settlement and balancing purposes	Safe, compliant and consumer-focused meter installation and metering operations	The governance, operation, security and management of the smart metering system and the Data Communications Company (DCC) infrastructure.	Administering governance of gas networks, defining the arrangements for gas transportation, allocation and settlement.
Metering Responsibility	Assurance that metering data is suitable for settlement. Determines the standards required for metering equipment to be compliant for settlement.	Installation and on site commissioning of meters, maintenance obligations and metering service standards across the SVA market and gas markets.	Indirect - Technical specifications of Smart Meters and Comms Hubs. Alt HAN arrangements. Security of data. Interaction mostly at the point following installation of **Smart Meters.**	Assurance that metering data is suitable for settlement. Determines the standards required for metering equipment to be compliant for settlement at supply points and respective offtakes

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Market Area	**Electricity** - Primarily Central Volume Allocation **(CVA)** and settlement assurance activities (some data accuracy assurance within the Supplier Volume Allocation (SVA) arrangements, supported by the BSC framework and applicable BSC Codes of Practice (CoPs))	**Multi (Electricity, Gas, Dual Fuel (DF) including Smart)** Primarily **SVA** metering arrangements for electricity and consumer-facing metering processes across all fuels. Supports BSC metering Codes of Practice (CoPs) by ensuring installations are installed and commissioned in accordance with BSC CoPs. Supports UNC requirements by adhering to supply point specific and meter class specific requirements	**SMART Only comms** primarily in electricity SVA metering and domestic/SME gas markets. Focus on Data, Data security, Smart Metering Equipment Technical Specifications (SMETS), DCC management and Alt HAN arrangements	**Gas** - Primarily Transmission, connection and settlement of the end to end UK gas network.
Technical Assurance	Technical Assurance Agent (TAA) ensures compliance of metering systems for settlement accuracy Predominantly CVA	CoMCoP and related REC arrangements ensure installation quality, customer experience and safety	Ensures Smart Metering systems and comms are compliant and are operating effectively to maintain regular reads and security of data	UNC establishes the standards, responsibilities and obligations applicable to each market participant. Responsibility for demonstrating compliance rests primarily with the relevant parties. The UNC therefore adopts a model that relies on participant accountability, supported by obligations to provide data and evidence where requested.
Consumer Protection	Indirectly through accurate settlement and market integrity	Directly through installation standards, customer interactions and protections	Indirect, determines the security of smart metering systems. Enables consumers to access their data and make informed decisions on energy usage.	Consumer protection under the UNC is largely indirect. By defining the operational standards, pressures, tolerances, data requirements and market processes necessary for the safe and efficient operation of the gas network, the code helps maintain market integrity and supports accurate billing and settlement outcomes.
Smart Meter Installation Standards	Limited role – accountability is as described in regards to the compliance and operation of metering systems. Sets data accuracy standards for SVA	Smart Meter Installation Survey (SMIS)/CoMCoP requirements sit within the REC framework and govern installation practices. REC parties are the interface for consumer facing interaction. REC parties install smart meters and comms equipment. Commission for connection to Wide Area Network (WAN) and Home Area Network (HAN) networks	Defines and maintains technical specs of Smart Meters (SMETs). Ensures smart data security. Manages DCC arrangements.	Limited role may use of metering data within gas market processes rather than the installation, maintenance or communications aspects of smart metering. Details requirements dependent on Meter Class

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Safety	Focus on metering system integrity for settlement purposes	Focus on operative safety, consumer safety and installation quality	Indirect. Data security. Smart Meter tech specs and assurance for operation. Obligations and performance held against smart meter manufacturers	The code establishes the responsibilities of Gas Transporters, Shippers, Users and other market participants to ensure that gas is transported, measured and allocated in a manner that supports the safe and efficient operation of the network by defining requirements relating to network operations, supply point management, metering arrangements, data quality, pressure management and system integrity.
Data Communications	Concerned that data is available and accurate for settlement, including Advanced Comms. Monitors settlement data and reads	Responsible for installation processes that enable communications capability prior to handover into the smart ecosystem or equivalent (Traditional/Dumb/ Automated Meter Reading (AMR))	Heavy involvement for all smart capable installations after equipment has been installed and is actively linked to DCC	UNC places significant emphasis on data governance. It specifies how metering information should be recorded, communicated and maintained within industry systems, particularly through the Central Data Services Provider (CDSP). This data underpins allocation, settlement, reconciliation and assurance activities, making accurate and timely data provision a fundamental requirement of the code.

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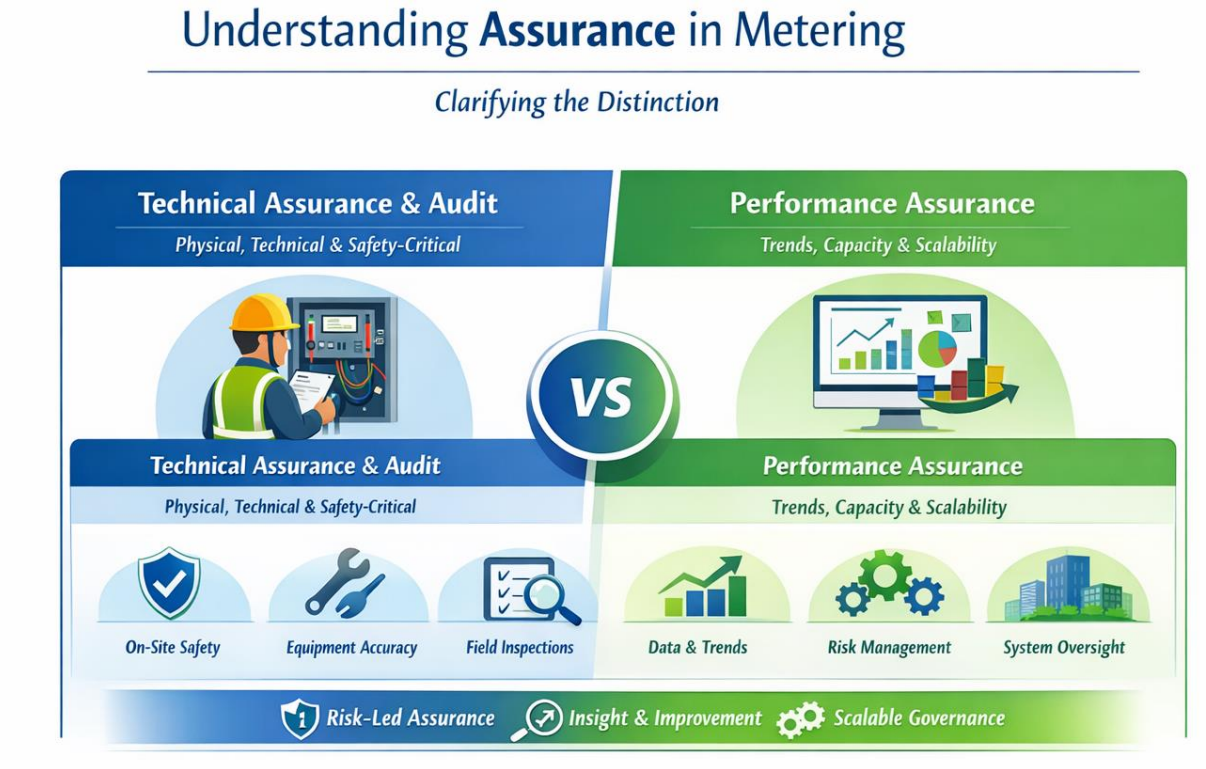


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2. Why metering matters to the REC

Metering underpins the effective functioning of the retail energy market. Accurate, safe, and well-governed metering is essential to protecting consumers, maintaining settlement confidence, enabling switching and market performance, and supporting the transition to low-carbon technologies.

Metering failures or weaknesses do not sit in isolation. They surface through:

- safety risks to consumers and installers.
- reduced billing accuracy and increased risk of consumer detriment;
- switching exceptions, delays, and failed transactions;
- constraints on innovation and the deployment of new technologies or services;
- loss of confidence in data quality and technical integrity across the market; and
- inconsistent and, at times, poor experiences for market participants and consumers.

A clear and focused Metering Strategy provides the backbone for a range of REC outcomes. It ensures that metering considerations are embedded early in market design and change pipelines, that assurance is proportionate and risk-led, and that the market has clarity on what is expected, what is changing, and why.

This strategy deliberately positions metering as a core REC service, with defined priorities and guardrails. It recognises the need for focus and discipline: RECCo will not attempt to do everything at once, nor duplicate work owned elsewhere, but will concentrate effort where governance, assurance, and coordination add the greatest value for consumers and the market.

3. Metering risks

Metering risk sits at the intersection of physical safety, data integrity, and consumer protection, and while many risks have historically been moderated by assumed low likelihood, a recent review of compliance and safety statistics across the industry indicates that where failures occur, the severity of outcomes can be high - particularly for vulnerable consumers and safety-critical activity.

As the market becomes more digital, complex, and decentralised, these risks require clearer framing, stronger assurance linkage, and more proactive management. Across the strategy period, RECCo will strengthen how metering risks are identified, assessed, and mitigated - explicitly recognising the direct link between metering activity, data accuracy, and real-world safety outcomes, and ensuring closer alignment between the Retail Risk Register, Performance Assurance activity, and the Metering Strategy.

The most significant market and metering risks are:

- **Safety and technical assurance capacity:** Increasing installation activity, expanding low-carbon technologies, and growing technical complexity, combined with a limited pool of qualified auditors and an ageing workforce, create medium-term resilience risks if technical assurance models do not evolve. These pressures heighten exposure where physical meter works, safe isolation, and fault resolution are involved.
- **Audit consistency and confidence**: Reliance on manual processes and variable calibration reduces transparency and predictability for Metering Parties, undermining confidence in audit outcomes. Inconsistent post-audit data and limited use of Management Information (MI) also make it harder to identify recurring risks and systemic issues early.

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- **Meter data accuracy, configuration, and lifecycle**: Inaccurate or poorly governed meter data, including incorrect meter state at installation, exchange, or switch can have a detriment to consumers, despite often low assumed likelihood. These risks reflect tight dependencies between metering data, switching controls, and physical works, where on-site decisions rely heavily on upstream information. As technical complexity and third-party reliance increase, the Metering Strategy mitigates this exposure through a more risk-led audit framework, including greater emphasis on targeted site-based assurance to validate data accuracy against real-world conditions.
- **SIP scalability and safety**: The expansion of low-carbon technologies places pressure on existing metering processes, which are outdated and not designed to operate at scale. Without clear scope definition, robust technical assurance, and scalable governance, there is a risk that safety outcomes and auditability could be compromised.
- **Vulnerability protection and Priority Service Register (PSR) information**: To align with Ofgem's SDS and Vulnerability Strategy, the CoMCoP audit framework must support effective monitoring and assurance of how vulnerable consumers are identified and supported during site visits. This includes ensuring that audit activity assesses how consumer vulnerability considerations are applied in practice, and that outcomes from site visits appropriately reflect suppliers' responsibilities towards vulnerable consumers, including how these are evidenced and reported. Risks can arise when vulnerability and PSR information is not consistently accurate, current, or available.
- **Digitalisation and processes**: Fragmented and manual processes increase burden, reduce visibility, and slow issue identification and resolution. Limited use of integrated MI and dashboards constrains RECCo's ability to target activity at the highest-impact risks.

Long-term service delivery partner provision: Concentration of technical expertise and service delivery creates structural vulnerability, if future capability and resource capacity (including auditors, SIPs, and specialist installers) are not actively supported and diversified.

To address these risks, each element of the strategy is designed to mitigate exposure in a proportionate, phased, and coordinated way, including:

- reassessing the framing and relative rating of key metering risks where safety and vulnerability impacts are direct rather than indirect;
- strengthening explicit links between metering risks and Performance Assurance Operating Plan (PAOP) activity;
- promoting data-led targeting of technical assurance to enable earlier identification of emerging risks; and

ensuring metering risk management evolves alongside changes to audit regimes, SIP reform, and digital services.

For consumers, this approach reinforces protections where potential harm is greatest. For industry, it provides clearer expectations, greater transparency, and a risk framework that reflects how metering activity operates in practice. For RECCo, it establishes a more resilient, safety-led model of metering governance that supports confidence in the market as it continues to evolve.

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Risk	Key metering risks	Why this matters	Strategic response / mitigation
Immediate	• Audit framework, consistency and confidence • Meter data accuracy, configuration and lifecycle •	These risks can affect live site activity, safety-critical decision-making, and consumer protection at the point metering work is carried out. Issues may be low frequency but high consequence, and weak visibility can delay intervention when things go wrong.	Refocus assurance on risk and safety-critical activity, strengthen consistency and calibration, and improve insight so issues are identified and addressed earlier.
Medium	• Safety and assurance capacity • SIP scalability and safety • Digitalisation and process robustness • availability and use of vulnerability / PSR information during site activity	Market growth and technical change place increasing pressure on capacity, capability, and existing processes, creating resilience risks if assurance and governance do not keep pace.	Modernise delivery models, scale assurance capability, and use digital services and MI to support proportionate, targeted oversight as volumes increase.
Long-term	• Service delivery partner sustainability • Complexity-driven systemic risk	Structural dependencies and increasing complexity could undermine long-term market resilience if capability, governance, and assurance frameworks do not evolve in step.	Support diversification and sustainability of delivery capability, and ensure risk management and assurance frameworks continue to adapt as the market evolves.

4. Strategic delivery framework (2026–2030)

The Metering Strategy is structured around six pillars. Together, these provide a coherent delivery framework linking market risk, consumer outcomes, and REC priorities.

Pillar 1: Strengthen and modernise technical assurance

Assurance is the primary mechanism through which confidence in metering safety, accuracy, and compliance is maintained. While the current audit model functions, it was designed for a less complex and less digital market and must modernise and evolve to continue to meet the needs of the market.

Over the strategy period, RECCo will establish mechanisms that progress technical assurance from isolated audit outcomes to insight-driven, data-led improvement. This includes:

- strengthening audit pool resilience and considering diversified delivery models.
- increased use of Audit Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and MI to identify trends, recurring risks, and root causes across the audit population.

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- structured innovation reporting, including annual innovation reports and biannual learning workshops with auditors and Metering Parties; and
- strengthening data assurance across the full metering lifecycle, recognising that technical assurance covers more than the physical installation. This includes the accurate recording, transfer and use of data, correct communication between parties and from site, and stronger visibility of how data accuracy, configuration and lifecycle controls affect billing accuracy, consumer outcomes, safety, performance assurance, digitalisation and market confidence.
- using assurance activity to test both administrative and physical aspects of meter exchanges, recognising that every stage of the process is critical to safety, data quality, billing accuracy and consumer outcomes.
- defining requirements for a future Digital Audit System, building on the Digital Services Project's (DSP) enhancements to the REC Portal.
- a progressive shift towards dashboards and visual assurance outputs, reducing reliance on narrative reporting.

For Metering Parties, this also delivers clearer expectations, more consistent feedback, and better visibility of performance against assurance standards. For RECCo, it supports more proactive risk management, reduced manual reporting burden, and assurance that adapts as technologies, roles, and market risks evolve.

Pillar 2: Embed a codified REC Metering Audit Framework

Effective audit must evolve alongside the market. A static, compliance-only audit regime risks identifying issues too late, resolving them too slowly, and missing opportunities to prevent repeat issues. This pillar embeds continuous improvement into metering assurance, ensuring learning is systematically captured and used to improve outcomes year-on-year.

Over the strategy period, the audit framework will be modernised to become more resilient, consistent, and risk-led.

This includes:

- standardised audit templates and more robust audit processes, to improve consistency and clarity of outcomes.
- improving calibration, standards, and accountability across auditors and the Metering Service Auditor.
- rebalancing assurance effort towards physical, technical, and safety-critical site activity.
- embed a mindset of continuous improvement, with periodic review; and
- making certification visible to strengthen assurance and consumer confidence, via approved use of the CoMCoP Logo.

For RECCo, this establishes clearer ownership of technical assurance standards, stronger oversight, and reduced dependency on single delivery models. For auditors, it provides a clearer framework for calibration, learning, and innovation. For Metering Parties, it delivers more consistent audits, clearer expectations, reduced re-work, and faster resolution of safety-critical issues.

By closing the loop between change, impact, technical assurance, and improvement, this pillar ensures the audit regime remains relevant, proportionate, and focused on improving safety, quality, and consumer outcomes across the market.

Pillar 3: Evolving SIP and developing a mature ecosystem

Safe Isolation Providers (SIPs) are fundamental to the safe delivery of low-carbon technologies, including heat pumps, electrification, and retrofit programmes. While the existing SIP model is effective in principle, Ofgem's SDS suggests current restrictions are not sufficiently scalable to meet projected demand.

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Between 2026 and 2030, RECCo will progress the evolution of SIPs into a standalone REC Party role, initially expected to be delivered by 2027, followed by further enhancements to enable delivery of:

- clear scope definition, safety accountabilities, and legal boundaries.
- published SIP boundary guidance and end-to-end lifecycle models.
- structured onboarding, training recognition, and ongoing assurance; and
- data-led SIP oversight embedded into MI and reporting.

This work will be delivered in close collaboration with DESNZ, Ofgem, accrediting bodies, training providers, and installer sectors. It explicitly addresses long-term service provision risk by supporting a stable and scalable SIP accreditation ecosystem.

Pillar 4: Technology and long-term market review

Metering is influenced by a wide range of technological and policy developments that do not sit within REC control. The strategy therefore clearly distinguishes between areas where RECCo will actively lead and areas where it will monitor or influence.

For externally driven developments, including heat network regulation, gas grid decommissioning, and wider market design reform, RECCo will remain engaged, provide early visibility, and ensure metering governance is ready to adapt as policy crystallises.

Where RECCo has influence, such as planned or ongoing hydrogen trials, legacy metering transition, new-build and retrofit guidance, and aspects of cross-code alignment, clear governance reduces uncertainty and risk for the market. This approach ensures focus where RECCo adds the most value, while maintaining readiness for longer-term change.

RECCo will work with Elexon and other relevant code bodies to establish agreed governance boundaries for behind-the-meter activity, including generation and demand reduction technologies. Whilst Elexon is expected to lead aspects of the Behind-the-Meter and Metering Domains, RECCo has a clear interest where activity interacts with consumer protection, metering processes, safe isolation, installation standards and REC obligations. RECCo will therefore support the development of coordinated governance arrangements and lead activity within its remit, ensuring innovation can be enabled safely and effectively without creating unnecessary complexity or duplication.

Pillar 5: Modernise digital Metering services

Digitalisation of services is a key objective of RECCo's Data and Digitalisation Strategy. While digital interactions are embedded in every aspect of the metering ecosystem, many current processes remain manual and fragmented. Over the strategy period, RECCo will consider opportunities for digitalisation presented by the introduction of the new Digital Services Ecosystem to establish a digital foundation that supports scalable assurance and improved user experience.

In parallel, RECCo will support delivery of its emerging responsibilities within the Energy Sector Digitalisation Framework as lead for the Customer Domain, whilst working closely with Elexon in its role as lead for the Metering Domain. This relationship will help ensure that metering governance, customer outcomes, assurance activities and digital services remain aligned as data standards and interoperability arrangements evolve.

Key elements include:

- delivery of a Digital Audit System as a priority capability;
- improved Metering Hub navigation, artefact clarity, and change visibility;
- centralised MI, dashboards, and feedback loops; and

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- development of API-driven services to support audit integration, verification, and change tracking.

Over time, these changes enable a shift away from auditor-led desktop administration towards greater focus on physical and technical site assurance, while reducing administrative burden and increasing transparency for Metering Parties.

Pillar 6: Strengthen governance and stakeholder engagement

Effective metering governance depends on a proactive approach to decision-making and high-quality engagement. This strategy establishes a structured and deliberate engagement model, including:

- an annual Metering Stakeholder Plan.
- regular survey cycles and published "You Said, We Did" feedback.
- quarterly metering insights dashboards; and
- clearer, more consistent engagement through the Metering Hub.
- building RECCo's internal metering capability through targeted education, awareness raising, knowledge sharing and practical engagement, creating a clearer framework for learning and continuous improvement so metering expertise is better understood and embedded across the organisation.

Engagement will build on a well-established and effective approach, combining detailed technical engagement with metering specialists and Parties, and wider REC-level communications that situate metering within overall strategy and market priorities. Alongside this, RECCo will continue to deepen engagement with Ofgem, DESNZ, relevant trade associations, and cross-code bodies to maintain alignment and support early influence. Where appropriate engagement will be required with other regulators / regulatory bodies (such as the Health and Safety Executive or Office for Product Safety and Standards), which is expected to be on a targeted basis.

This pillar also places greater emphasis on internal education and capability-building. RECCo will use the strategy period to improve metering awareness across the organisation, support more consistent understanding of metering risks and responsibilities, and create clearer routes for knowledge sharing, learning and continuous improvement.

Table: the six pillars, impact for RECCo and for industry parties.

Strategic pillar	RECCo	Industry parties
Pillar 1: Strengthen and modernise assurance	Clearer ownership of assurance standards across both physical and administrative metering activity, stronger oversight of audit delivery, improved visibility of data assurance and metering data quality, and reduced structural risk from reliance on single delivery models. Increased ability to target assurance at safety-critical and high-risk activity, supported by a future Digital Audit System.	Clearer audit outcomes, more consistent feedback, and better visibility of performance through KPIs and dashboards. A fairer, more predictable audit experience that focuses on improvement and risk reduction rather than compliance alone.
Pillar 2: Embed a codified REC Metering Audit Framework	A more resilient, insight-driven audit regime that systematically captures learning, identifies emerging risks earlier, and adapts as technologies, roles, and market risks evolve.	More consistent audits, clearer expectations, and reduced re-work. Greater focus on site-based, safety-critical assurance rather than repetitive desktop administration, with faster escalation and resolution where issues arise.

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Strategic pillar	RECCo	Industry parties
	Improved ability to manage safety-led metering risk proactively.	
Pillar 3: Evolving SIP and developing a mature ecosystem	A scalable, auditable SIP framework with clearly defined accountabilities and controls, reducing long-term safety and service provision risk as installation volumes grow. Stronger regulatory alignment and confidence in safe isolation as a core market function.	Clearer understanding of SIP scope, roles, and responsibilities. More predictable onboarding and assurance requirements, supporting business planning and safe participation in low-carbon delivery programmes.
Pillar 4: Technology and long-term market review	Clear prioritisation of where RECCo leads, influences, or prepares for change, including behind-the-meter generation and demand reduction where metering procedures, safety and technical boundaries are relevant. Improved readiness for externally driven reforms while managing technical and policy risk.	Earlier visibility of potential changes affecting metering activity. Reduced uncertainty through clearer governance positions where RECCo has influence, supporting investment and operational planning.
Pillar 5: Modernise digital metering services	Reduced reliance on manual processes, improved MI quality, and better visibility of assurance performance and risk trends. A digital foundation that supports scalable assurance and insight-led decision-making.	Easier access to guidance, audit artefacts, and assurance outputs through the Metering Hub. Reduced administrative burden, improved transparency, and clearer insight into performance and expectations.
Pillar 6: Strengthen governance and stakeholder engagement	More predictable decision-making, stronger feedback loops, improved trust and credibility with industry and regulators, and greater internal metering capability across RECCo through education, awareness and continuous improvement. Clearer evidence of how engagement informs policy and assurance decisions.	More consistent and transparent engagement, clearer communication of changes and expectations, and visible feedback that demonstrates how industry input leads to tangible improvement ("You Said, We Did").

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5. Immediate priorities (2026–2027)

The following priorities are aligned to the key market drivers over the next 18–24 months:

- Publication and rollout of the Metering Strategy.
- Rollout of the CoMCoP Accreditation Logo. This primarily supports Safety & Assurance by increasing visibility of accredited providers, while also improving transparency and awareness across the market.
- Codifying REC Metering Audit framework, combining digital enablement and audit pool resilience.
- Delivery of initial SIP expansion.
- Monitoring of hydrogen metering trials and emerging heat regulation.
- Development of metering APIs, dashboards, and feedback mechanisms.

Throughout this period, RECCo will ensure metering considerations are embedded early in market design and change prioritisation.

6. Medium and Long-term outcomes (2028–2030)

By the end of the strategy period, RECCo will have delivered:

- a cohesive, REC-led metering governance model, including future fuels;
- a REC-owned digital audit and oversight platform;
- a stable and resilient SIP accreditation ecosystem;
- exploring the potential development of REC-approved Metering training programmes;
- a clearer strategic position on behind-the-meter generation and demand reduction where metering procedures, safe isolation and technical boundaries are relevant;
- strengthened internal RECCo metering capability and awareness, supported by targeted education, knowledge sharing and a clearer framework for continuous learning and improvement;
- mature, insight-driven audit assurance aligned with outcome-based monitoring; and
- improved resilience against long-term service provision risk.

Together, these outcomes create a more predictable, scalable, and consumer-focused metering environment that supports innovation while maintaining safety and confidence.

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7. What this strategy does not seek to do

To maintain focus and deliverability, this strategy does not seek to:

- infringe on wider market design or performance assurance frameworks in isolation;
- duplicate activity owned by other REC functions or code bodies; or
- over-engineer digital solutions.

Clear guardrails ensure effort is targeted where it adds the greatest value.

8. Governance and ownership

This strategy has been developed with RECCo leadership input and reflects agreed priorities, sequencing, and ownership. Delivery will be overseen through established REC governance, with progress monitored via MI, performance assurance insights, and regular stakeholder engagement.

The Metering Strategy provides a stable, aligned framework to guide decision-making and investment through to 2030, ensuring that metering governance continues to protect consumers, reduce risk, and enable future-ready delivery across the market.

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