

PANEL MEMBERS

Sarah Harrison, Senior Partner – Sustainable Development, Ofgem and Panel Chair

Sarah took on leadership of Ofgem's new Sustainable Development Division in September 2009. The Division was created as part of Ofgem's restructuring the aim of which is to increase Ofgem's role in helping to meet Britain's targets to cut carbon emissions. The Division brings together Environmental, Social and Consumer policy. It will lead on smart metering policy as well as enforcement and better regulation.

From 2005 Sarah was Ofgem's Managing Director of Corporate Affairs and before that she was Ofgem's Communications Director. From 1994 – 1999, Sarah was the first Director of ICSTIS, the UK industry regulator for premium rate telephone services. Sarah's earlier career was in government and public relations consultancy.

Audrey Gallacher, Head of Consumer Focus.

Consumer Focus is a statutory organisation that champions the interests of consumers across England, Wales, Scotland and for post, Northern Ireland. Audrey's role covers the energy industry including both wholesale and retail market structure, working with companies to drive improvements in the service provided; this includes the treatment of consumers, especially vulnerable consumers. Audrey was previously Head of Company Performance, Research & Advice for the consumer body energywatch.

Simon Roberts, Chief Executive, Centre for Sustainable Energy

Simon has been helping people to develop effective responses to the threat of climate change and the misery of cold homes since 1985. Appointed Chief Executive of the Centre for Sustainable Energy in 2002 (see www.cse.org.uk), he has previously worked for Triodos Bank and as Friends of the Earth's National Energy Campaigner. Simon has recently contributed to CSE's work on: distributional impacts of UK climate policies; supporting 'low carbon localism' (see www.planlocal.org.uk), and; community engagement with sustainable energy initiatives. His advisory roles include DECC's Green Deal Consumer Advisory Panel, the Government's Renewable Advisory Board (2002-2008), the ESRC RESOLVE Programme Board, and Ofgem's Consumer Challenge Group.

Derek Lickorish, Chair of the Fuel Poverty Advisory Group

Derek has 40 years experience in the energy industry. Derek now focuses on Fuel Poverty and smart metering. He is currently Chair of the Government's Fuel Poverty Advisory Group and a Non Executive Director of Secure Meters Ltd. He also has his own consultancy business. Derek was employed by EDF Energy as their Chief Operating Officer, Customers Branch, for nearly 5 years and was previously the Customer Service and External Affairs Director at SWEB from 1996. Derek has held several executive positions as well as Senior Management and individual contributor roles. He has also served on the Boards of Private companies and Public and Private sector partnerships in a range of roles including deputy Chairman and Chairman.

Tony Grayling, Head of Climate Change and Communities, Environment Agency

Tony Grayling is head of Climate Change and Communities at the Environment Agency, leading on cross-cutting issues including sustainable communities, climate change and planning. He was previously a special adviser to David Mubwand and Hilary Benn at DEFRA, helping to conceive and design the Climate Change Act 2008. From 2002 to 2006 he was an associate director and head of the sustainability team at the Institute for Public Policy Research, which he joined in 1999 as a research fellow. He was a special adviser to the Minister for Transport, Gavin Stringer, from 1997-98

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during the development of the 1998 integrated transport white paper and before that a researcher successively to Labour MPs Ron Davies and Anne Campbell. Educated at Thorpe St Andrew School, Norwich and Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge University he has a PhD in plant sciences.

Janet Wood, Utility Week

Janet Wood has been a Journalist writing for the power industry for 20 years. After covering the restructuring of the UK industry in the early 1990s she went on to write about the power industry worldwide and the shift to a low carbon agenda. She has been with Utility Week for five years and editor of the magazine for two years. She has a joint honours degree in Physics and Chemistry from Royal Holloway, University of London, and is the author of books on nuclear power and local energy generation.

Clare Curtis-Jones, Institution of Gas Engineers and Managers (IGEM)

Clare Curtis-Jones has a BSc degree in mechanical engineering, and a MBA from Aston University. She was also awarded an honorary PhD in Technology in 1999. She became Head of the Research and Development Laboratory at Birmingham City Council in 1992, before moving internally to become head of the Strategy and Business Planning unit in 1993. In 1996 she was appointed as a Business and Engineering Dean at the Newport. She was elected to the House of Commons in 1997 general election for the parliamentary constituency of Crosby. Appointed to the European Strategic Defence Assembly and the Council of Europe in 2007 she represented the UK Parliament on the Defence, Technology and Migration Committees and produced a number of technical reports for the European Council. She was the first professional women engineer to enter the House of Commons, and established the all-party parliamentary group for Women in Science, Engineering and Design (WISED). She was Chair of a number of All Party Groups directly related to Engineering.