

EIC advocacy refresh

FAQs - July 2022

Why are you changing the structure?

The primary driver has been the Environment Act which provides a framework for government engagement as we move into its implementation phase. The new groups mirror specific aspects of the Act which will mean EIC continues as a unique platform with a compelling collective voice which is set up for success and for working in partnership with government.

How will this improve EIC's engagement?

We believe that this new approach will ensure EIC's voice remains relevant in the policymaking space and with close alignment to government priorities, will ensure that we will be heard. It will create a framework around which EIC can proactively and confidently engage with government and others.

What will these new taskforces do differently?

While much will remain the same, the introduction of the taskforce is an opportunity to refresh certain aspects of our activity. As the intention is for the groups to focus on specific areas of the Environment Act and its implementation, this means we will need to scrutinise progress, provide solutions and create new opportunities for our members.

What does this mean for the current groups?

The current group structure is now replaced with this refreshed one which covers **Air Quality, Nature and biodiversity, Water and Waste and resource efficiency**. The **Contaminated Land** and Laboratory Analysis groups will continue and the **Net Zero** group and **HR forum** will also continue to be open to EIC members.

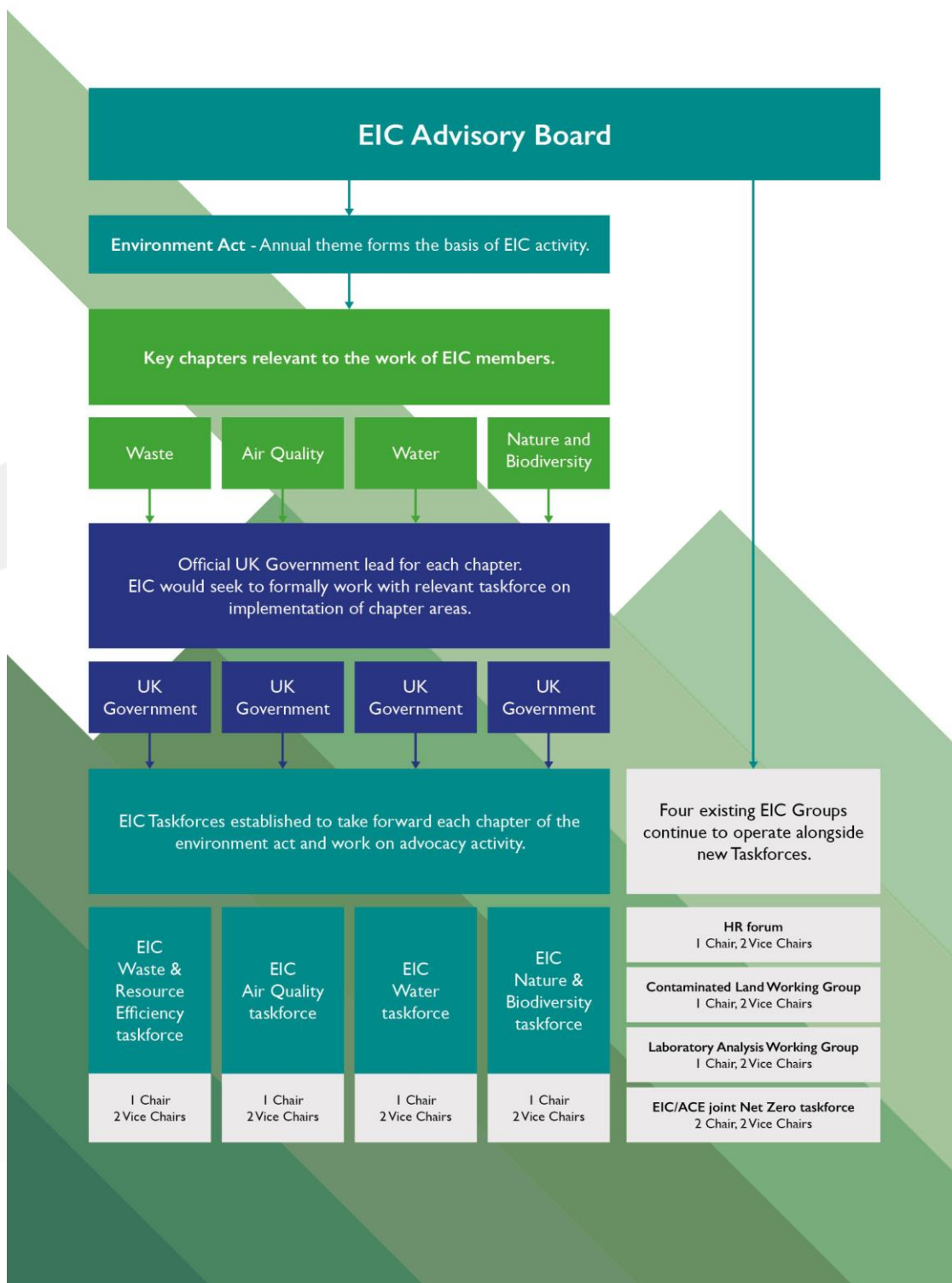
We will switch members over where it is obvious to do so, for example Nature and biodiversity will replace Natural Capital.

Group members will be emailed directly with any changes and logistical issues to be aware of, including future meeting dates. Dates already in the diary for the old Air Quality Group and the Natural Capital Group will remain in place under the new structure.

Who are the Chairs of these new groups?

We have announced that the following individuals and member companies will support us in taking forward the new EIC taskforces:

- Air Quality taskforce – chair **Edward Ballsdon** (Rensair), vice chairs **Steve Barnes** (Gramm Barriers) and **Dr Xiangyu Sheng** (Temple Group).
- Nature and biodiversity taskforce – chair **Robert Spencer** (AECOM), vice chair **Simon Boyle** (Landmark).
- Water taskforce – chair TBC, vice chairs TBC.
- Waste and resource efficiency taskforce – chair TBC, vice chairs **Adam Read** (Suez) and **Gary Armstrong** (SLR).
- Contaminated land group – **Peter Atchison** (PA GeoTechnical), vice chairs **Richard Puttock** (Stantec), **Jane Thrasher** (Jacobs).
- Laboratory Analysis group – **Ken Scally** (Suez) and vice chair TBC.
- Net Zero group – chair **Sarah Prichard** (Buro Happold), vice chairs TBC.
- HR forum – chair **Helen Salt** (Curtins), vice chair **Richard Wood** (Hoare Lea).



We used to be a member of the Water group. Can we join the new Water taskforce?

Members may remember that we used to host a joint ACE and EIC water group. We will be contacting previous participants in that group and inviting them to the new taskforce. If you would like to sign-up to the water taskforce directly, please contact the [membership team](#).

We're interested in joining one of the taskforces or groups, what do we do?

Of course we'd love to have you or a colleague at any of our taskforces, groups or forums. Please get in touch with the [membership team](#) to find out more.

What does this mean for Sustainable Smart Cities?

The work of Sustainable Smart Cities taskforce has now concluded, although EIC will periodically return to the themes and topics across its policy activity, in future events and on our website.

Why hasn't the website been updated yet?

It's going to take a few days to update the website with new information and reorganise existing content. Please bear with us while we make the changes. We will also be adding the upcoming meeting dates for the rest of the year.

I'd like to discuss this further with EIC.

Either the [membership team](#) or [Guto Davies](#) are on hand to answer any further queries you might have around the changes. Please do not hesitate to get in touch.