



Meeting Summary – June 2025

The National Quality Mark Scheme for Land Contamination Management (NQMS) steering group met on 26 June 2025 and discussed the following items:

- Membership
- Terms of reference
- Marketing of the scheme
- Administration of the scheme
- General feedback

Membership

The steering group is keen to engage with different stakeholder groups to raise awareness of the NQMS. They are actively seeking opportunities to raise its profile.

Terms of Reference

The terms of references have now been updated for the steering group, administrator and awarding organisation.

Marketing of the scheme

The steering group is looking at ways to raise the profile and awareness of the NQMS and to promote it across different stakeholder groups. This involves providing webinars, undertaking speaking engagements, signposting the NQMS in relevant industry publications and government consultations, creating a LINKED-IN page and updating the website to make information more accessible for different stakeholder groups.

Administration of the scheme

There are currently 160 Suitable Qualified (SQP) and experienced people on the register and over 360 declarations purchased to date. [NQMS SQP Register](#)

General Feedback

The Environment Agency and Natural Resources Wales are continuing to actively promote the use of the NQMS. The wording around competency on the Land Contamination Risk Management government web pages has recently been strengthened [LCRM: Before you start - GOV.UK](#)

The National Brownfield Forum Task and Finish Group [report](#) and [evidence cards](#) that were recently published had the issue around competency flagged on a number of occasions. The report recommended the use of the NQMS to ensure reporting of land contamination issues gets it right first time to help speed up planning decisions where land contamination is an issue.