



# Meeting Summary – November 2025

The National Quality Mark Scheme for Land Contamination Management (NQMS) steering group met on 4 November 2025 and the main items discussed were as follows:

- Membership
- Marketing of the scheme
- Administration of the scheme
- Feedback from regulators
- Declaration Fee

## **Membership**

The steering group is keen to engage with different stakeholder groups to raise awareness of the NQMS. It would like to ensure the membership of the steering group has a balance of both private and public sector representatives. Currently it is seeking an additional private sector representative to join.

## **Marketing of the scheme**

The steering group is continuing to look at ways to raise the profile and awareness of the NQMS and to promote it across different stakeholder groups. The steering group is actively reaching out to groups that would benefit from better awareness of the NQMS to help promote the benefits of using the scheme. The LINKED IN group is [now live](#), the website is being updated to make information more accessible for different stakeholder groups, along with short videos to help focus on the key benefits of the scheme. More external professional resources are being sought to support the marketing of the scheme.

## **Administration of the scheme**

There are currently 168 Suitable Qualified (SQP) and experienced people on the register and over 370 declarations purchased to date. [NQMS SQP Register](#)

## **Feedback from regulators**

The Environment Agency and Natural Resources Wales are continuing to actively promote the use of the NQMS. The Environment Agency is currently working on updating guidance and will be looking at opportunities to promote the use of the NQMS as a way of demonstrating competency. Natural Resources Wales are looking at improving the signposting to the NQMS on web pages where applicable.

## **Declaration Fee**

It was agreed that the declaration fee will be increasing in 2026 to ensure that it covers the costs for administering the scheme and will be reviewed annually by the steering group going forward.