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Press release

Investment Delivery Forum calls on next government to boost public-private sector partnerships to drive investment

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The ABI's Investment Delivery Forum (the Forum) has today published its Partnership for Prosperity policy programme which set outs how by working in partnership, the next government and the private sector can unlock green investment, build new homes and deliver growth across the UK.

The Forum was set up last summer by the ABI on behalf of insurance and pensions firms. It aims to help channel £100bn into 'green and good' projects - which benefit both the environment and the economy - over the next 10 years, once post-Brexit regulatory changes known as Solvency UK come into force.

Research conducted by the Forum shows that the UK faces a £615bn funding shortfall to meet requirements for energy, transport and housing infrastructure by 2030. The policy programme released today outlines steps that will support industry's ability to accelerate investment and narrow the gap.

In the first 100 days after the anticipated General Election, the Forum urges a future government to take swift and decisive actions:

- **Empower institutions** such as the Office for Budget Responsibility and National Infrastructure Commission to evaluate and consider the impact of major public spending initiatives through job creation and long-term revenue growth in a way that builds confidence in favour of public and private investment.

- **Hold a Green Investment Summit** to explore how the private sector and government can work together to meet the UK's Net Zero objectives and invest in green infrastructure.

- **Remove delays to new homes and onshore wind power developments** by moving these into the Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP) regime and restoring mandatory housing delivery targets.

Beyond the first 100 days of a future government, the Forum has also made other recommendations to the future government:

Unleash 'green and good' investment through government guarantees and co-investment by government; strengthening blended finance partnerships at a national and local level; as well as strengthening the remit of the Office for Investment with a targeted focus on strategic sectors and new powers to negotiate deals and partnerships with business.

Improve the energy efficiency of housing by developing a framework for encouraging and requiring retrofitting to provide certainty for investors to finance large-scale renovation projects, alongside improved Energy Performance Certificates.

Increase delivery of quality, affordable, and sustainable new homes by linking the New Homes Bonus to sustainability attributes; requiring local authorities and Metro Mayors to work together on housing delivery; and providing more resources to local authority planning departments.

Deliver more renewable energy and grid infrastructure by extending a higher level of planning status to a wider range of infrastructure development required for the clean energy transition.

Secure the skills to support green industries by increasing the annual cap of the Apprenticeship Levy, reforming the CITB levy, and introducing stronger incentivises for the talent pool to work within the renewables sector.

Baroness Nicky Morgan, Chair of the Investment Delivery Forum said:

"At the core of this policy programme is an understanding that when government and the private sector work in partnership, the UK succeeds.

"We're facing a significant investment shortfall and the recommendations offered in this programme provides a blueprint for all political parties on how we can work together to deliver green investment, achieve net zero, build new homes, and unlock growth that benefits every corner of the country."

Hannah Gurga, Director General of the Association of British Insurers said:

"Since it was established last year, the Investment Delivery Forum has made significant strides in preparing the insurance and long-term savings sector to invest £100bn in productive assets over the next decade.

"The recommendations in the Forum's policy programme are a crucial next step in setting out how the government can support insurers to maximise the opportunities of Solvency UK now and into the future."

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About the Investment Delivery Forum

The Investment Delivery Forum brings together the major insurance and long-term savings firms with an interest in large-scale infrastructure investment. The Forum acts as an accelerator helping industry, government and key stakeholders avoid delay and move forward together. It was established by the ABI in July 2023 to ensure that the industry would be ready to act quickly on regulatory changes (Solvency UK) that would enable the channelling of approximately £100bn into green and good projects.

Last year, research conducted for the Investment Delivery Forum found the UK needs over £1.3 trillion in investment by 2030 to deliver on energy, transport, and housing infrastructure ambitions. It found the UK faces a £615bn funding challenge to meet requirements for energy, transport and housing infrastructure by 2030 – having secured a little over half of the £1.3 trillion needed.

The Forum is chaired by Baroness Nicky Morgan with two sub-committee groups (energy and property) and supported by an Advisory Panel of industry experts, including John Flint, the CEO of the UK Infrastructure Bank, Lord Grimstone of Boscobel, the former Minister for Investment, and Lord O'Neill of Gatley, the former Commercial Secretary to the Treasury.

About the ABI

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