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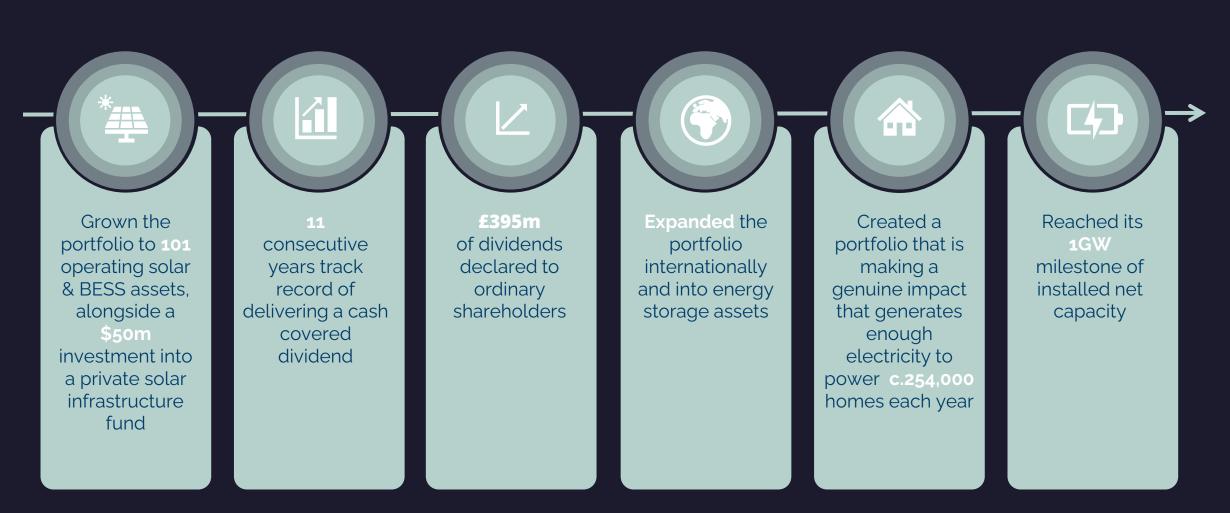
# A new era for NESF

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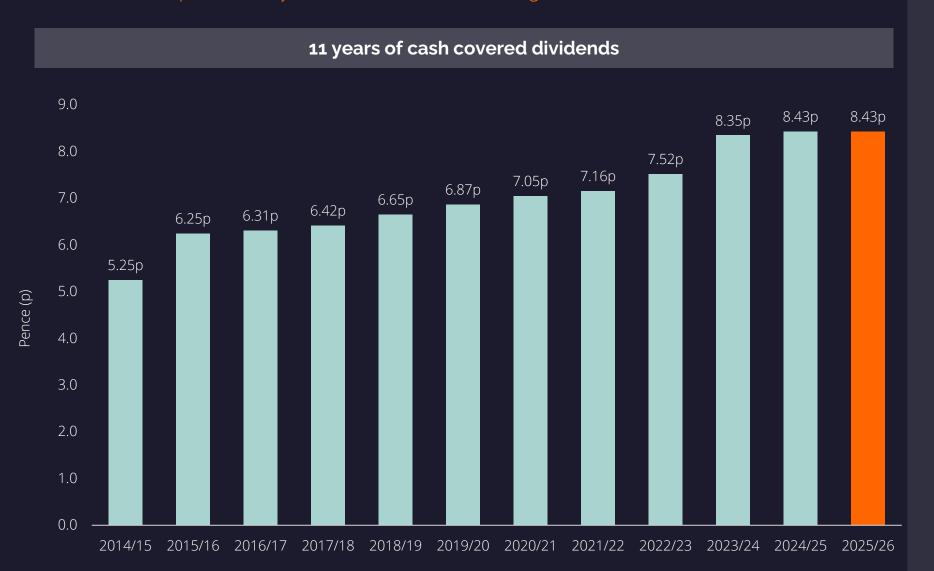
# **Progress since IPO**

NESF's portfolio remains resilient and provides long-term value for its shareholders



# 11-year dividend track record

NESF has an impressive 11-year track record of delivering a dividend that is cash covered



Current dividend yield <sup>1</sup>

c.12%

The highest in the FTSE 350 1

FY25/26 forecasted cover

1.1 - 1.3x

FY25/26 dividend target

8.43p

**Total ordinary dividends** declared since IPO<sup>2</sup>

£395m



# Strong, Independent Governance from your Board

NESF benefits from a highly experienced independent Board of Directors with over 100 years of combined expertise



Paul Le Page

**Interim Chairman** 



Jo Peacegood

Non-executive Director



Josephine Bush

Senior Independent Director



**Caroline Chan** 

Non-executive Director

#### NextEnergy Solar Fund Board of Directors - Broad Skill Set



Expertise  Experience  Limited	Investment Management including Guernsey	Finance including Accounting, Audit and Valuation	Sustainability & ESG	Energy Sector	Law	Health & Safety and Engineering
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# Proactive discount management

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# Key actions over the last 12-months

NESF and its investment adviser have delivered multiple proactive initiatives over the financial year

Activity

Progress during the financial year **Recycling Capital** 



- 145MW sold out of the 246MW Capital Recycling Programme, raising £72.5m in total capital.
- Three out of Four phases delivered to date producing NAV uplift of 2.76p per ordinary share to date.
- The final phase of the Capital Recycling Programme is in a competitive third-party sales process for the remaining two assets totaling 100MW

**Returning Capital** 



- Up to £20m Share Buyback Programme launched on 18 June 2024.
- 15,125,342 ordinary shares were purchased at an average price of 0.74p per share, representing £11.2m.
- Paid £49.2m in ordinary dividends to shareholders, representing 8.43p per share.

**Reducing Debt** 



- Paid down debt by gross £59.5m.
- Short-term revolving credit facilities debt were paid down by gross £46.8m from the proceeds of the Capital Recycling Programme.
- Long-term amortising debt was paid down by £12.7m from operational cashflows.
- Revolving credit facilities consolidated into simplified structure at attractive margin of 1.20% + SONIA

**Aligning Interests** 



- NESF Board hold 189,793
   NESF shares <sup>1</sup>
- NextEnergy Employees hold c.2m NESF shares <sup>1</sup>

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# Your Board are committed to driving value for shareholders

The Board apply a robust framework for assessing all potential strategic options



#### Robust **Framework**

Your Board are committed to unlocking value and growth. There is a robust framework in place that is used to objectively assess strategic options.



#### **Exploring** multiple strategic options

NESF continues to explore multiple strategic options for the future.



#### Independent external advisers

Alongside your Board working with management and NESF's advisers, the Board hires appropriate independent advisers to ensure we receive advice on all potential options.



#### Track record of strategic activity

Experience delivering value for shareholders, from RoundHill Music. Foresight Sustainable Forestry, UK Mortgages, Thames River Multi Hedge and Highbridge Tactical Credit.



#### Consult shareholders & alignment

If a strategic option presents value, the Board will consult major shareholders on material developments. The Board are in active discussion with the manager regarding revising the IM fee to align with shareholders.





## Financial highlights (as at 31 March 2025)

NESF continues to generate stable income that supports the dividend and reduces debt

Financial Highlights

**Gross Asset Value** 

£1,061m

(31 March 2024: £1,155m)

**NAV Per Ordinary Share** 

95.1p

(31 March 2024: 104.7p)

**Cash Income** 

£73.2m

(31 March 2024: £80m)

Attractive Dividend

**Dividend Target FY25/26** 

8.43p

(Dividend Target FY24/25: 8.43p)

**Dividend Cover In Period** 

1.1x

(31 March 2024: 1.3x)

Dividend Yield 1

c.12%

Ordinary dividends

Disciplined Capital Structure

**Total Gearing** 

48.4%

(includes preference shares)

**Percentage Of Fixed Rate Debt** 

70%

(Includes Preference Shares)

**Preference Shares** 

£200m

(Fixed 4.75% preferred dividend)

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### Operating Portfolio (as at 31 March 2025)

Despite share price performance, NESF's underlying portfolio remains solid

Operating Assets<sup>1</sup>

101

(31 March 2024: 103)

Installed capacity<sup>2</sup>

**937MW** 

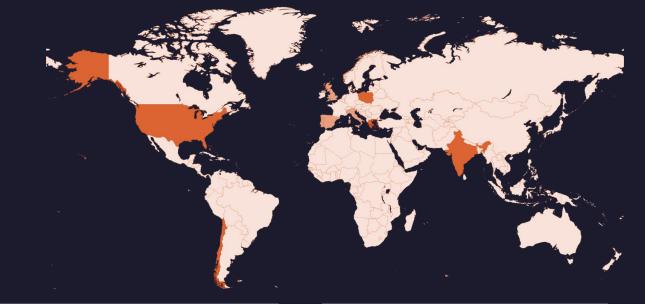
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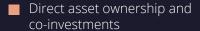
Commitment to NPIII ESG<sup>2</sup>

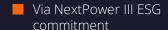
\$50m

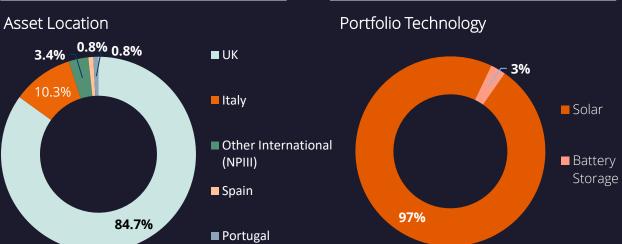
Weighted average asset life

**24.8** years







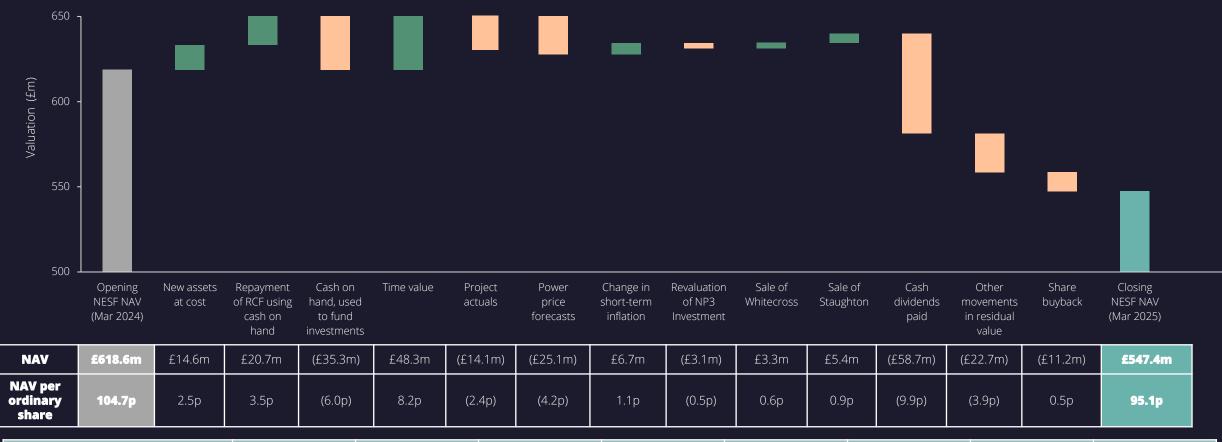




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# NAV bridge: twelve-month period breakdown

Despite share price performance and NAV decline over the financial year, NESF's underlying portfolio remain solid



Key Drivers	Time value	Power price forecasts	Change in short- term inflation	Revaluation of NPIII	Sale of Whitecross & Staughton	Cash dividends paid	Other movements in residual value	Share buyback
Direction		<b>V</b>		<b>V</b>		<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>	

# Disciplined capital structure (as at 31 March 2025)

NESF continues to repay both long-term and short-term debt as a priority

Total Gearing to GAV <sup>1</sup>

48.49/6

(Gearing level limit of 50% GAV)

Preference Shares **C.£200m**(Fixed preferred dividend of 4.75% p.a)

Weighted Average Cost of Debt

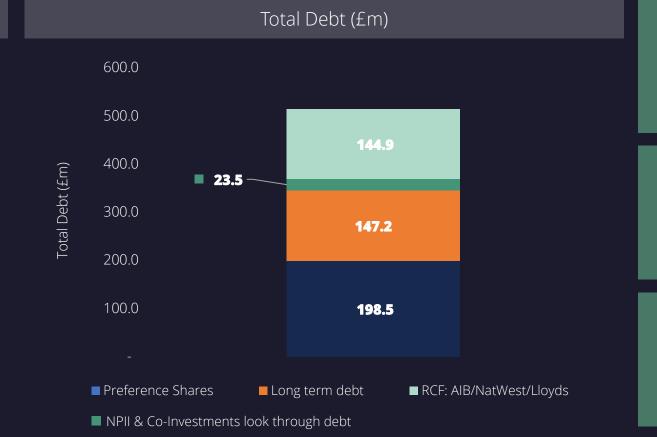
4.9%

(5.1% excluding preference shares)

Weighted Average Cost of Capital <sup>2</sup>
6.6%
(31 March 2024: 6.4%)

% Fixed Vs Floating Debt

30%



Long term debt outstanding <sup>3</sup>

c.£147.2m

Short term debt outstanding <sup>3</sup>

c.£144.9m

(£205m short term debt facilities available)

Available Capital <sup>4</sup>

£63.3m

■ Fixed-rate Debt (incl Preference Shares)■ Floating-rate Debt

70%

## Long-term debt reduction plan (as at 31 March 2025)

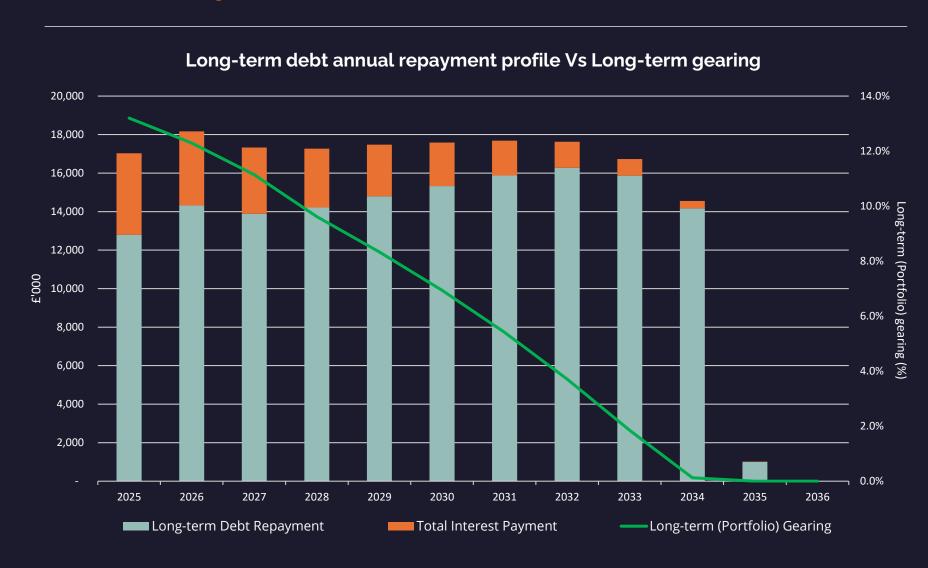
NESF's long-term debt amortises in line with the remaining life of its ROC/FiT subsidised solar assets

- Long-term amortising debt paid down by £62.2m (31 December 2024: £60.4m).
- The remaining outstanding long-term debt of £147.2m is on track to fully amortise in line with the remaining subsidy life of the portfolio's inflation linked government subsidies

**Long-term Debt Paid Down** 

c.£62.2m

Weighted Average Subsidy Life <sup>3</sup>
9.9 years

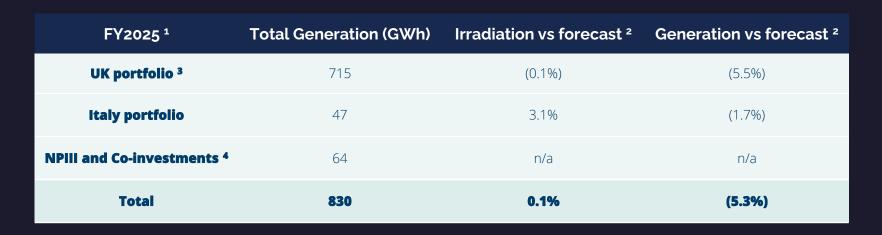




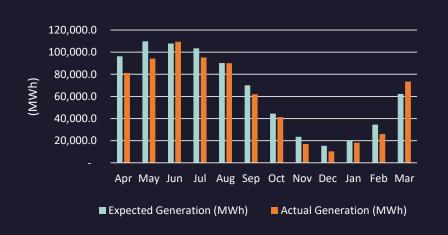
# Portfolio performance & optimisation (as at 31 March 2025)

Despite adverse weather and DNO outages, NESF's portfolio was only just below its generation forecast

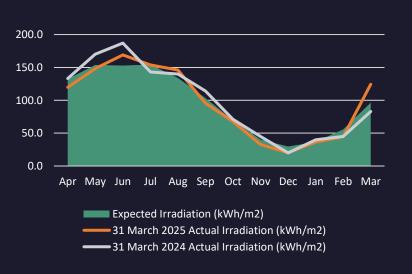
- Energy generated during the period was **830GWh** (31 March 2024: 852GWh)
- During the period, solar irradiation across the portfolio was **0.1% above budget** (31 March 2024: 2.6%)
- Portfolio generation **5.3% below budget** for the period (31 March 2024: 0.3% above budget)
- Generation was affected by adverse weather and Grid / Distribution Network Operator ("DNO") outages
- Continued focus on implementing technical improvements across the portfolio and reducing operating costs:
  - **Asset repowering:** Inverters were replaced at 3 sites over the year with a further 2 sites undergoing replacements in April-25
  - **2.** Targeting improvements: 21 targeted improvements were made over the year
  - Strategic spare parts management







#### **UK** irradiation against budget

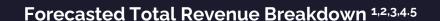


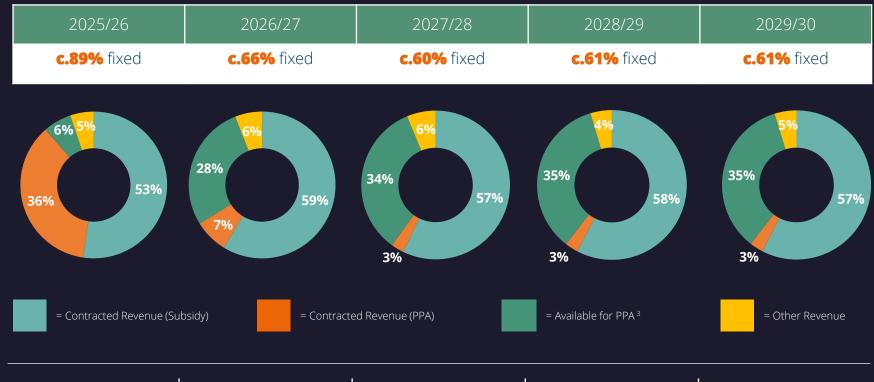


# High visibility of future cash flows

NESF's hedging strategy locks in power-prices to derisk future revenues

- NESF runs a short-term power purchase agreements ("PPA") programme where it locks in short term PPA's over a rolling **36-month** period
- Actively looks to secure contracts above adviser forecasts to maximise value
- Proactive strategy helps secure and underpin both dividend commitments and dividend cover. whilst reducing volatility and increasing visibility of cash flow.
- **c.50%** of revenues typically RPIlinked government-backed subsidies





Average fix price of PPA: £80.3MWh

% Hedged (by capacity): 80%

Average fix price of PPA: £56.0MWh

% Hedged (by capacity): 24%

Average fix price of PPA: £50.1MWh

% Hedged (by capacity):4 10%

Average fix price of PPA: £51.8MWh

% Hedged (by capacity): 10%

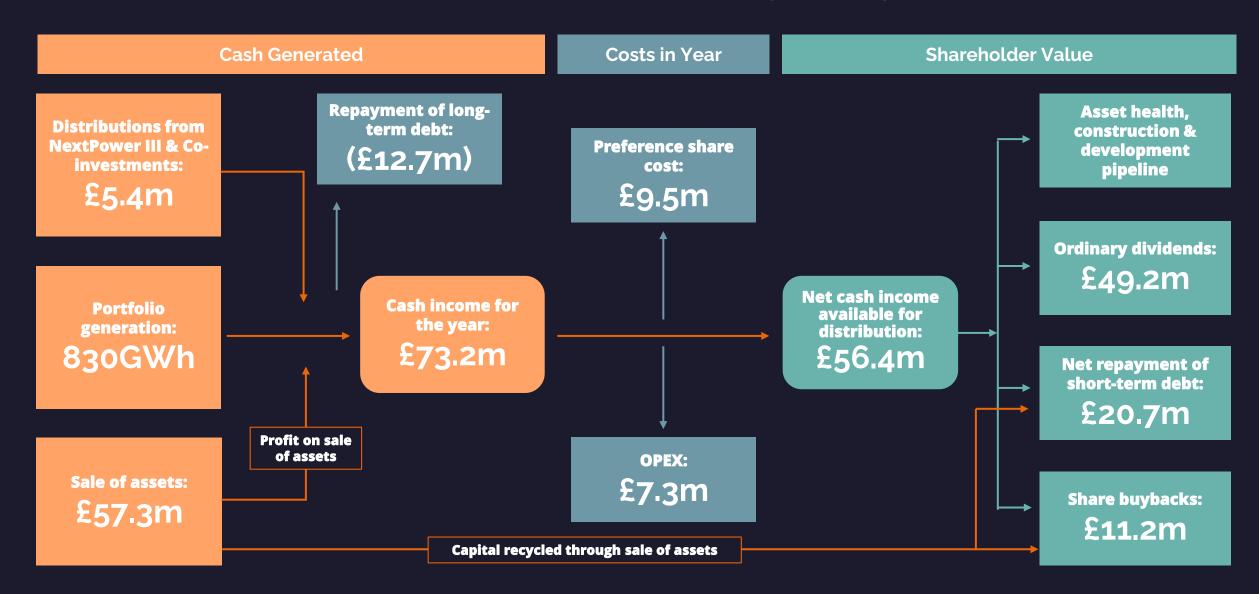
Average fix price of PPA: £53.62MWh

% Hedged (by capacity): 10%

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# Delivering shareholder value

How NESF converted solar irradiance to shareholder value for the 12 months ended 31 March 2025



# Pipeline & Future Growth

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#### **Future market outlook**

The future outlook for solar and energy storage is positive, although some headwinds still persist



#### **Increased Capital Flows to Investment Companies:**

- Softening inflation landscape leading to reduced interest rates.
- Recent reforms to cost disclosure requirements for Investment Companies.



#### **UK Government Support for Renewables:**

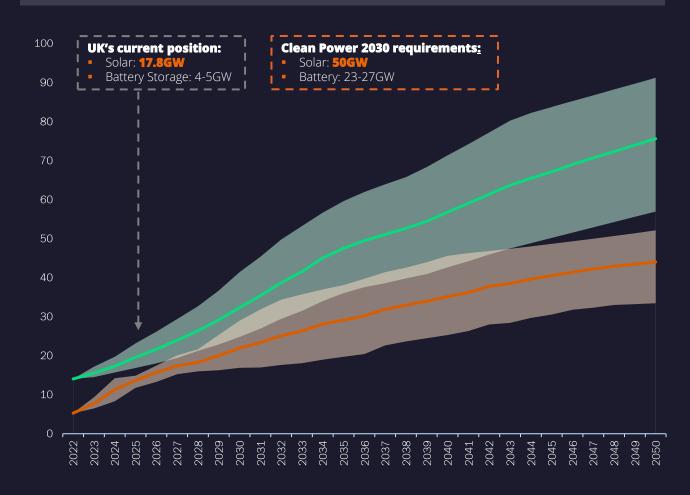
- The National Wealth Fund and GB Energy are supporting the deployment of renewables in the UK.
- Clean Power 2030 Action Plan targeting a 95% renewable energy grid.



#### **Commitment to Net Zero by 2050:**

- The UK needs rapid expansion in renewable energy generation to meet its Net Zero goals. Solar is the cheapest and most sustainable form of renewable energy that can be deployed at speed.
- The UK has one of the most mature solar markets in the world with c.18GW currently deployed across its shores and a target of 50GW by 2030.

#### Solar and energy storage UK deployment forecast <sup>1</sup>





Discount management, future cash liquidity events, and ongoing portfolio excellence remain a key foundation for growth



#### Capital inflows to allow growth:

- Capital Recycling Programme phase I, II, & III returning capital
- NPIII & Co-investment exit from 2028 will provide significant liquidity and expected upside to the platform
- Capital injection via on-going strategic initiatives



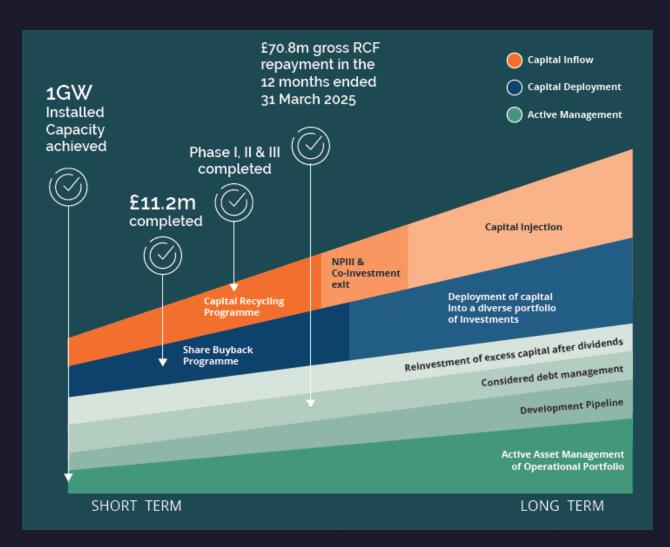
#### Capital deployment to build NAV:

- Share buyback programming deploying over £12m buying back over 15m shares
- Deployment of capital into a diverse range of portfolio investments, including development solar, BESS and international private solar funds.



#### Active management to maximise existing portfolio returns:

- Re-investment back into the portfolio's health and performance
- Considered management of debt
- Investment into NESF's proprietary pipeline
- On-going active asset management of the operation portfolio



# **Next steps for NESF**

Maximising shareholder value and returns remain a priority





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