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#### Agenda

#### 1. Introduction

- 2. Carbon Reduction (CaRe) products overview
- 3. Established CaRe products
- 4. Developing CaRe products
- 5. Business support services
- 6. Summary and outlook

# **1. Introduction** Alan Foy, CEO

#### Heritage



Serving our customers, protecting the environment

#### 25 years supporting customers to reduce energy

#### SMS logo and technology platform inspired from the name 'METIS' described as:

- Good counsel, prudence/compliance and wisdom/experience
- Blue for staff training and investment practices
- Green for provision of sustainable energy solutions
- White flow for flexible and compliant service delivery

#### Environment

- Supporting customers to reduce carbon emissions
- Committed to 2030 net-zero target; carbon negative beyond

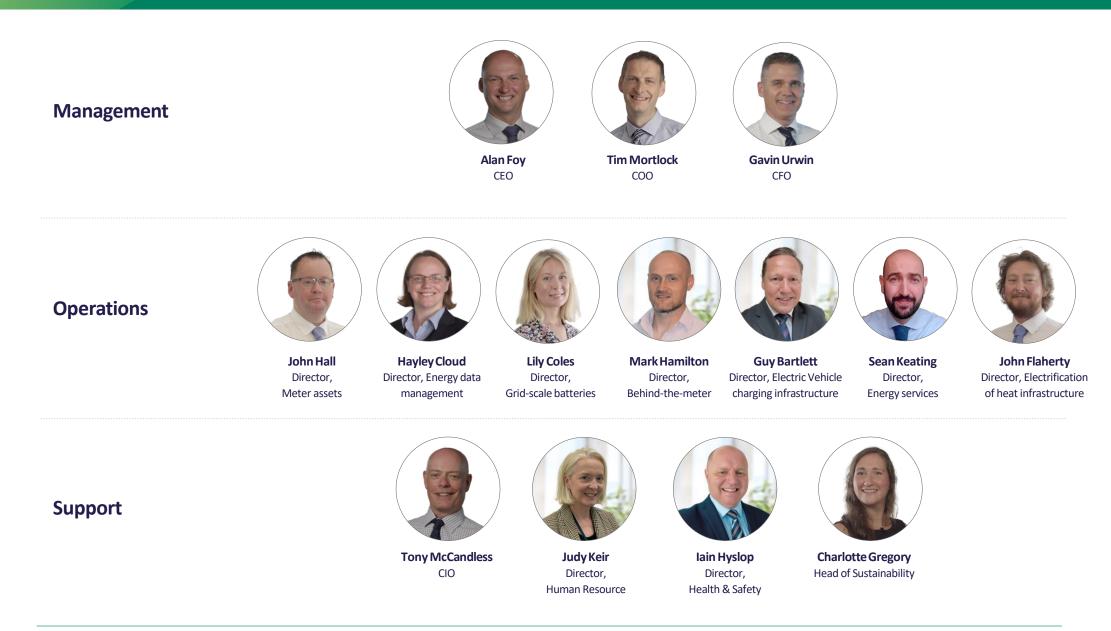
#### Social

- Investing in staff to deliver customer and shareholder value
- Championing diversity and inclusion, supporting our communities

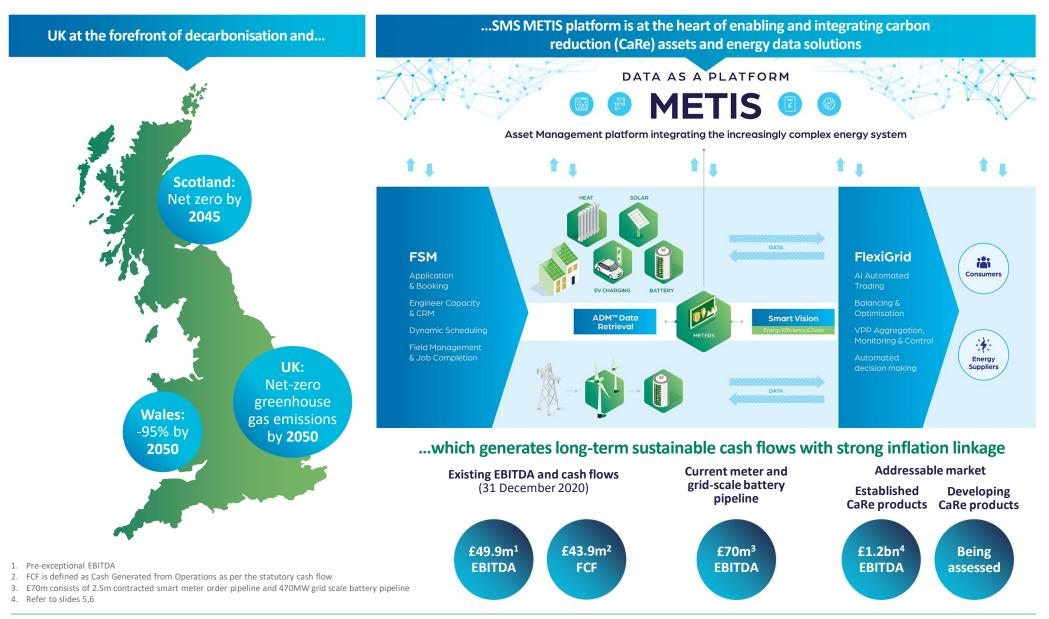
#### Governance

- Highest relative score for corporate governance from MSCI
- Health, Safety & Sustainability Committee headed by Group Chair

### **Today's presenting team**

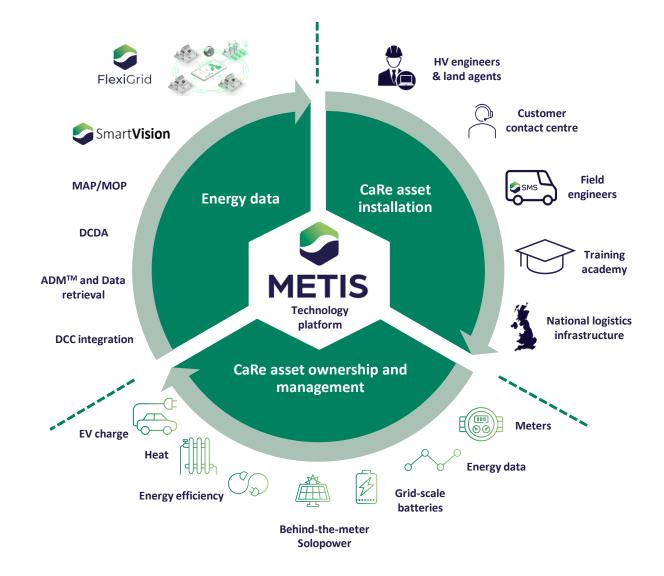


### METIS at the heart of originating long-term, sustainable cash flows



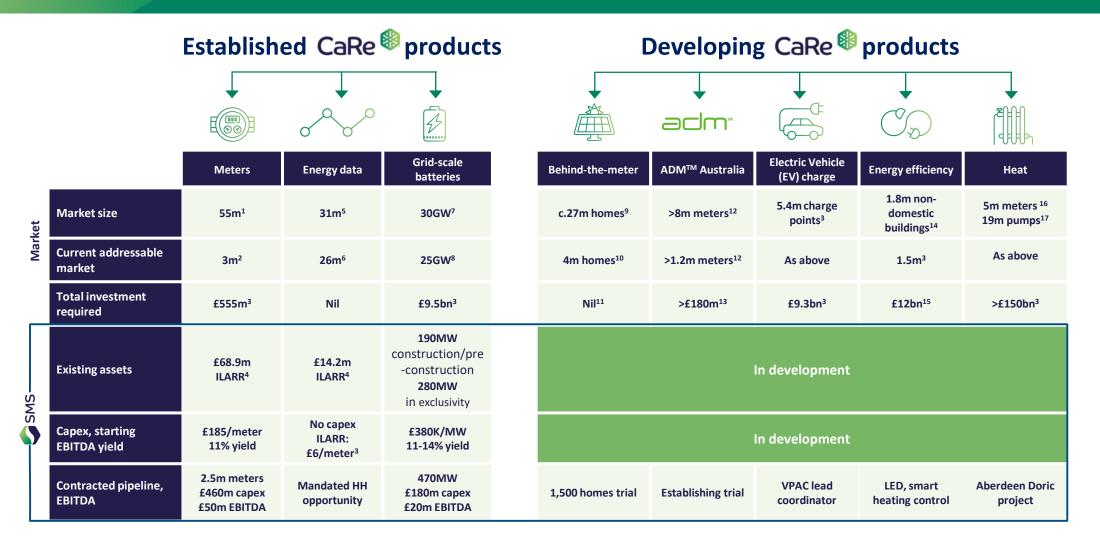
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#### Fully integrated and scalable technology platform



## 2. CaRe products overview Tim Mortlock, COO

#### **Positioning across several CaRe products**



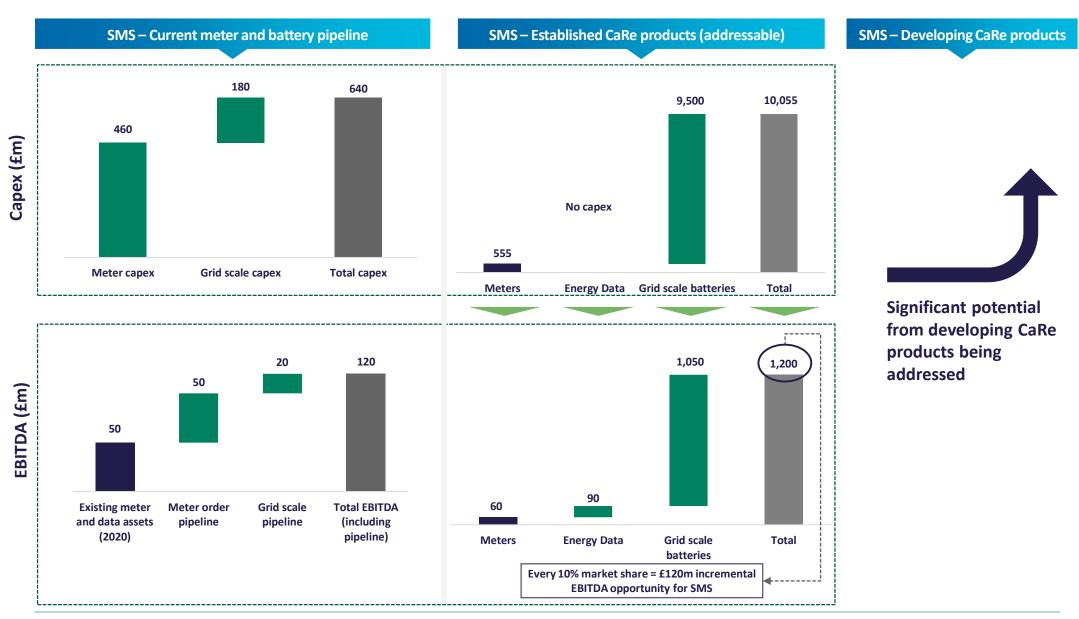
1. Energy suppliers reporting to BEIS. Includes domestic and non-domestic

2. SMS internal estimates of remaining non-contracted independent market

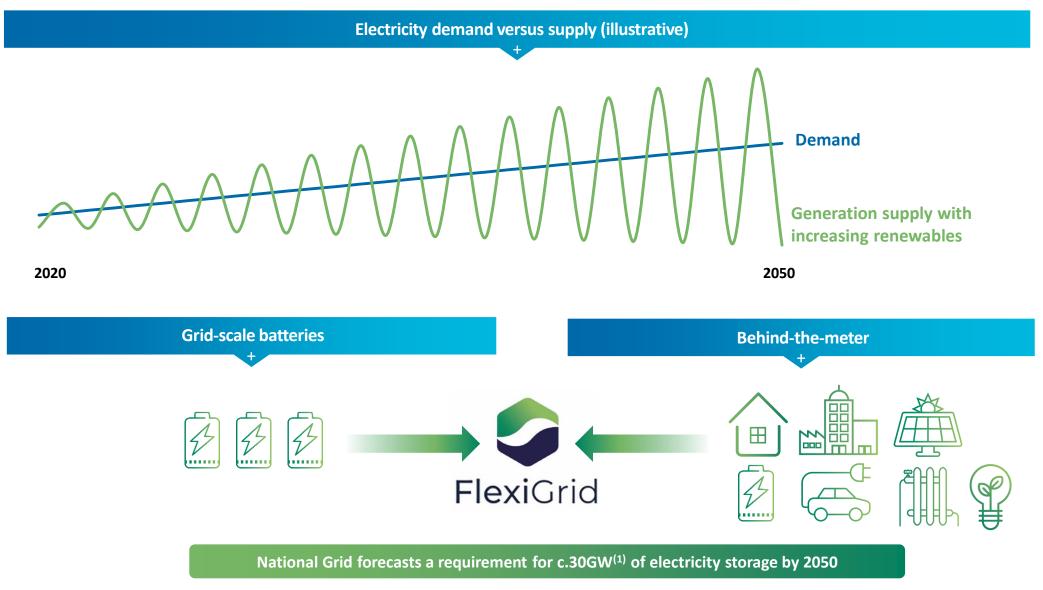
- 3. SMS internal estimates
- 4. As at 30 April 2021
- 5. Energy suppliers reporting to BEIS, Elexon
- Of the total market size, c.0.3m meters are already HH and SMS estimates 15% will remain traditional at 2025
- National Grid forecasts need for c.30GW of electricity storage by 2050- calculated as average of National Grid's four forecast scenarios in its Future Energy Scenarios 2020
- 8. 25GW includes in-construction projects
- 9. Office for National Statistics
- 10. Local Authorities, Housing Associations. Solutions being developed for rest of market
- 11. Capex funded by 3rd party social landlords, infra-funds, mortgage lenders
- 12. Domestic market. SMS internal estimates

- 13. Based on £150 per ADM<sup>™</sup> device. SMS internal estimates.
- 14. GOV.UK, SMS internal estimates
- 15. The Climate Change Committee
- 16. The Heat Network (Metering and Billing) Regulations
- 17. OFGEM, The Climate Change Committee

#### **CaRe - addressable EBITDA opportunity**

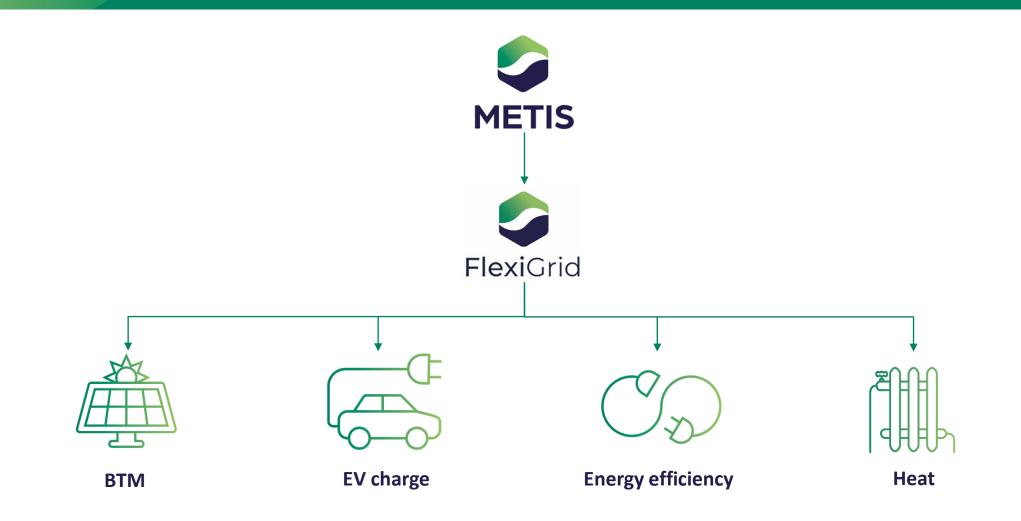


### **Battery technology core to future energy flexibility**



1. Calculated as the average of National Grid's four forecast scenarios in its Future Energy Scenarios 2020

#### **Positioning for the 'Developing' CaRe products**



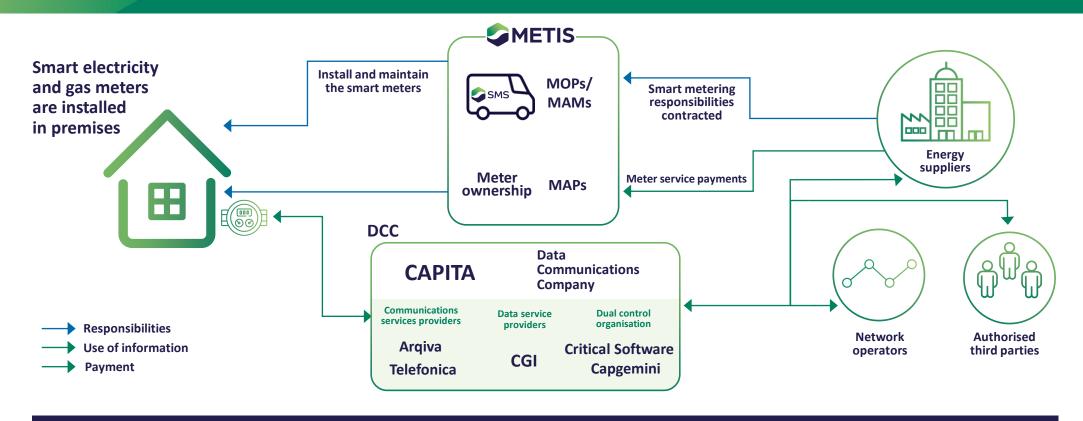
Several projects delivered historically with SMS now positioned for additional market opportunity

# **3. Established CaRe products**

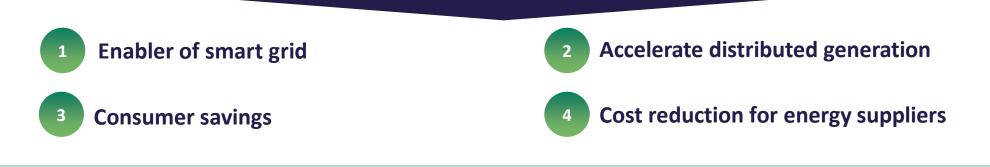
- I. Meters
- II. Energy data
- III. Grid-scale batteries



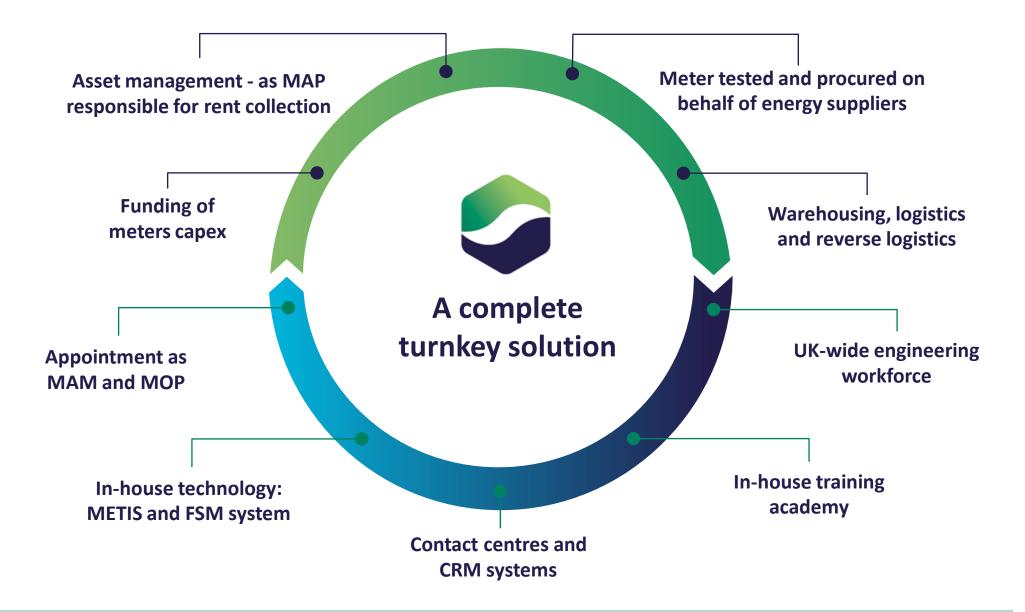
#### **UK smart meter infrastructure**



Substantial value for consumers, environment and future energy systems



#### SMS best-in-class turnkey solution



#### **Competitive landscape (in-house capability)**

		SMS			NORTHERN	Maple Co.		Smart Meter Assets
	Big	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	~	✓	Х	Х	Х
MAP <sup>1</sup>	Independent	✓	$\checkmark$	Х	✓	$\checkmark$	~	$\checkmark$
NA NA 2	Complex <sup>3</sup>	$\checkmark$	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
MAM <sup>2</sup>	Standard	✓	$\checkmark$	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
MOD <sup>2</sup>	Complex <sup>4</sup>	$\checkmark$	Х	Х	$\checkmark$	Х	Х	Х
MOP <sup>2</sup>	Standard	✓	$\checkmark$	Х	✓	Х	Х	Х
Installation capability	Gas	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
	Electricity	✓	$\checkmark$	Х	*5	Х	Х	Х
	Smart	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х

1. MAP: owns the meter; responsible for making available a meter at a meter supply point; the MAP owns and finances the meters; there is no accreditation requirement for MAPs

2. MAM/MOP: an accredited role; manages the meter assets, which involves installation, replacement, maintenance, and repair responsibilities; MAMs (gas sector) are governed by MAMCOP and MOPs (electricity

sector) are governed by Elexon's Balancing and Settlement Code; MAMs/MOPs can have contractual relationships with suppliers and MAPs; there can only be one MAM per meter supply point

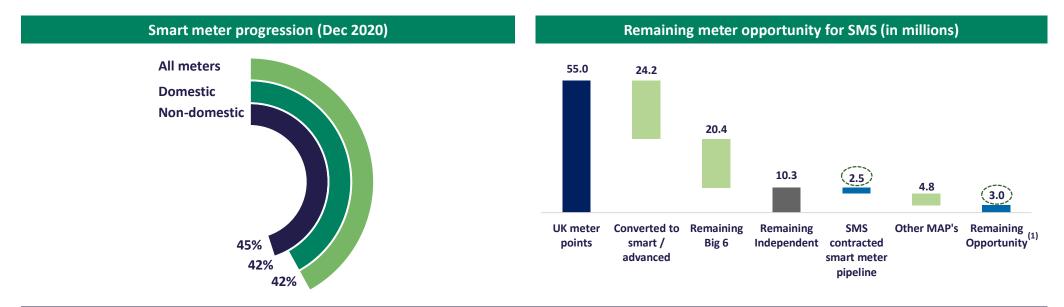
3. High pressure asset management (gas)

4. All types of installations

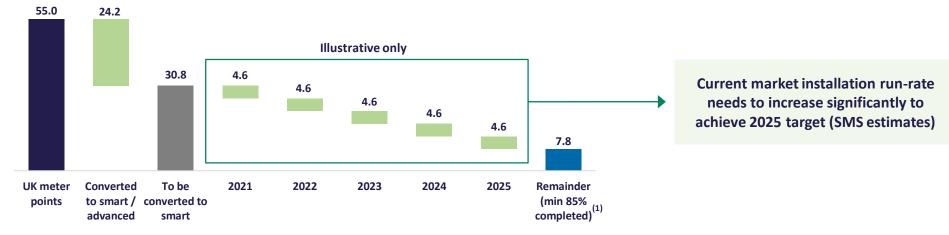
5. Information not available

Source: Based on SMS understanding of the market

#### **Smart meter industry dynamics**



Mandatory obligation on energy suppliers (85% completion by 2025) (in millions)



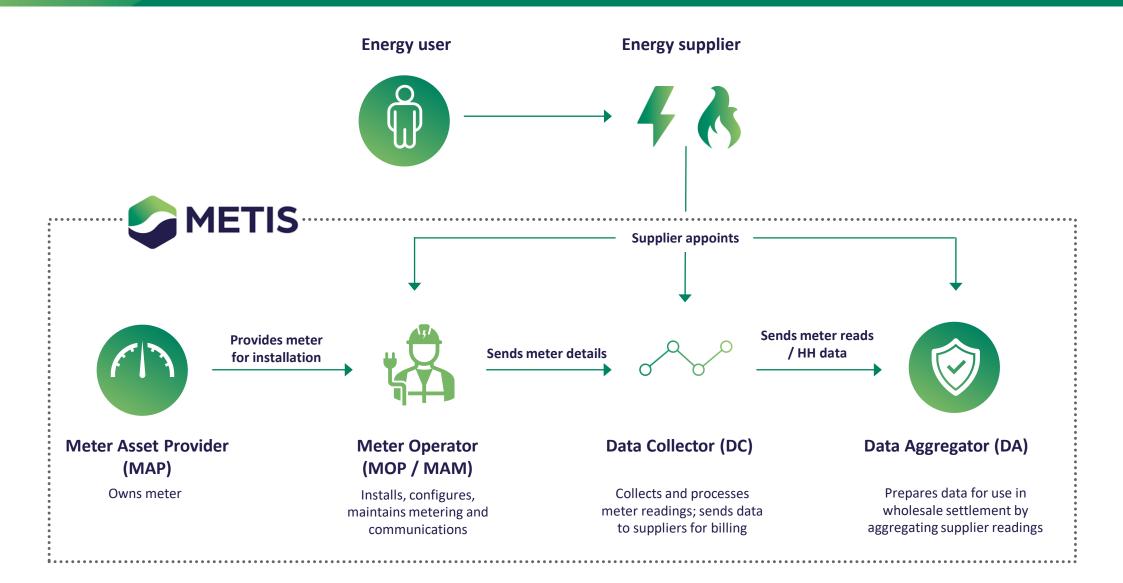
Source: Energy Suppliers reporting to BEIS, SMS internal estimates 1. Of the domestic smart meters

### **Quality of metering cash flows**

High cash flow visibility	<ul> <li>Significant visibility over cash flows given the fixed contracted nature of meter services payments</li> <li>Long-term contracts in place</li> </ul>
Strong inflation linked contracts	<ul> <li>RPI linkage provides strong protection against inflationary environment</li> <li>Historical average RPI escalation (2012-21) on SMS contracts at 2.7%</li> </ul>
Asset backed with no volume or power price risks	<ul> <li>Assets are purely availability-based with no volume, throughput or power prices risks</li> <li>Minimal maintenance once meters are installed with &gt;95% cash margin</li> </ul>
Contracts with energy suppliers with no exposure to end-consumers	<ul> <li>Contracts with energy suppliers provides strong counterparty protection</li> <li>Strong termination protection throughout the life of the assets</li> </ul>
Counterparty protection with supplier of last resort provision	<ul> <li>Proven Supplier of Last Resort (SoLR) mechanism provides protection against supplier failure</li> <li>In event of energy supplier failure, future rentals transferred to incoming supplier</li> </ul>
Strong meter warranty provisions	<ul> <li>10 years warranty in the event of single meter failure</li> <li>15 years warranty from batch failure</li> </ul>

# II. Energy data Hayley Cloud, Director, Energy data management

#### **Industry structure**



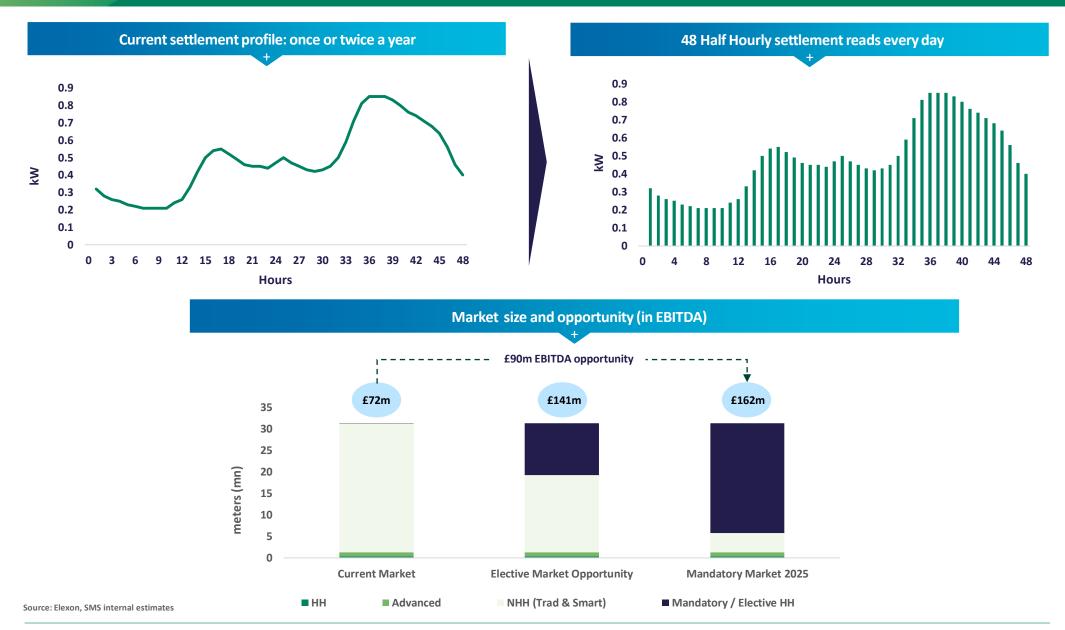
### Sector regulation and structure

	Current structure						
Application		Metering points	Predominant Meter Type	Current regulation	New regulation		
贪	Transmission & Generation	ЗК	Half hourly		None		
	Large Industrial & Commercial	133K	Half hourly	HH Data Collection			
▦	Medium enterprise	200К	Advanced				
	Small enterprise	2,100К	Part Advanced, Part traditional moving to Smart		Introduction of Elective for all smart and advanced meters		
	<b>Residential</b> (electricity)	29,000K	Traditional moving to Smart	NHH Data Collection			

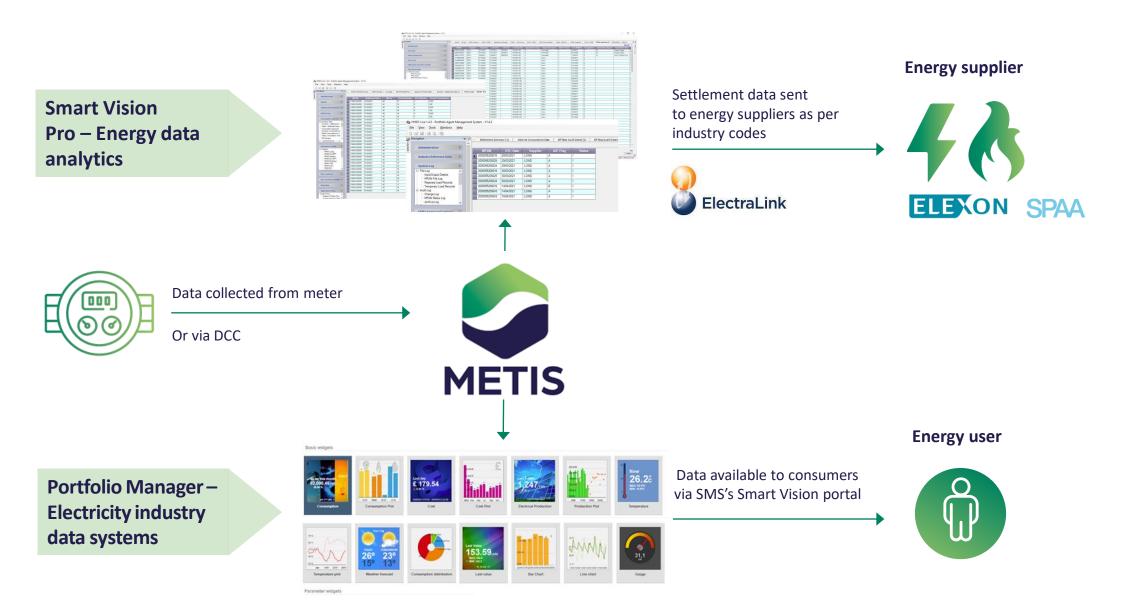
In 2025, all supply points will be settled as HH with the option of settling HH prior to then

Source: Energy Suppliers reporting to BEIS, Elexon together with SMS internal estimates

#### Market size and opportunity



#### SMS platforms and systems



### **Quality of energy data cash flows**

High cash flow visibility	<ul> <li>Significant visibility over cash flows given the fixed contracted nature of data services payments</li> <li>Framework contracts under which energy suppliers appoints SMS as agent</li> </ul>
Strong inflation linked contracts	<ul> <li>RPI linkage provides strong protection against inflationary environment</li> <li>Historical average RPI escalation (2012-21) on SMS contracts at 2.7%</li> </ul>
Industry Accredited Agent Status	<ul> <li>Fixed service payments for being the appointed agent, supplier must always appoint an agent</li> <li>Technology systems based approach</li> </ul>
Contracts with energy suppliers with no exposure to end-consumers	<ul> <li>Contracts with energy suppliers provides strong counterparty protection</li> <li>ADM<sup>™</sup> devices can only be operated by SMS; strong incentives on suppliers to retain appointed agent</li> </ul>
Counterparty protection with supplier of last resort provision	<ul> <li>Proven Energy Supplier of Last Resort (SoLR) mechanism provides protection against supplier failure</li> <li>In event of energy supplier failure, new energy supplier likely to appoint own preferred agent</li> </ul>
Proven and scalable platform	<ul> <li>Industry accredited and audited and ADM<sup>™</sup> systems entirely owned by SMS</li> <li>Scalable to manage exponential increase in data packets</li> </ul>

#### **Competitive landscape**

	SMS	<b>ENERGY</b>	MORRISON ME Data Services	LOWRI BECK	IMServ	SIEMENS	STARK	TMA
NHH MOP <sup>(1)</sup>	$\checkmark$	~	✓	$\checkmark$	~	$\checkmark$	Х	~
NHH DCDA <sup>(2)</sup>	$\checkmark$	~	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	~	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	~
HH MOP SVA <sup>(3)</sup>	$\checkmark$	~	~	$\checkmark$	~	$\checkmark$	Х	$\checkmark$
HH MOP CVA <sup>(4)</sup>	~	Х	Х	Х	Х	$\checkmark$	Х	Х
HH DCDA <sup>(5)</sup>	$\checkmark$	Х	~	Х	~	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Elective HH Optimiser <sup>(6)</sup>	$\checkmark$	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Pedestrian Reads <sup>(7)</sup>	Х	Х	~	$\checkmark$	Х	Х	Х	Х

1. NHH MOP: the operation and maintenance of non-half hourly meter points for profile classes 1-4 (domestic and microbusiness consumers)

2. NHH DCDA: the collection, validation and settlement of non-half hourly meter reads for profile classes 1-4 (domestic and microbusiness consumers)

3. HH MOP SVA: the operation and maintenance of meter points within the half hourly market (medium sized business consumers)

4. HH MOP CVA: the operation and maintenance of meter points within the half hourly market (large business and industrial sized consumers)

5. HH DCDA: the collection, validation and settlement of meter reads from half hourly meter reads (medium sized business, large business and industrial sized consumers)

6. Elective Half Hourly Optimiser: the ability to profile half hourly data with the aim to determine the benefit in settling a NHH meter in the HH market

7. Pedestrian Read Service: the ability to collect reads from site where remote connectivity is not possible with the meter

Source: Based on SMS understanding of the market

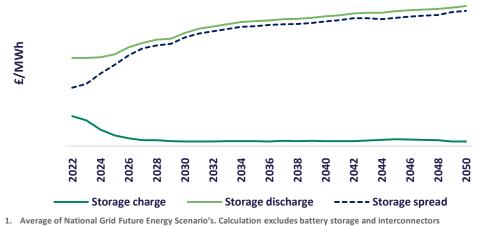
# III. Grid-scale batteries Lily Cole, Director, Grid-scale batteries

#### **Increasing renewables is widening base-peak load spreads**

82% 67% 39% 27% 2020 2030 2050 2015

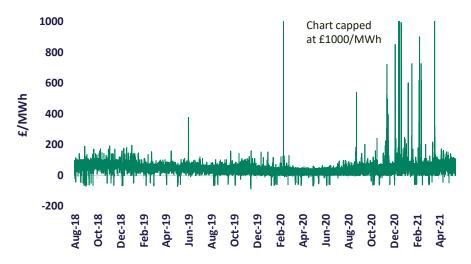
Renewables as % of total generation capacity<sup>1</sup>

Widening spread with increasing renewables<sup>3</sup>

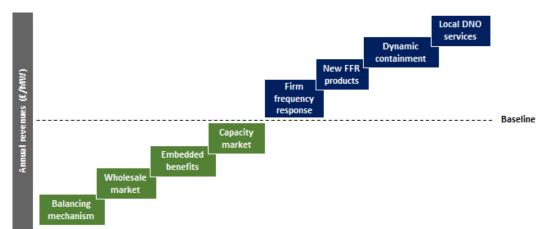


2. Elexon 3. SMS internal estimates

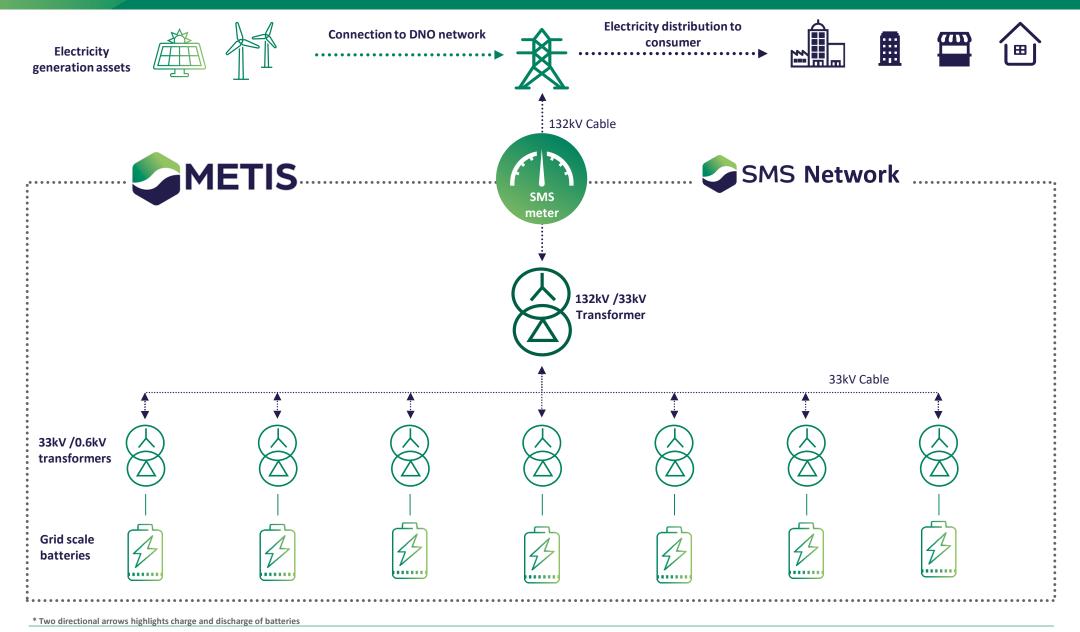
**Rising volatility: UK half hourly power prices**<sup>2</sup>



Access to all revenue streams (illustrative)



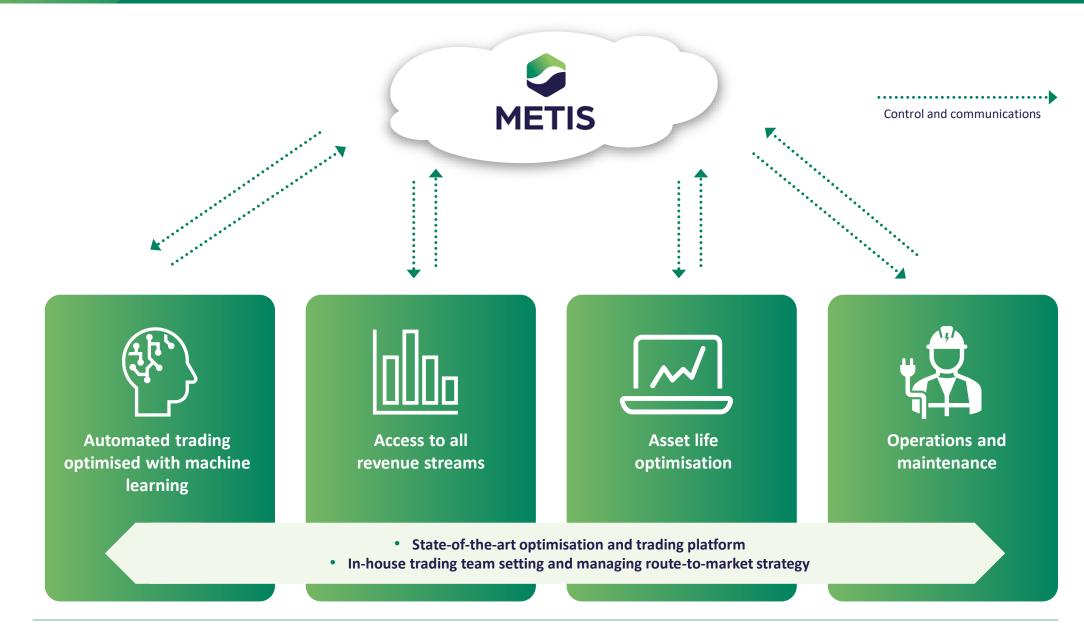
#### **Grid-scale battery storage infrastructure**



### **Best-in-class platform in grid-scale batteries**

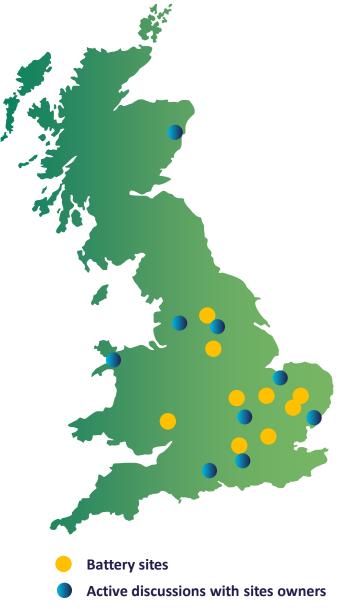


#### SMS trading and digital optimisation



### **Existing grid-scale batteries pipeline**

	Capacity (MW)
Under construction	
Burwell	50
Barnsley	40
Acquired – pre construction	
Brook Farm	50
Newtonwood	50
Under exclusivity <sup>1</sup>	
Site 1	30
Site 2	50
Site 3	50
Site 4	50
Site 5	100
Total pipeline	470MW
Remaining market size	25GW



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1. Timeline to be provided once further progress is made

### **Quality of grid-scale batteries cash flows**

High cash flow visibility	<ul> <li>Baseline forecast revenues driven by balancing/wholesale services</li> <li>These services are always required to balance the energy system</li> </ul>
Visible growth in demand for services	<ul> <li>Known growth in intermittent renewable generation driving increasing volatility and substantial increased system requirement for battery storage solutions</li> </ul>
Asset backed with no trading exposure	<ul> <li>Revenues are not linked to wholesale energy prices, but underpinned by the always-existing 'spreads' between import and export pricing driven by network generation/demand imbalance</li> </ul>
System operator counter party	<ul> <li>Contracts with system operators (National Grid, DNOs and wholesale market) provides strong counterparty protection</li> </ul>
Additional revenue opportunities	<ul> <li>Assets can access additional range of system operator revenues (e.g. frequency response), all of which provide upside to base case projections</li> </ul>
Strong battery warranty provisions	<ul> <li>Throughput warranty of 7,300 cycles allows for average of 2 cycles per day for 10 years; 98% uptime warranty</li> <li>Potential to operate beyond minimum warranty cycle/10 year life to increase revenues and/or extend life</li> <li>Core electrical infrastructure equivalent to DNO electricity networks with established 40 year + life</li> <li>Diversified supply chain; sourcing batteries from two tier-1 manufacturers</li> </ul>

### **Competitive landscape**

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	SMS	British Solar Renewables	Gresham House	uk <b>poWerr</b> eserve	res	82 ENERGY	ARENKOGROUP	<b>Fore</b> sight
Origination	$\checkmark$	~	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	~	Х	Х	Х
Design, Project manage	$\checkmark$	~	$\checkmark$	~	$\checkmark$	~	х	Х
Independent Connection Provider	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	~	Х	Х
Supply and install	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	х	х	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	х	Х
Operate and maintain	$\checkmark$	~	Х	Х	$\checkmark$	~	х	Х
Optimise	✓	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	~	Х
Funding	✓	Х	$\checkmark$	Х	Х	Х	Х	~

Source: Based on SMS understanding of the market

# 4. Developing CaRe products

- I. Behind-the-meter
- II. ADM<sup>™</sup> Australia
- III. EV charging infrastructure
- IV. Energy services
- V. Electrification of heat infrastructure

# I. Behind-the-meter

Mark Hamilton, Director, Behind-the-meter

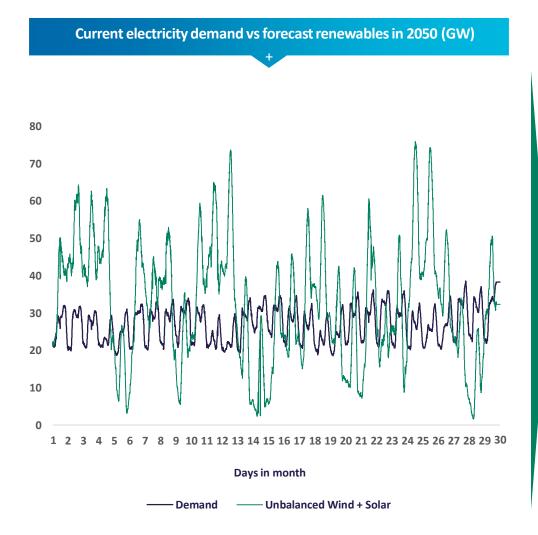
## UK's changing energy landscape

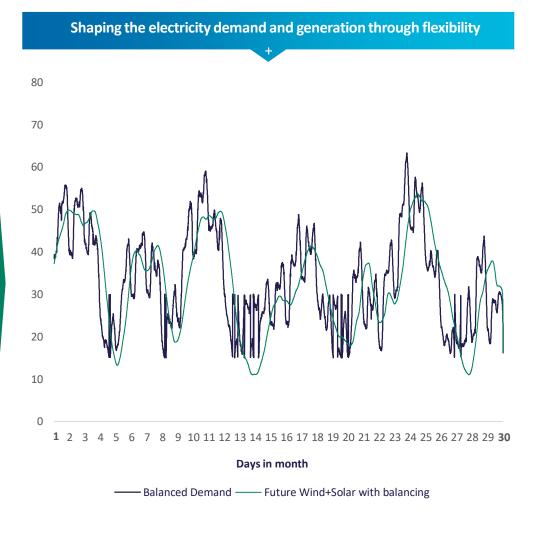


## The *new* way



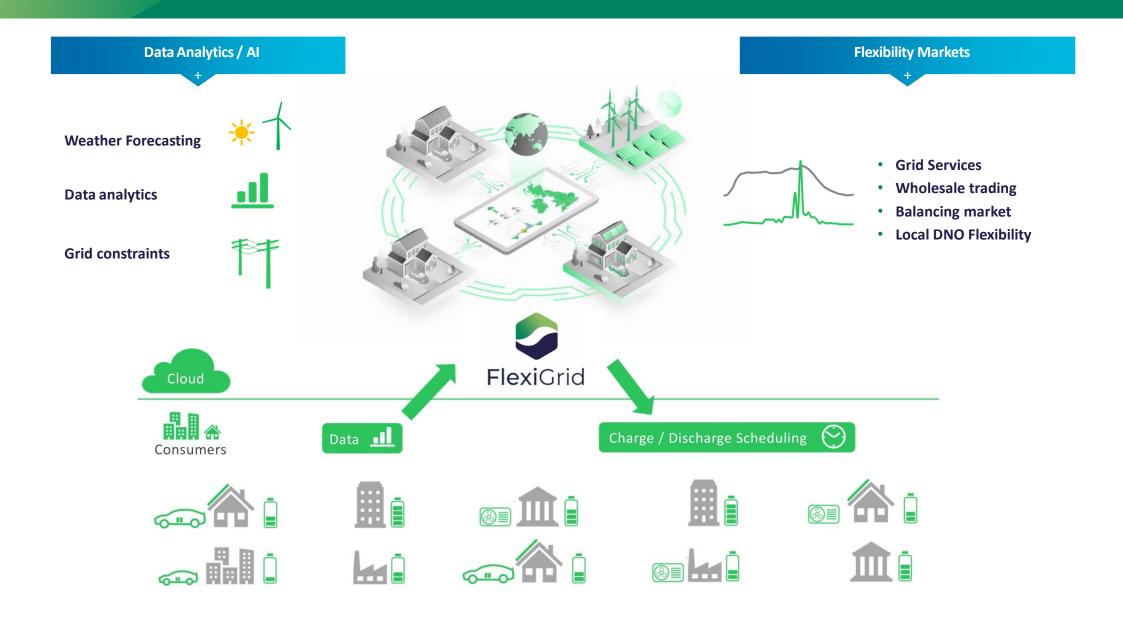
## Introducing flexibility to smooth supply, demand profile



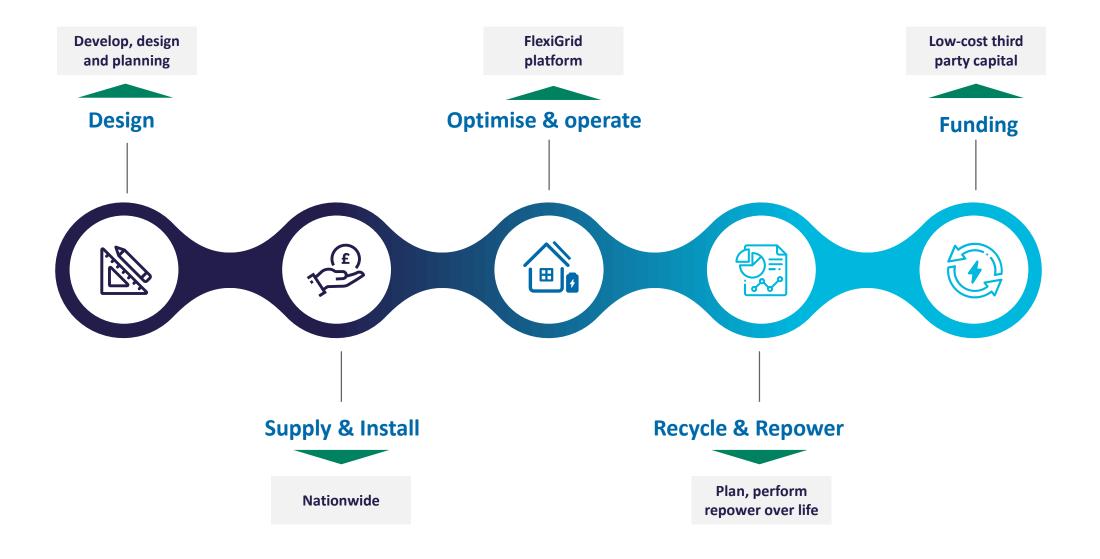


1. SMS internal calculations to show illustrative projections

## **SMS Flexigrid platform**



## SMS fully integrated platform



# Solopower i and market opportunity



#### Reduce carbon emissions By installing and managing solar and batteries Up to 90%, with self-consumption up to 70%



#### Improve the efficiency of homes Improve SAP at properties resulting in Potentially enhancing mortgage rates



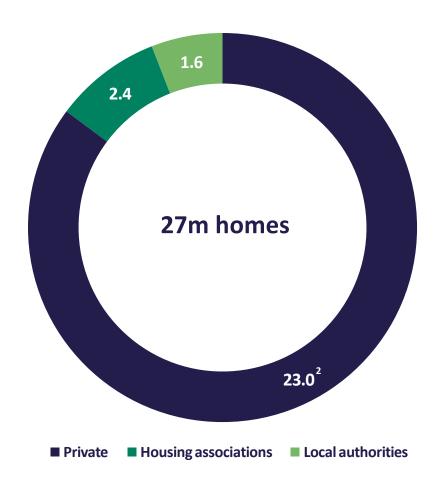
Savings consumer energy bill Reduce cost of electricity Up to 25%



#### Availability of CAPEX Third party funded PPA based returns

#### Energy supplier agnostic Customer retains Scalable

Domestic market size (in millions)<sup>1</sup>



1. Source: GOV.UK

2. Developing solutions to address the housing stock opportunity beyond the 4m Housing Associations and Local Authorities

## **SMS pilot projects**



- **Creating Integrated Energy System in** • Orkney involving up to 700 homes and businesses
- 50-home solar + storage project in • Aberdeen
- 500-home and 100-home solar + ٠ storage projects in Aberdeen
- 135-home battery only project in • **Dumfries & Galloway**
- First-of-its-kind residential VPP project in Ireland (20 homes)
- First-of-its-kind to deliver grid • services from aggregated residential assets in Ireland

#### Active discussions with social landlords



## **Case study: ReFlex Orkney**





- £28.5m UKRI-funded project
- Developing an Integrated Energy System (IES) in Orkney
- IES optimised using FlexiGrid
- Up to 700 residential, commercial and industrial battery systems
- Solopower model to be delivered to social landlords
- Other assets include smart EV chargers and flexible heating solutions

## **Quality of behind-the-meter cash flows**

High cash flow visibility	<ul> <li>Long-term contracted PPA revenues for solar generation underpin investment case</li> <li>Additional revenues from provision of flexibility services to National Grid/DNO energy system operator</li> </ul>
Strong counter party	• Long-term contracted revenue stream with strong counterparties that aligns capital investment case to either the local authorities themselves or 3rd party infrastructure funds
Asset backed service management fee	<ul> <li>SMS generate an ongoing management charge for optimisation and operation of the assets, linked to the asset life</li> </ul>
Management fee	<ul> <li>Management fee is for provision of Flexigrid platform to optimise time-of-use of energy behind the meter, aggregate assets and access flexibility revenues – only SMS's system can operate the hardware controller</li> </ul>
Additional revenue opportunities	<ul> <li>On-going opportunity to provide O&amp;M services to deployed assets, and to link additional behind-the-meter demand side management assets to the platform</li> </ul>
Strong battery warranty provisions	• No exposure to asset risk, but standard industry warranties over solar panels, inverters and batteries of a minimum 10 years

## **Competitive landscape**

	SMS	socialenergy	moixa	🕅 KALUZA	🕜 upside	O Dassivsystems	sonnen	PÖWERVAULT
Full funded solution	✓	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Asset agnostic	✓	Х	Х	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	Х	Х
Energy supplier agnostic	√	Х	$\checkmark$	*	*	$\checkmark$	~	~
Batteries capability	✓	✓	$\checkmark$	Х	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	~	~
EV charger capability	✓	Х	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	Х	Х	Х
Smart Heating capability	*	Х	Х	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	Х	Х
Integrated metering	*	Х	Х	~	Х	Х	Х	Х
Local (site) control	*	$\checkmark$	Х	х	Х	*	Х	Х

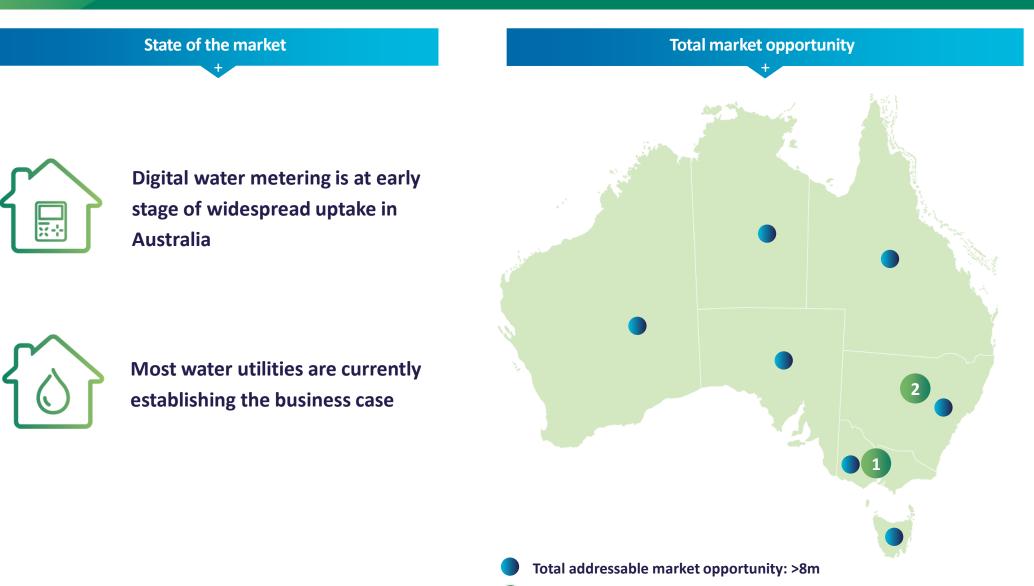
\* Developing capability

Source: Based on SMS understanding of the market

# II. ADM<sup>TM</sup> Australia

## Hayley Cloud, Director, Energy data management

## **Overview of ADM<sup>™</sup> opportunity in Australia**



Active discussions with councils and municipal water utilities: >1.2m

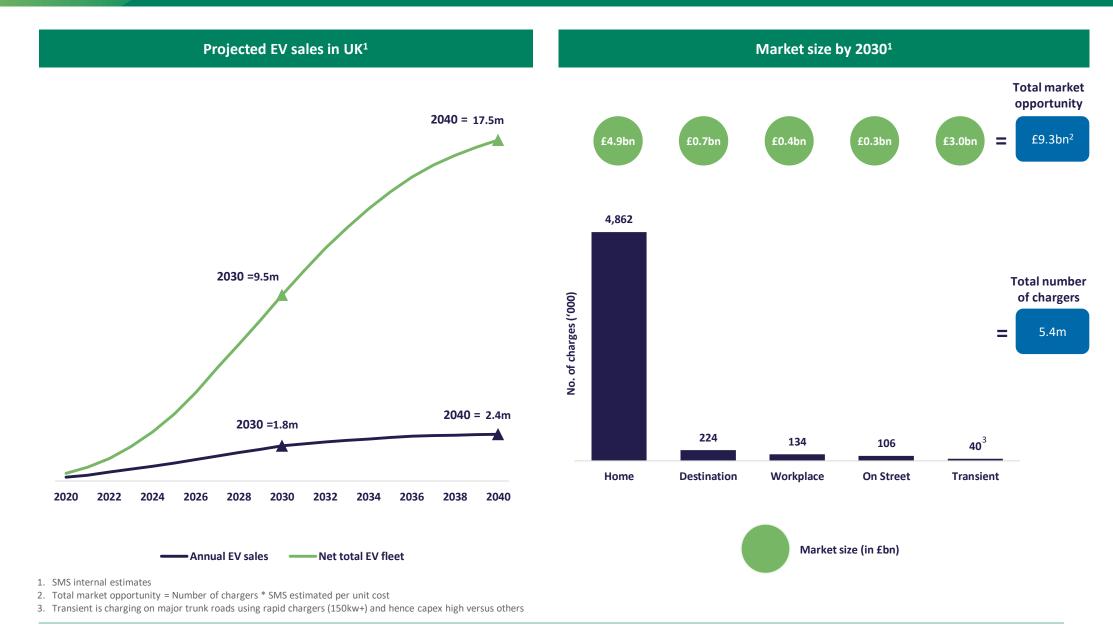
## ADM<sup>™</sup> video



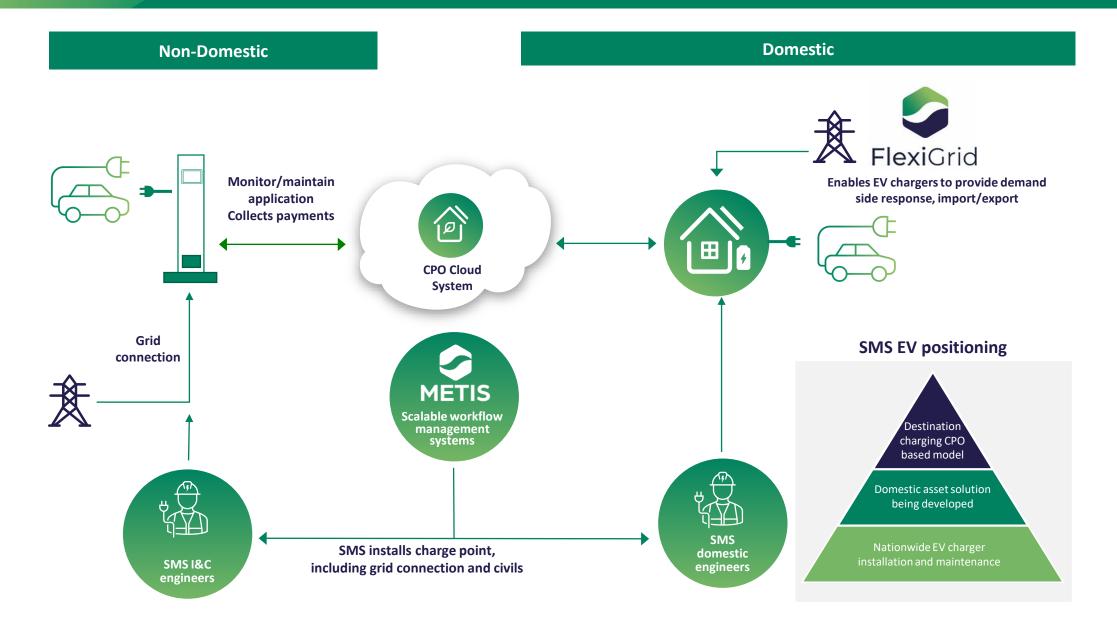
# III. Electric vehicle (EV) charging

Guy Bartlett, Director, EV charging infrastructure

## EV is an accelerating market with strong growth drivers



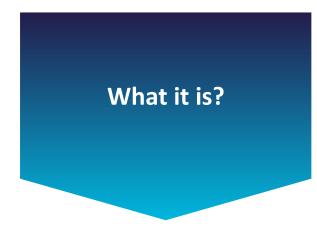
## SMS charging offering and technology integration



## **IV. Energy services**

Sean Keating, Director, Energy services

## **Energy efficiency: background**



- Energy efficiency is at the heart of environmental sustainability
- Projects involve deployment of lighting, heating, hot water, cooling, ventilation, monitoring and controls assets

Part of the future energy landscape

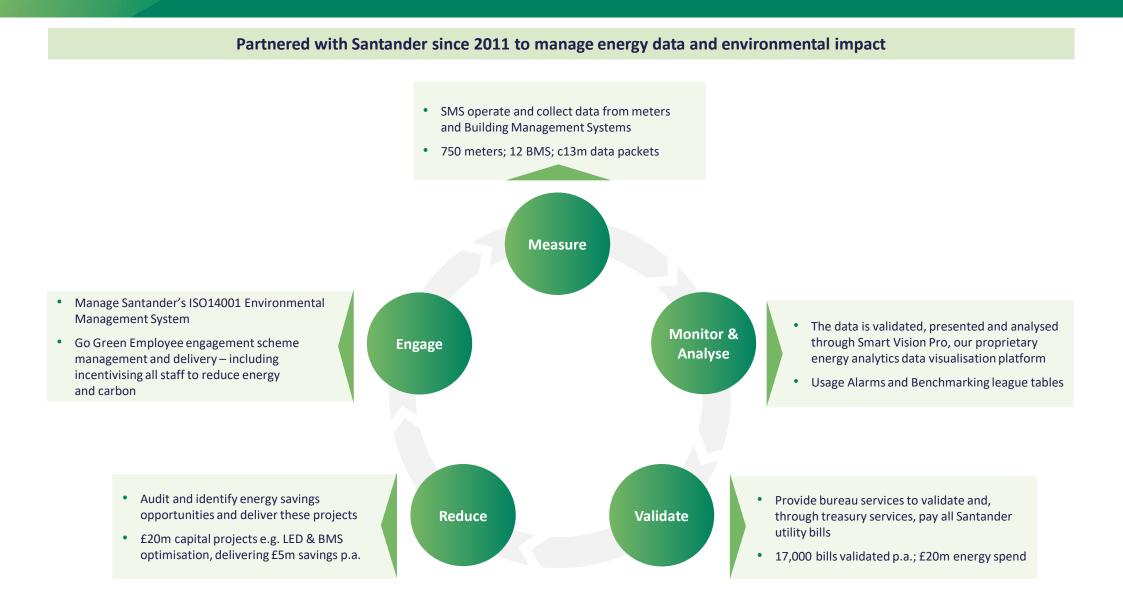
- Substantial improvements required for net zero; failure would drive decarbonisation cost
- According to the Committee on Climate Change, progress on the deployment of energy efficiency measures in buildings is running at <20% of the level recommended

#### SMS experience and expertise

SMS has >20 years of energy efficiency consulting and project delivery experience across infrastructure, hospitality, banking, retail, data centres, local government and industry

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## **Case study: Santander Bank**



## **Energy efficiency market size**



## V. Heat John Flaherty, Director, Electrification of Heat infrastructure

## **Heat: background**

#### Decarbonisation of heat is one of the biggest challenges facing the transition to net zero



- Mandated 158,000 retrofit meters on current heat networks as well as 93,000 for new build before 2025
- UK government target of 5 million buildings on district heat networks by 2050, which will all need heat meters

## Storage heaters

- Approx 2 million homes are heated with storage systems
- 12GW of electrical load which can be added to the FlexiGrid platform to access Balancing Mechanism revenues

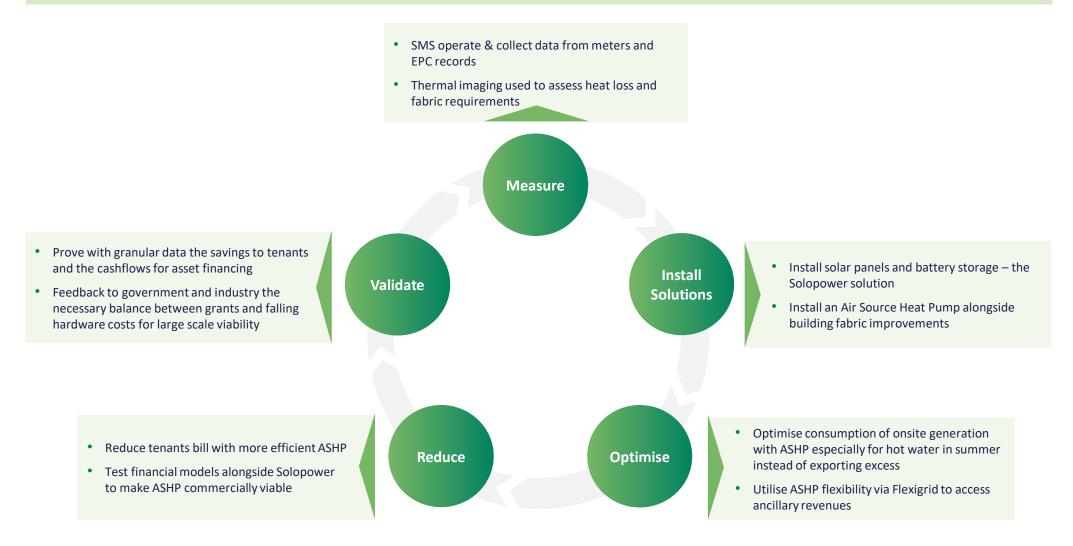


- 19 million heat pumps required by 2050; aim for 600k installed p.a. by 2028
- Potential for 'Heat as a Service' offerings
- Integrated with FlexiGrid to access additional revenue streams from demand side response

Source: The Heat Network (Metering and Billing) (Amendment) Regulations 2020, The Committee on Climate Change, OFGEM, GOV.UK, SMS internal estimates

## **Case Study: Doric project**

#### SMS is partnering with Aberdeen City Council for a £5.2m project backed by the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund Demonstrator



# **5. Business support services**

- I. Technology
- II. ESG
- III. Finance

## I. Technology Tony McCandless, CIO

## **Information security**



- Security Monitoring & Analytics
  - Industry Leading Security Technology
  - Skilled Resource
  - Security Partnerships
  - Governance

#### SMS made seamless transition to working from home since COVID-19, demonstrating business continuity

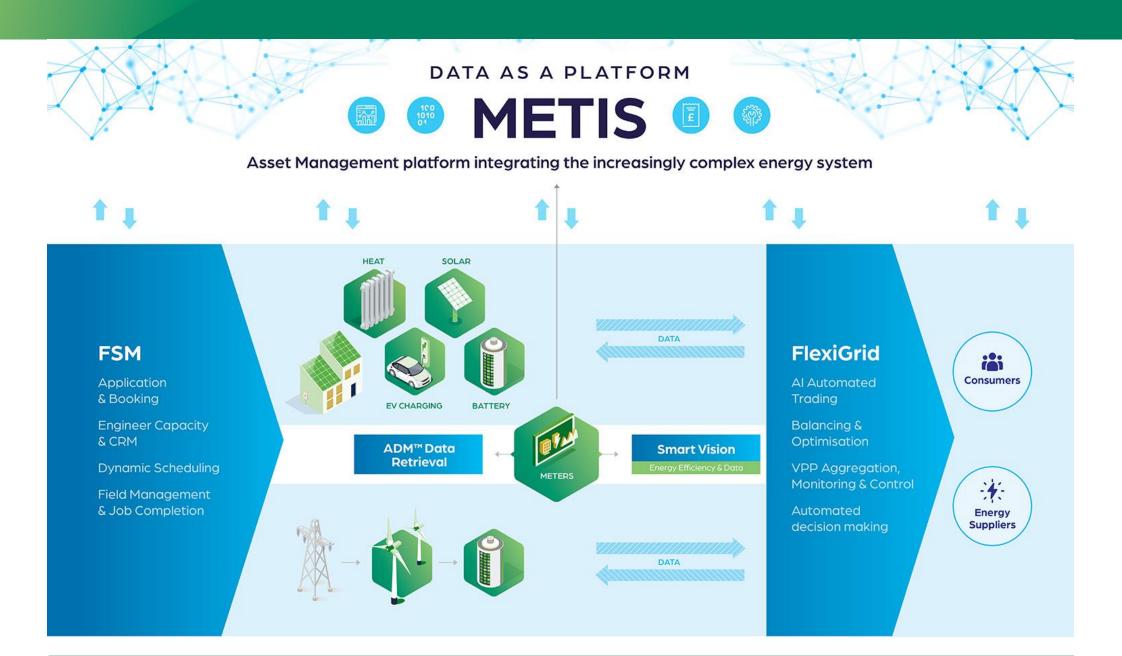


- Significant proportion of digital estate running on Cloud providing access to near-unlimited processing and storage capabilities
- Services running across multiple availability zones (highly available data centers) providing automatic fail-over, additional scalability and reliability



- Number of key business services are hosted on-premise within a secure tier 3 facility
- More predictable workloads running on dedicated N+1 hardware, with near real time data replication, and full offsite back-ups

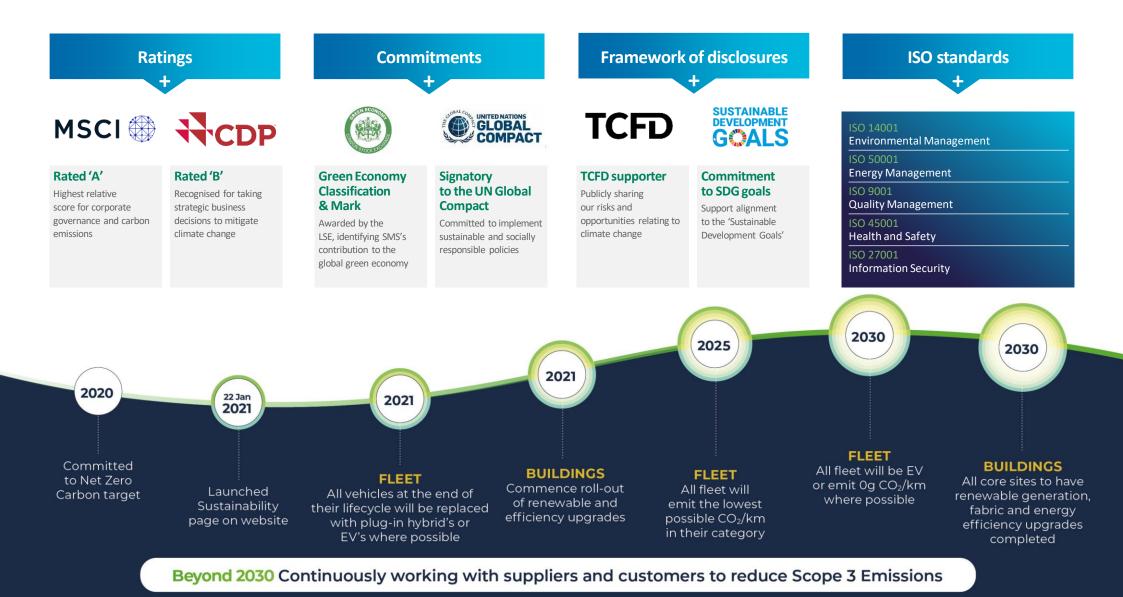
## **Technology platform: METIS**



# II. ESG

Charlotte Gregory, Head of Sustainability Judy Keir, Director, Group HR Iain Hyslop, Director, Health & Safety Gavin Urwin, CFO

## Environment: 'net-zero by 2030,' carbon negative beyond



## Aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals



- Achieved all improvement targets in 2020
- The Accident Frequency Rate decreased by over 70% to 0.05 RIDDORs
- Significant improvement (0.75 to 0.24) in Lost Time Incident Frequency Rate (LTIFR)



- Reliable **supplier relationships** with clear communications and requirements
- SMS Supplier Questionnaire screens suppliers on a range of ethical conduct.



- Supports and encourages gender diversity amongst its workforce
- **6% increase in female employees** represented in top quartile



- Energy services and solutions enables significant carbon mitigation by customers
- Our smart meters account for 9,718 tCO2e avoided emissions
- Our energy efficiency projects account for a further **5,291 tCO2e avoided emissions**



- Services centred on delivering energy assets that enable affordable, reliable, sustainable energy
- Solopower to reduce tenants' energy costs and decarbonise housing stock up to 90% of electricity
- 470MW pipeline in grid-scale batteries



- SMS adopts the provisions of the Quoted Companies Alliance's Corporate Governance Code
- Holds 5 ISO certified management systems: ISO 9001, ISO 45001, ISO 27001, ISO 14001 and ISO 50001

## Social: Our people and culture



## Social: a number of initiatives in motion

#### **Diversity and inclusion**

- External Medical Director BAME support during pandemic
- Ramadan (healthy heart), fuel poverty, suicide prevention etc.
- Finalist Utility Week Awards 2021 Employer of Year
- Participate in 2 mentoring schemes 'Career Ready' for high school students and 'Aleto Foundation' social mobility charity

#### Our people and culture

- Wellbeing and putting our people first
- Engagement Surveys: accredited by Best Companies as 'One to Watch' 2021
- Accredited Living Wage Employer
- Enhanced Maternity and Adoption Scheme
- New Pay and Reward Framework ensuring equity across Group
- Gender Pay Gap Reporting
- Shortlisted for Best Mental Health Award via 'Working Mums'

#### Supporting our communities

- Encouraged employees to support vulnerable people throughout pandemic
- Returned furlough grants to UK government; maintained 100% salary to significant majority of employees during pandemic
- Continued to support three nominated regional cancer charities
- Matched a variety of staff fundraising initiatives for charity and good causes
- Local community and biodiversity support at SMS grid-scale battery sites

#### Awards, memberships and accreditations



## Health and Safety: 'Vision zero'

#### Internal process and standards

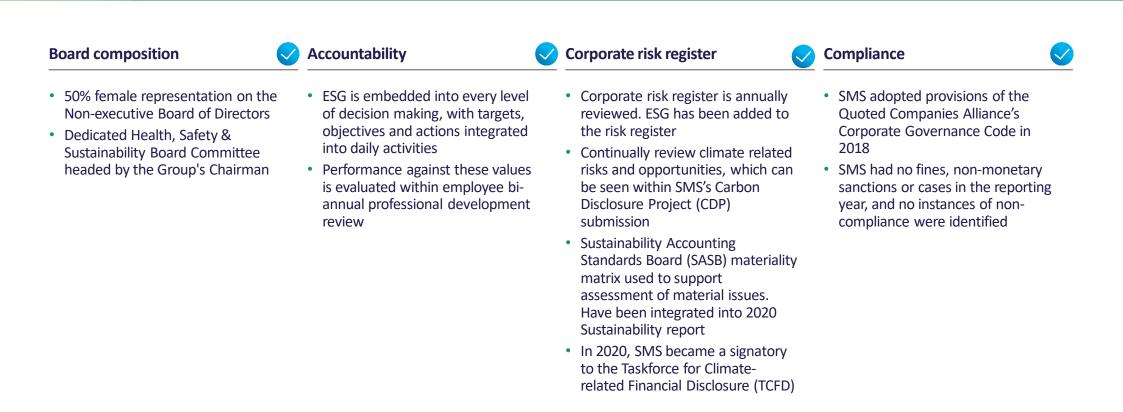
- The business operates to the international standards 9001, 14001 & 45001
- EQMS enables monitoring and reporting of performance all KPIs are on track or ahead of target
- Our regional SHEQ Forums ensure that the entire business is aligned with our Core Values and SHEQ Targets & Objectives
- Our Internal Audit Plan focuses on key business risks and drives improvement
- Our SHEQ training is comprehensive and is refreshed regularly via our electronic training platform Nimble

#### Three breakthrough objectives

- Safety, Health and Wellbeing: 'Vision zero' for zero accidents, healthy work and employee wellbeing
- Environment and Energy: 'Net-zero' reduce energy consumption and environmental impact
- Quality: Customer focus 100% customer satisfaction, zero non-conformance or complaints



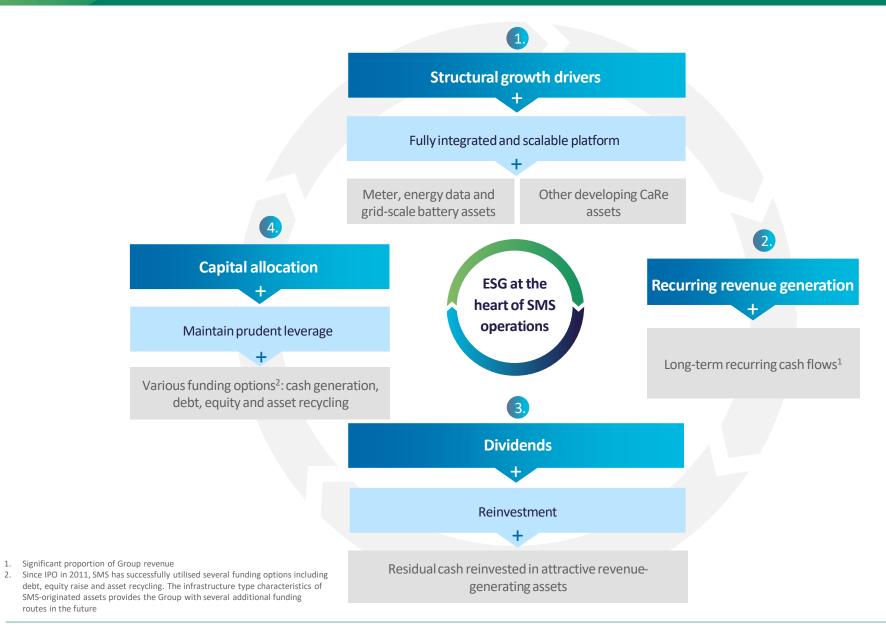
## **Governance: committed to the highest standards**



SMS has received the highest scoring range relative to global peers by MSCI for corporate governance



### **Our core strategic pillars**

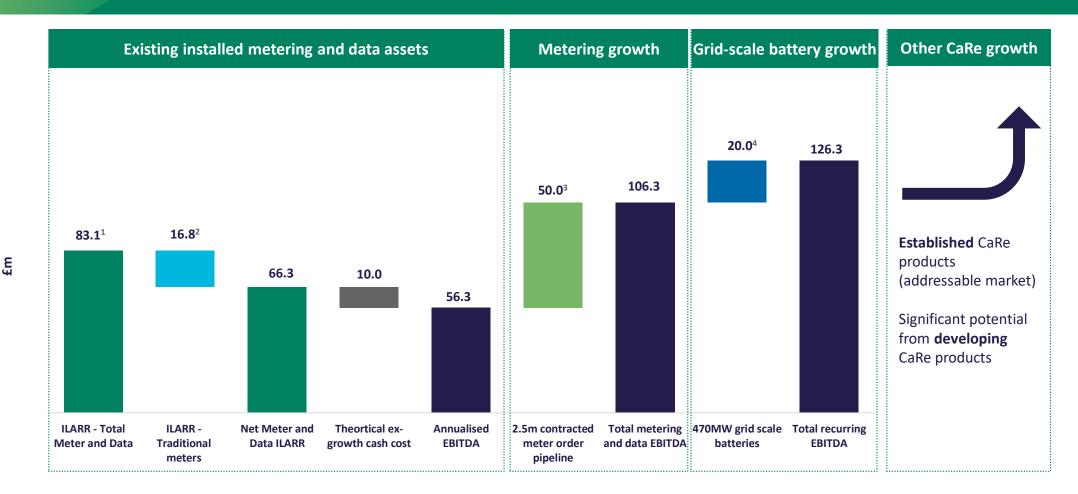


### **ILARR and EBITDA: consistent growth since IPO**



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## Secured and future long-term cash generation



## Significant growth in recurring earnings and cashflows through c.2.5m contracted smart meter order pipeline, 470MW exclusive grid-scale battery pipeline and developing CaRe products

<sup>1.</sup> Meter and data ILARR at 30 April 2021; also includes I&C HH electricity meter portfolio acquired in April 2021

<sup>2.</sup> Includes £13.1m relating to owned assets and £3.7m relating to third-party assets; assumes 100% removal

<sup>3.</sup> SMS meter rental contracts are linked to RPI; however, for simplicity, the presented ILARR calculation is based on real terms and does not incorporate any annual RPI escalations

<sup>4.</sup> Based on 11% starting EBITDA yield contribution and an assumed capex of c.£380k per MW

## **Disciplined and prudent leverage**



## Asset recycling in 2020 has unlocked significant value

Meter assets gross ILARR sold (Completed April 2020)	£18.4m <sup>1</sup>	Average age 4.7 years <sup>2</sup>
Disposal gross proceeds	£290.6m	
Implied ILARR multiple achieved	16.4x net <sup>3</sup>	
Retained ILARR (at 30 April 2021)	£83.1m	

✓ Disposal has reset SMS's balance sheet to net cash and unlocked significant growth potential in meter and CaRe assets

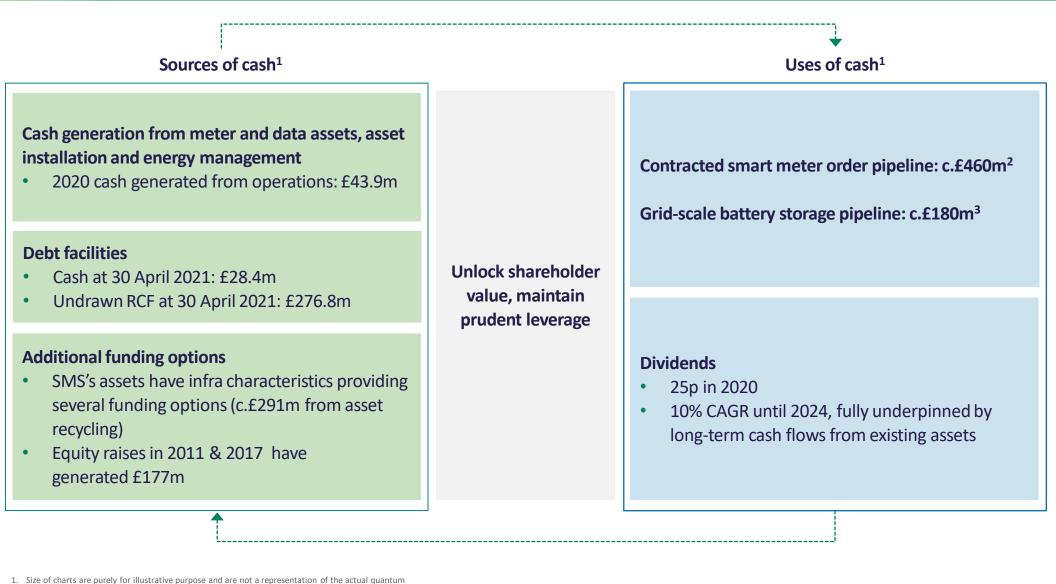
✓ Enhanced dividends with intention to grow at 10% CAGR until 2024

<sup>1.</sup> Disposal of a minority of meter asset portfolio

<sup>2.</sup> Weighted by ILARR

<sup>3.</sup> Net includes the retained RPI-linked management fee of £0.8m p.a.

## **Capital allocation**

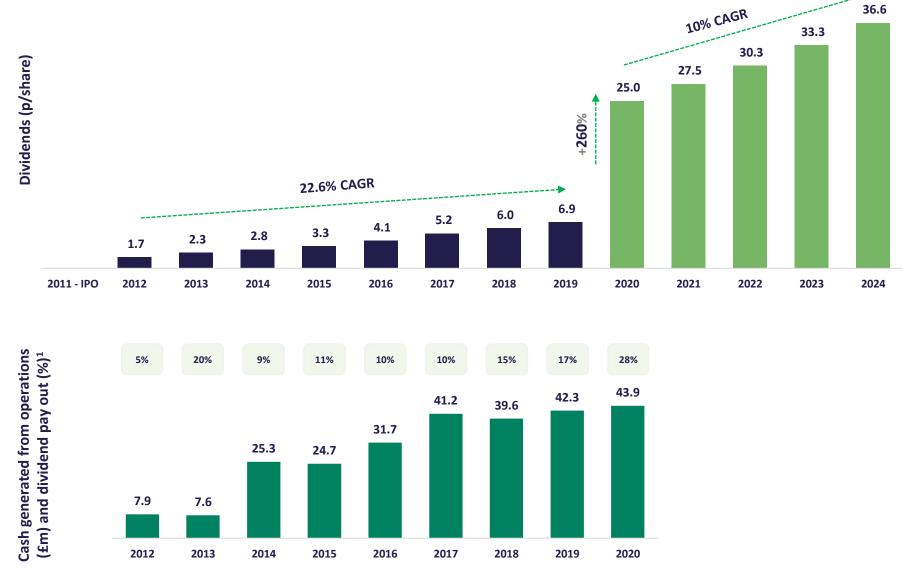


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 Contracted smart meter order pipeline of c.2.5m meters

<sup>2.</sup> Contracted smart meter order pipeline of c.2.5m meters

<sup>3.</sup> Grid-scale battery storage assets pipeline of 470MW; construction commenced on 90MW; rights to a further 100MW acquired

## **Dividend policy underpinned by existing long-term cash flows**



1. Dividend paid divided by cash generated from operations

## 6. Summary and outlook Alan Foy, CEO

## **Summary and outlook**

#### At the heart of low-carbon revolution

- SMS platform develops and integrates carbon reduction (CaRe) assets and energy data solutions
- Committed to net-zero by 2030; carbon negative beyond

#### **Existing ILARR provides strong foundation**

- Existing ILARR of £83.1m provides long-term cash flow visibility with ability to withstand economic shocks
- Inflation linked contracts provides strong protection against inflationary environment

#### Significant growth from decarbonisation agenda: contracted and addressable opportunities

- Contracted pipeline of c.2.5m meters and 470MW grid-scale battery storage assets alone will significantly grow EBITDA
- Significantly scalable platform with additional addressable £1.2bn EBITDA opportunity in established CaRe products
- Additional market opportunity from developing products for behind-the meter, ADM<sup>™</sup> Australia, EV charging, energy efficiency and heat

#### Strong liquidity position; prudent leverage

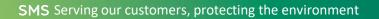
- SMS assets have high-quality infra characteristics providing several alternative funding options to maximise value
- Net cash position; maintain leverage at prudent levels

#### Sustainable long-term dividend policy

- 10% dividend CAGR until 2024 covered by existing meter and data assets; thereafter cash flows continue to grow at RPI
- Further value accretion from additional growth opportunities

#### Safety, customer excellence, innovation, pride, sustainability





## **Financial calendar**

Ex-dividend date:	01 July 2021	
Record date:	02 July 2021	
Payment date:	29 July 2021	
Post-close H1 2021 trading update:	28 July 2021	
H1 2021 results announcement:	14 September 2021	



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