Interactive Session Results

Workshop attendees were asked to provide answers to questions posed via an interactive voting system that enabled real-time voting via mobile phones, laptops etc. The results to a selection of these have been provided below.

Readers are reminded that these results showcase snap-shot responses to complex considerations. Additionally, the charts below represent answers from the 28-32 workshop attendees who voted on the day and should therefore be treated as indicative results only.

![Bar Chart: Which set of barriers most inhibit the deployment of system-wide Energy Storage?](image)

Regulatory, commercial and political barriers were seen as the key barriers to system-wide energy storage.

![Bar Chart: On which time-frame will the system-wide need for Energy Storage be most valuable?](image)

2030 was deemed a most valuable/critical timeframe for an optimal mix of system-wide energy storage services to be in place.
Resilience and Flexibility (optionality) were key themes from the day; with security, lower system cost providing secondary themes.

Electrical storage was deemed to be of greatest importance, followed by gas and thermal storage.
A key message from the day was that a dedicated independent party, or dedicated government body should be assigned as a tool to design, advise on and facilitate the UK energy system from a whole-systems perspective.

As shown above, the question of whether storage requires its own regulatory treatment or its own governance framework created a fairly even split amongst workshop attendees. Since the workshop, a number of additional interviews have been carried out and so far, the answer leans more towards ‘no’. It is felt that a truly flexible and resilient market should be able to accommodate storage and its services.
The below final interactive question presented as a wordle is perhaps a clear indication of where ERP’s key report messages could lead and of the impact this work could have. The project analysis is still underway and will continue to be informed via interviews and further research - however at this stage it is clear that recurrent themes are surfacing, and requirements such as those in the largest text below, are being called for. ERP aims to provide more detail in its full report due out in October 2016.