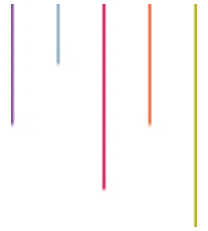


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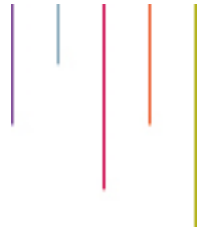
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Executive Summary

About the ABI

The [Association of British Insurers](#) is the voice of the UK's world-leading insurance and long-term savings industry. A productive and inclusive sector, our industry supports towns and cities across Britain in building back a balanced and innovative economy, employing over **350,000** individuals in high-skilled, lifelong careers, two-thirds of whom are outside of London.

Our members manage investments of **£1.6 trillion**, pay over **£17.2 billion** in taxes to the Government and support communities and businesses across the UK by enabling trade, risk-taking, investment and innovation. We are also a global success story, the largest in Europe and the fourth largest in the world.

The ABI represents over **200** member companies, including most household names and specialist providers, giving peace of mind to customers across the UK.



Our work on Climate Change

We launched our [new purpose and a three-year strategy](#) at the start of 2023. This confirmed our **ongoing prioritisation of work on climate change**, with the strategy's focus on People and Planet.

Our purpose

Together, driving change to protect and build a thriving society

We continue to encourage members to do more on climate change, through our status as an 'Accelerator' for the [UN-backed 'Race To Zero' campaign](#). Our work to raise awareness and promote best practice includes our annual Climate Summits, our programme of Climate Clinics (in partnership with KPMG) and roundtables to raise awareness.

We have also submitted detailed responses to the UK Government's **Green Finance Strategy** consultation and the Rt Hon Chris Skidmore's independent review of **Net Zero**.

We also work to provide guidance to members on key topics, to emphasise how insurance and long-term savings can make a contribution.

This includes:

- Our newly published [Guide To Action on Nature](#)
- Our 2022 guidance on [Green Supply Chains](#)
- Our work to contribute to the outputs of the [Climate Financial Risk Forum](#)

To coincide with our 2023 Climate Summit, we have also updated our [Climate Change Roadmap](#) to ensure it reflects the current status of our activities. We intend for this to remain the first port-of-call for those within our sector looking to take action on climate change.

We also **committed to providing an annual update** on our progress in driving forward the work outlined in the Roadmap. We have provided updates on the progress made on each of our four pillars since the Roadmap was launched, and then identified the actions we want to see in the following twelve months.

We **conducted a pulse survey** across our membership to measure progress against the

Roadmap milestones. Two years on from launching our Roadmap, we remain confident that the majority of our members will meet the 2025 milestones it sets.

Across the whole sector, good progress is being made setting targets and preparing Transition Plans:

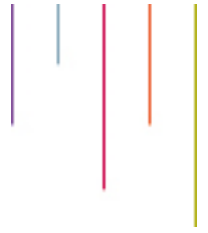
- **28 out of 33 respondents** (84%) have already set a Net Zero target that has been approved by their Boards and are already developing their Net Zero Transition Plan, well in advance of this becoming mandatory.
- Of these, **23 targets have published for external scrutiny** and 24 now cover Scopes 1,2 and 3 emissions in full (while others are still working on establishing a target to cover Scope 3 emissions)
- **5 of our members** have already published their Transition Plans – and we expect more to follow soon.
- 30 out of 33 respondents are on track to reach the 2025 milestone for directly controlled emissions.
- Even in the context of ongoing pressures on energy security and living costs, the risks of failing to tackle climate change are so severe that we have to stay focussed on delivering on the four pillars of our Roadmap.

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A dark purple banner with white text. The text reads 'ClimateWise Principle 1' in a bold sans-serif font, with 'Be accountable' in a smaller, italicized sans-serif font below it.

ClimateWise Principle 1
Be accountable



ClimateWise Sub-Principle 1.1

Ensure that the organisation's board is working to incorporate the ClimateWise Principles into business strategy and has oversight of climate risks and opportunities.

ABI Board

The ABI Board has overall responsibility for setting the direction of the ABI and overseeing delivery of our three-year [Purpose & Strategy](#), and delivery of our annual Business Plan. You can read the ABI conditions of membership [here](#) and see a full list of ABI members [here](#).

The ABI Board therefore has overall responsibility for ensuring the ABI delivers on its Climate Change and Sustainability objectives and for overseeing the progress of our Climate Change Roadmap.

The Board has an independent Chair (Rt Hon. Baroness Nicky Morgan) and an independent Senior Non Executive Director (Baroness Dianne Hayter). The ABI Board also includes the ABI President and Deputy President, who act as representatives for the industry in discussions with stakeholders. We have recently [appointed](#) Tim Bailey (UK Executive, Zurich) and Clare Bousfield, CEO Retail and Savings, M&G plc) to these roles.

A full list of the ABI Board members is [here](#).

The ABI Board met on the following occasions during this reporting period.

- 10 October 2022
- 8 December 2022
- 1 February 2023
- 5 April 2023
- 27 June 2023
- 5 July 2023 (Board Strategy Session)

At each meeting, the Director's Report contains an update on each aspect of our Purpose & Strategy, including all our work on climate and sustainability. Board members are also provided with updates from each of our Board sub-groups, including those covering Climate Change.

At the meeting on 5 April 2023, two agenda items included detailed discussions on climate change issues.

During a discussion on Climate Change and Nature, the Board:

- Discussed progress delivering the ABI Climate Roadmap, engagement with the Government on its Green Finance Strategy and how to ensure that climate reporting was effective.
- Approved the proposed structure and approach for developing a Nature Strategy (to be published on the day of the ABI Climate Summit – 4 July).
- Discussed the delivery of the climate change items on the ABI's 2023 Business Plan, including resourcing and a proposed secondment arrangement with an ABI member firm.

At each meeting in 2023, the ABI Board received regular updates and discussed the development of the ABI's Investment Delivery Forum (which was formally launched in July 2023). These discussions covered green

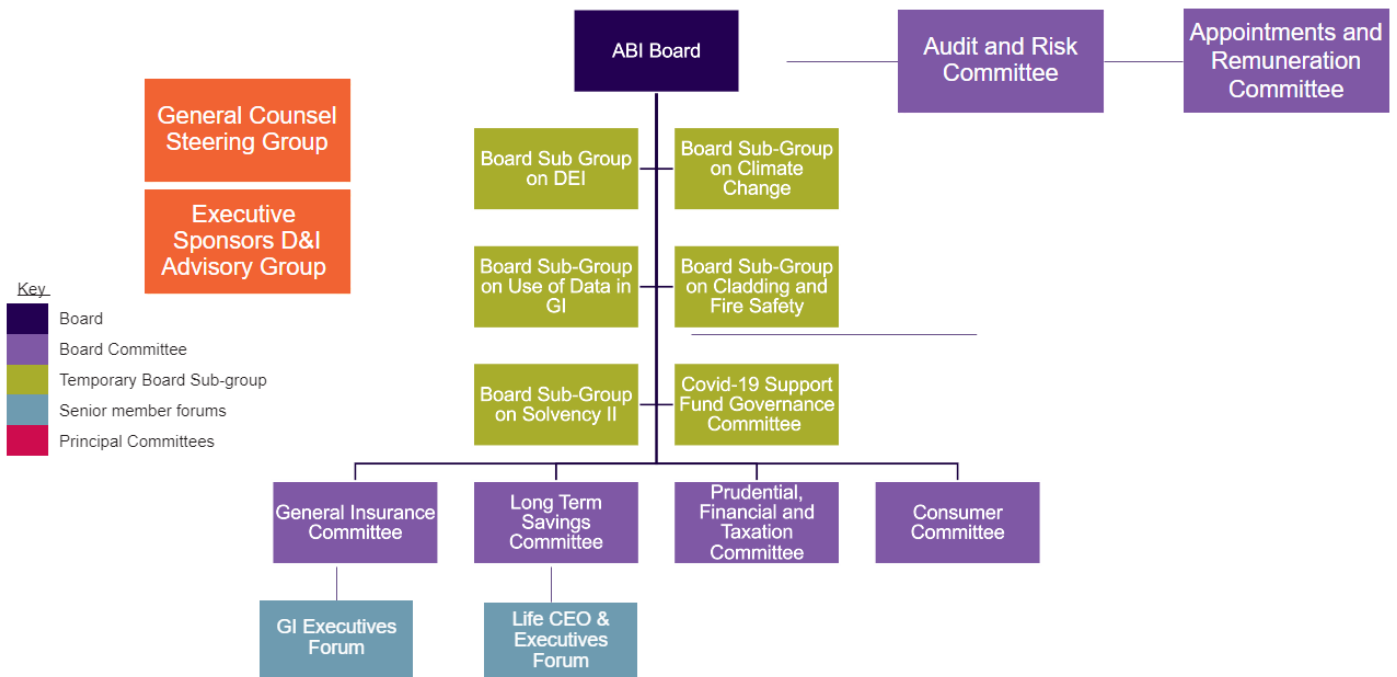
investment and climate change topics, which will continue to form a key part of the IDF’s work.

At the meeting on 27 June 2023, climate change featured as part of a wider agenda item discussion on pension investments.

Board Committees and advisory groups

The work of the ABI Board is supported by a set of committees and advisory groups:

- General Insurance Committee (GIC)
- Long Terms Savings Committee (LTSC)
- Prudential, Financial and Taxation Committee (PFTC)
- Consumer Committee (CC)
- Audit & Risk Committee, Appointments and Remuneration Committee
- General Counsel Steering Group and Executive Sponsors D&I Advisory Group
- Board Sub-Groups:
 - Climate Change
 - Cladding and Fire Safety
 - GI Pricing – change to data
 - Solvency II
 - DEI
 - Covid-19 Support Fund Governance Committee



General Insurance Committee

At each meeting, the General Insurance Committee receives a written update on the ABI's climate change roadmap and progress on delivery of the climate change priorities in the ABI Business Plan.

In June 2023 the General Insurance Committee welcomed Andy Bord, Chief Executive of Flood Re, to update on the scheme's progress and the embedding of their 'Build Back Better' (BBB) initiative. Flood Re, funded by a levy on the insurance industry, enables access to affordable insurance for flood risk homeowners. A key recent initiative has been changes to the scheme that enable insurers to fund property-level resilience measures as part of the claims process on homes they have ceded into the scheme, which subsequently flood. This helps to make properties more resilient to flood risk in the future. Flood Re reported that 63% of the UK market is now committed to offer the option of BBB, with the ambition that BBB becomes an integral component within all home insurance policies within the next year. The Committee discussed with Flood Re ways to encourage insurers not yet committed to BBB to bring them onboard.

Long Term Savings Committee (LTSC)

In September 2022 the Long Term Savings Committee discussed the ABI's new Stewardship Forum, set up to collect good practice and successes members have had on stewardship. The information gathered helps the ABI advocate for our members on ESG and stewardship, both publicly and in communication with stakeholders.

The Committee was also briefed on our work on climate change in March, and our wider work on stewardship and social factors in ESG. The LTSC ensured that climate risk was part of the agenda and ABI positioning in the heightened debate on use of illiquid assets, especially following the Budget in March 2023, which highlighted plans for reforms to pension investment to stimulate UK growth.

General Counsel Steering Group (GC Steering Group)

In its October 2022 meeting, the GC Steering Group welcomed Rebecca Perlman, Grant Murtagh, Shantanu Naravane and Simon Clarke from Herbert Smith Freehills to give an overview of legal and regulatory issues relating to Greenwashing. In its 1 March 2023 meeting, the GC Steering Group also welcomed Stephen Braviner Roman (General Counsel for the FCA) who discussed ESG as part of his overall discussion on the FCA's Sustainability Disclosure Requirements (SDR).

Hannah Gurga, Director General

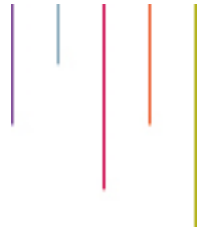
With climate change a key part of our Purpose and Strategy, the ABI's Director General Hannah Gurga regularly raises climate change issues when she meets with our stakeholders. Meetings during this reporting period where climate change formed a key part of the agenda included:

22 March 2023 – City of London & 3Ci Guildhall Dinner

Discussions were focused on Net Zero Neighbourhoods, the National Net Zero Pipeline, and Investable Cities.

14 April 2023 – Clare Bousfield, Chief Executive, Retail & Savings, M&G

Had discussions around Board Sub-Group on climate and on our wider plans in this space.



11 May 2023 – Chris Hayward, Chairman of Policy & Resources, City of London

Discussed the Net Zero Delivery Summit. Climate is a shared priority.

6 June 2023 – Tim Grafton, Insurance Council of New Zealand

Discussed the serious climate events suffered in New Zealand over recent months and the national state of emergency. Climate change is a shared priority for both organisations.

26 June 2023 – ABI Summer Reception

Darren Moorcroft, CEO of the Woodland Trust provided the keynote speech.

4 July 2023 – ABI Climate Change Summit

Covered our Climate Change Roadmap, key climate milestones for 2025 and the delivery points. future challenges and how to overcome them and extending the industry's leadership shown on reaching Net Zero into other sustainable projects.

11 July 2023 – Charlotte Gerken, Executive Director, Insurance Supervision, PRA

This was a regular meeting and covered the ABI Guide to Action on Nature. We were keen to understand the Bank's work and work together on the subject.

19 July 2023 – Lukky Ahmed, Co-Founder & CEO of Climate X

Climate X are an associate member of the ABI. This was an introductory meeting.

ClimateWise Sub-Principle 1.2

Describe management's (below board-level responsibility) role in assessing and managing climate-related issues.

ABI Executive and Management Team oversight of our Climate Change Work

Charlotte Clark (Director of Regulation) has overall Executive responsibility for climate change – this follows Ben Wilson leaving the ABI.

Ben Howarth (Chief Sustainability Officer) now reports directly to Charlotte Clark.

The ABI Executive Team regularly considers progress on climate change when it assesses progress on our Business Plan. On 13 February, Ben Howarth provided a presentation on our priorities and proposed workplan. During this discussion, the ET approved the proposal to develop a new Nature Strategy, our planned response to the publication of the Government's Green Finance Strategy and resourcing our work (including proposals to recruit a secondee from a member firm to lead additional projects).

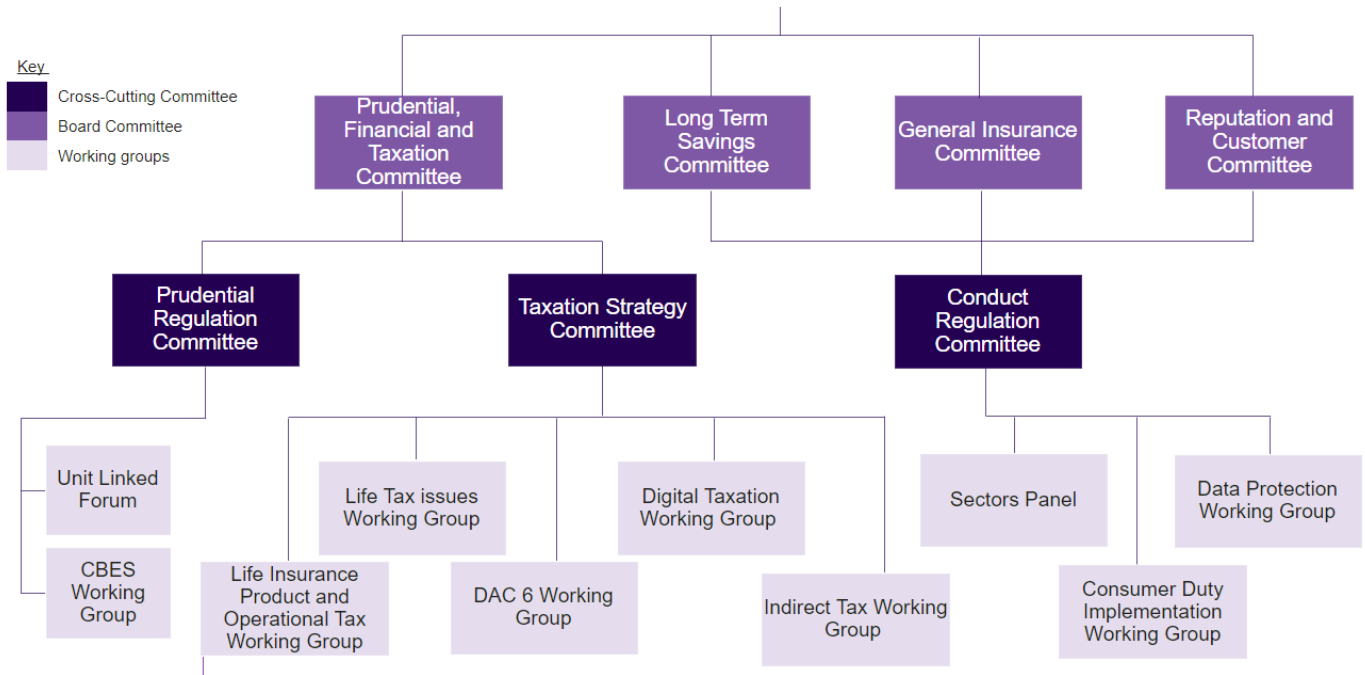
ABI Committees and Member Groups

The Protection and Health Committee

In June 2023, the Protection and Health Committee (then the Protection and Health Board) approved a suggestion from health insurance-members in the Health Subgroup to shift its primary focus in the 2024 work plan towards climate change, net zero, sustainability, reporting, science-based targets, and the supply chain. Part of the ABI business plan is to lead the industry's transition to a sustainable future and to reach net zero by 2050. The ABI climate change Roadmap Pillar 3 also captures the importance of tackling the industry's indirect operations and supply chain (scope 3) issues.

To support this focus, particularly on indirect operations and supply chain issues (scope 3), the insurance members of the Health Subgroup will explore avenues to drive progress in the independent healthcare sector. Members of the Health Subgroup will seek to support the adaptation of a more consistent reporting approach and the implementation of science-based targets for reducing the carbon footprint of independent healthcare.

Regulatory Committees



Conduct Regulation Committee

The reporting period represented a step change in ABI’s Conduct Regulation Committee engagement with climate-related matters as the FCA enhanced its regulatory focus in this space.

In December 2022, the committee discussed the FCA’s consultation on Sustainability Disclosure Requirements and investment labels. The FCA’s proposals included welcome intentions to tackle greenwashing.

In March 2023, the committee was once again discussing measures related to climate change as it considered a wide-ranging FCA discussion paper on Finance for Positive Sustainable Change which was focussed on the ways in which governance, remuneration, incentives, and competencies could be better linked to sustainability and the wider ESG agenda.

In June 2023, an FCA representative attended the committee to provide an update on key FCA priorities including ESG. The committee also discussed ABI priorities connected to sustainability-related standards and regulations. June also included some further discussions of the topics covered in December and March.

Financial and Corporate Reporting Committee

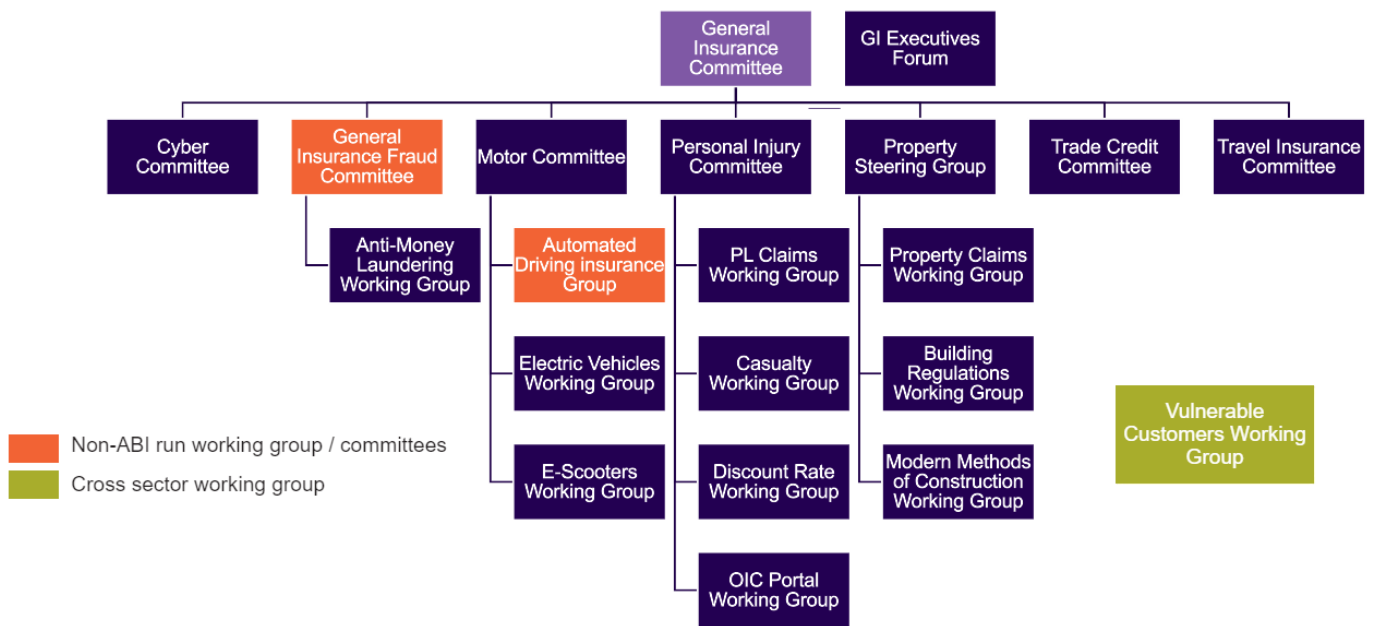
A key focus of the ABI’s Financial and Corporate Reporting Committee includes reporting around sustainability, ESG and climate change. Throughout the period August 2022 to July 2023, our committee meetings have covered important topics in the area of sustainability and climate reporting. These topics include:

- The UK’s green taxonomy,
- Pronouncements from the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) including the newly launched Sustainability Standards IFRS S1 and S2,
- The FCA’s Sustainability Disclosure requirement (SDR) regime,

- The FCA’s discussion paper on Finance for Positive sustainable change
- Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) reporting,
- The consultation from the Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF),
- Transition planning, and
- Nature related financial disclosures.

The committee meetings regularly include developments on sustainability and climate reporting matters in the EU as well.

General Insurance Committees



Property Steering Group

Reporting to the GIC and meeting quarterly, the Property Steering Group identifies, develops and leads strategic initiatives on key issues affecting Household and Commercial Property insurance, so that these products can continue to meet the needs of customers and wider society.

Particular focus this year, has included work on flooding, including work on Property Flood resilience, with most members now signing up to Flood Re’s Build Back Better scheme, which provides households affected by flooding with up to £10,000 to spend on property flood resilience measures. The Group also has regular updates from Flood Re, and provides challenge on future direction of Flood Re and wider policy discussions on floods.

Sub-Groups, Working Groups and Networks

Climate Change Working Group

This is the primary decision-making forum for our Climate Change work, with the ABI Board and Board Sub-Group responsible for overseeing the work of this group and setting the overall strategic direction.

In 2023, we have formalised the work of this group so that its meetings are diarised in advance. 5 meetings have been organised for 2023 – January, April and June - with the next meetings due in September and November 2023.

We have also expanded the membership of the group – we now have representatives from Aviva, AIG, AXA, Admiral, Ageas, BUPA, Direct Line Group, M&G, Rothesay, Royal London, RSA, Lloyds Banking Group/Scottish Widows, Pension Insurance Corporation (PIC), Phoenix, QBE and Zurich on the group. We continue to expand the membership and have recently invited Convex and Flood Re to join.

In response to member feedback, we have structured the agenda to allow more time for discussion amongst members – with a roundtable format where each member is asked to provide an update to the group on their current activities and priorities.

This discussion is then used to inform the ABI’s priorities and the agenda for future meetings. After each meeting, a detailed summary is sent to the group’s members to allow them to reflect on these issues further between meetings.

The group is then responsible for overseeing the ABI’s work – with a particular focus on the responses to consultations and policy initiatives listed elsewhere in this submission.

Investment Delivery Forum (IDF)

In response to the ABI Board and Executive Team wanting to ensure the success of Solvency UK regulations – regulations that could free up to £100bn to be funnelled into green and good major infrastructure projects - the Executive Team set up the Investment Delivery Forum. This brings together expertise from our member firms, alongside a wealth of industry advisors. The Forum launched in July 2023 and will meet regularly. In addition, there are three sub-groups on energy generation, energy networks and housing and property. The ABI has committed to at least a year of supporting and driving the IDF, which should act as a facilitator and catalyst for funding green and good infrastructure, helping the industry, government and key stakeholders avoid delay and move forward together.

Property Claims Working Group

The Property Claims Working Group considers industry issues relating to property claims, for both commercial and household insurance. It meets on an ad hoc basis, usually 2 times a year and reports into the ABI’s Property Steering Group. Recent discussions have focused on issues such as the increased level of subsidence and the impact of climate change on this. Members of the group are considering the differing carbon impacts of underpinning. Making properties more resilient from flooding, means that there will be less damage to properties and belongings.

Electric Vehicles Working Group

The Electric Vehicles Working Group (EVG) is a subgroup of the Motor Committee. It is made up of roughly 20 members and seeks to identify insurance-related issues associated with electric vehicles and facilitate the transition towards an electrified fleet.

The group regularly invites subject matter experts to share knowledge on topics including developments in battery technologies, updates from vehicle manufacturers, and progress reports from the Government’s Office of Zero Emission Vehicles.

This year the group has plans to conduct further research into the insurance implications for EVs including supply chain considerations, use of green parts, and potential impacts on premiums.

Climate Change Network and Government and Public Affairs Network

The ABI maintains a Climate Change Network which is open to all ABI members with an interest in climate issues and currently has over 150 representatives. This Network is informed of relevant climate change developments in the insurance and long-term savings industry and related ABI activity, for instance consultations to which the ABI is coordinating responses.

The ABI's Government and Public Affairs member network is also used to co-ordinate industry activity, share consultation responses and update members regularly through public affairs contacts. Both networks are used to for email updates and there are also frequent updates on climate at the monthly Government and Public Affairs Network meetings. The Government and Public Affairs Network regularly welcomes guest speakers, which have included Government Ministers and political journalists who often touch on climate change issues during their presentations.



ClimateWise Principle 2

Incorporate climate-related issues into our strategies and investments

ClimateWise Sub-Principle 2.1

Evaluate the implications of climate change for business performance (including investments) and key stakeholders.

Climate Change is now incorporated fully into the ABI's strategy. We launched our new [Purpose and Strategy](#) in February 2023. One of our three external strategic priorities (People & Planet) focusses specifically on climate change and environment.

However, climate change is also central to our wider work as an organisation. Our focus on 'setting the ABI up for success' is designed to ensure that we represent the whole insurance market in the UK. Growing our membership will ensure our work on climate change reaches as many businesses as possible. Our focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is designed to ensure that our sector attracts the best talent – in turn, ensuring that we have the best available talent pool to deal with climate change.

As a trade association, the ABI's performance is determined by value provided to our member firms.

Ultimately, where climate risks impact the long-term performance of the sector we represent, in turn this will impact the operation of our organisation.

We are positioned to work with the industry and share knowledge as expectations from regulators, investors, and the public, along with a wide range of other external stakeholders increase in relation to climate change.

The implications that may affect ABI members are varied and wide-ranging, and could materialise in the short, medium, or long term.

We regularly undertake speaking engagements – both in public and private forums – to ensure our assessments are widely understood across the sector. This has included presenting to our fellow Race To Zero Accelerators in July 2023, speaking at the British Insurance Brokers Association (BIBA)'s annual conference in 2023, presenting at Insurance Investor Live in 2023, Broker Expo in October 2022 – as well as for a large number of online events and seminars. Engaging with as wide a range of stakeholders and audiences as possible is a key mechanism we use to test our assumptions, receive feedback and identify opportunities for collaboration.

Short Term

In the short term, the ABI provides proactive responses to public policy and regulatory developments on behalf of the insurance and long term savings industry (see sub-principle 6.1).

The process of developing these responses requires us to identify potential risk and propose solutions to them. For example, in responding to the FCA's recent discussion paper on 'Finance for Sustainable Positive Change', we held a roundtable with representatives from across our membership to understand the current status of the industry's work, examples of best practice and areas where firms would benefit from additional support from regulators. These were then compiled into a detailed written response and articulated to the FCA's sustainable finance team during a roundtable discussion.

In addition to the many ABI committees and working groups which undertake climate-related work, the ABI also has a robust schedule of events which is updated annually and often includes panels on climate change. Ensuring

a diverse range of speakers with different perspectives is a key mechanism by which we manage short-term climate risk – we make sure that members have the opportunity to hear from people outside the industry who can challenge their perspectives or introduce new ideas to the discussion. More details of these events are provided elsewhere in this submission.

We are active in working with key stakeholders – these forums are key to ensuring that we have a full assessment of emerging and changing climate risks. In addition to our position on the ClimateWise Insurance Advisory Council and the Managing Committee, we also sit on climate and green finance groups for TheCityUK and the City of London’s IRSG. We also participate in the FCA-PRA Climate Financial Risk Forum and have recently joined the Climate Change Committee’s Business Advisory Group. Our membership of CISL’s Business Groups Alliance, which allows to hear from counterpart trade bodies across multiple sectors and the UN Race To Zero campaign organises regular meetings with our fellow Accelerators, allowing us to hear perspectives from across the globe.

Our annual update to the Climate Change Roadmap contains an assessment of how we are delivering on the 2025 milestones and on progress against each of the four pillars. This was informed by a ‘pulse survey’ of members to ensure that we understand the progress they are making. These updates are all published on the ABI website and can be [read in full here](#).

Medium Term

In the medium term, the ABI builds on the short-term work described above by considering how the industry is likely to evolve.

The ABI’s Climate Change Roadmap is designed to include a set of 2025 milestones – each of these has been designed to ensure that firms are able to look beyond immediate regulatory obligations and consider how they will need to be positioned to reach longer-term climate goals.

Meeting these 2025 milestones will allow our members to have a structure in place to then adapt towards the longer-term changes that come with the 2030 and 2050 carbon reduction targets the Roadmap sets.

Long Term

The main measure by which we seek to address longer-risk is through horizon scanning and commissioning new research and thought leadership.

As well as the shorter-term milestones, our Climate Change Roadmap articulates the role that the industry can play in helping society adapt to climate change (both the changes needed to move to a Net Zero economy and the adaptations needed to manage increased exposure to extreme weather).

In 2023, we developed a detailed Guide to Action on Nature. Though a nascent issue where there are only very limited regulatory obligations in effect, the purpose of the Guide was to ensure that we start taking an action on an issue with have identified as one of the most significant long-term risks that needs to be managed. Early action on this topic will also ensure ABI members can maximise the many opportunities that can come from protecting and enhancing nature.

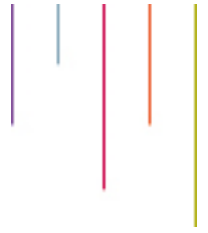
Planned Activities

A key focus for the ABI in 2023/24 will be supporting our members to draft Transition Plans. This will require us to consider where insurers can work together to manage climate risk, and to identify potential barriers that would increase the risk of failing to adequately manage climate risk.

In H2 2023, we plan to consider in more detail the health impacts of climate change and the role of health and protection insurance in achieving Net Zero commitments. In particular, we will research whether Scope Three emissions are being reported by private and public healthcare providers across the world to identify approaches that could work in the UK.

We will complete our annual review of the Climate Roadmap, ensuring that it aligns with our current assessment of climate risks and we will publish an update in Q2 2024 setting out progress made. This will be particularly important as it will mark 12 months until the 2025 milestones need to be met.

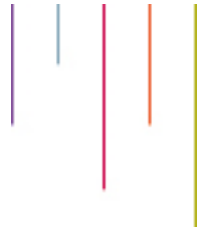
We will continue to deliver on our three year strategy. Growing our membership base will ensure our climate work reaches a wider part of the industry. We plan an extensive campaign to attract new people to work in the sector, which will emphasise the opportunity working in insurance and long-term savings offers to people who want to help address climate change.



ClimateWise Sub-Principle 2.2

Measure and disclose the implications of climate-related issues for business performance (including investments) and key stakeholders.

Exemption granted 05/05/2022 in publication of 2023 *ClimateWise Submission Guidance* document.



ClimateWise Sub-Principle 2.3

Incorporate the material outcomes of climate risk scenarios into business (and investment) decision making.

Exemption granted 05/05/2022 in publication of 2023 *ClimateWise Submission Guidance* document.

An aerial photograph of several icebergs of various sizes floating in a dark teal ocean. The icebergs are white and light blue, with some showing signs of melting and cracking. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the textures of the ice.

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ClimateWise Principle 3

*Lead in the identification, understanding
and management of climate risk*

ClimateWise Sub-Principle 3.1

Ensure processes for identifying, assessing and managing climate-related risks and opportunities are integrated within the organisation (including investments).

As a trade association, the risks and opportunities presented by climate change will primarily impact us through our member firms. As such our processes for identifying, assessing, and managing climate-related risks and opportunities are focussed on analysing the impact of climate change on the members we represent and who ultimately finance the vast majority of the ABI's activities and operations (unlike some other trade associations, only a very small proportion of our revenue comes from commercial activities). With the ABI Board making climate change a top priority within the 2022 Business Plan, it reflects the ABI's dedication to understanding and supporting its members' exposure to climate-related risk.

Climate Change Roadmap

The ABI's Climate Change Roadmap was launched in 2021 and represents our in-depth assessment of where the ABI's membership of UK-based firms are most impacted and, in turn, where they can have the most impact on climate risk. At its launch the Roadmap was endorsed by Mark Carney and by UK and Scottish Government Ministers, as well as by ABI members, and we believe this is the first initiative of this kind by any insurance market in the world.

To coincide with the 2023 Climate Summit, the ABI published its second set of annual progress updates on the Climate Change Roadmap. This update on the Roadmap includes updates from our members, showing the progress we have made, with 84% already having set targets and begun developing transition plans, in advance of this becoming mandatory. Based on this analysis, we are confident that the majority of our members remain on track to meet the 2025 milestones, but we also recognise that this momentum must not halt if we are to do so. Therefore the update identifies a range of activities that we will undertake and also policy actions that will be required. This update can be read in full [here](#).

Identifying and Prioritising Risks and Opportunities

We regularly attend external events, conferences, and seminars to ensure that the organisation is fully abreast of climate-related key risks and opportunities, including on associated issues such as ESG for long-term savings; climate risk management; climate taxonomies; and financial reporting.

Dissemination of information across the business by these colleagues ensures that the ABI is confidently able to assess its compliance with current and emerging regulatory requirements.

ABI Committee Structure

If an emerging risk or opportunity is identified, the ABI Committee structure (detailed in our response to Principle One above) allows for these to be considered by the relevant industry experts, so they can be effectively assessed and managed.

Climate Change Network

The ABI distributes all relevant developments regarding climate change policy, regulation, or news to members via the matrix of committees and working groups, and also via the dedicated Climate Change Network. The Network has over 150 representatives from a wide range of our member firms.

This network not only allows us to ensure relevant information reaches the right people efficiently, but also allows us to gather input from members on key issues as required. The ABI also publishes a Climate Change Newsletter to over 200 subscribers, which includes key industry announcements, developments to note, and future opportunities for members to engage with the ABI and industry specialists.

ABI Conferences and Events

Events are one of the primary ways that the ABI leads the industry we represent, along with key stakeholders from Government, regulators, other parts of the economy and our customers. We use these events to discuss challenges, hear a range of views and identify opportunities.

We are committed to ensuring a diverse range of speakers and attendees at our events – by applying the principles set out in our [DEI Blueprint](#).

Annual Conference, February 2023

- The ABI's flagship event, the Annual Conference, was held in February 2023 as a hybrid event with in-person and virtual delegates. There were over 500 attendees comprised of delegates, speakers, partners, and ABI staff.
- The keynote address was given by Barry O'Dwyer, ABI President, and referenced the insurance sector's work on climate change, and the ABI's Climate Change Roadmap. The transcript of Barry's speech is available on the [ABI website](#).
- The Fireside chat between Hannah Gurga, ABI Director General and Rachel Reeves, Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer addressed a question what she sees as the role for the private sector in the transition to net zero and particularly members of the insurance and long-term saving industry and we heard her views on Independent Net Zero Review carried out by Chris Skidmore.
- The morning panel session titled 'Permacrisis – our industry's role in weathering the storm' was chaired by Hannah Gurga, ABI Director General. The session explored the role our sector has to play in tackling the macro challenges facing Britain, and climate change and threats to the natural environment were amongst the challenges addressed. The panel featured Tracy Blackwell, CEO, PIC; Pippa Crerar, British Journalist and Political Editor, The Guardian; James Henderson, Director, Customer & Digital Transformation, KPMG; Alex Perry, CEO, Bupa Insurance; and Hanna Kam, Group Chief Risk Officer, Hiscox.

Summer Reception, June 2023

The ABI adopted a new format for our annual summer reception in 2023. This event marked the end of the two-year term of Barry O'Dwyer and Cristina Nestares as the ABI's President and Deputy President. As well as senior representatives from our membership, attendees included leaders from the Financial Conduct Authority, HM Treasury and the Pensions Regulator.

We used the event to showcase the importance of nature, with the location being the Garden Museum in Lambeth. The keynote speaker was Woodland Trust CEO Dr Darren Moorcroft, who used his remarks to highlight the vital importance of protecting woodlands and to emphasise the role ABI members can play in financing the Woodland Trust's work.

Climate Clinics and Member Roundtables

In the last 12 months, we have hosted Climate Clinics and member roundtables on:

- A Climate Clinic on 'Measuring greenhouse gas emissions and the data challenges ahead' (in partnership with [KPMG](#))
- Insurance Associated Emissions (with [PCAF – the Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials](#))
- Climate Risk Modelling and Analytics (in partnership with [ClimateX](#))
- A Networking Climate Clinic focussed on the key challenges facing sustainability practitioners (in partnership with [KPMG](#))
- Roundtable discussion on 'learning from the 2021/22 Climate Biennial Exploratory Scenario' (with [UK Centre for Greening Finance and Investment – CGFI](#))

We also hosted roundtables as part of the following consultative exercises:

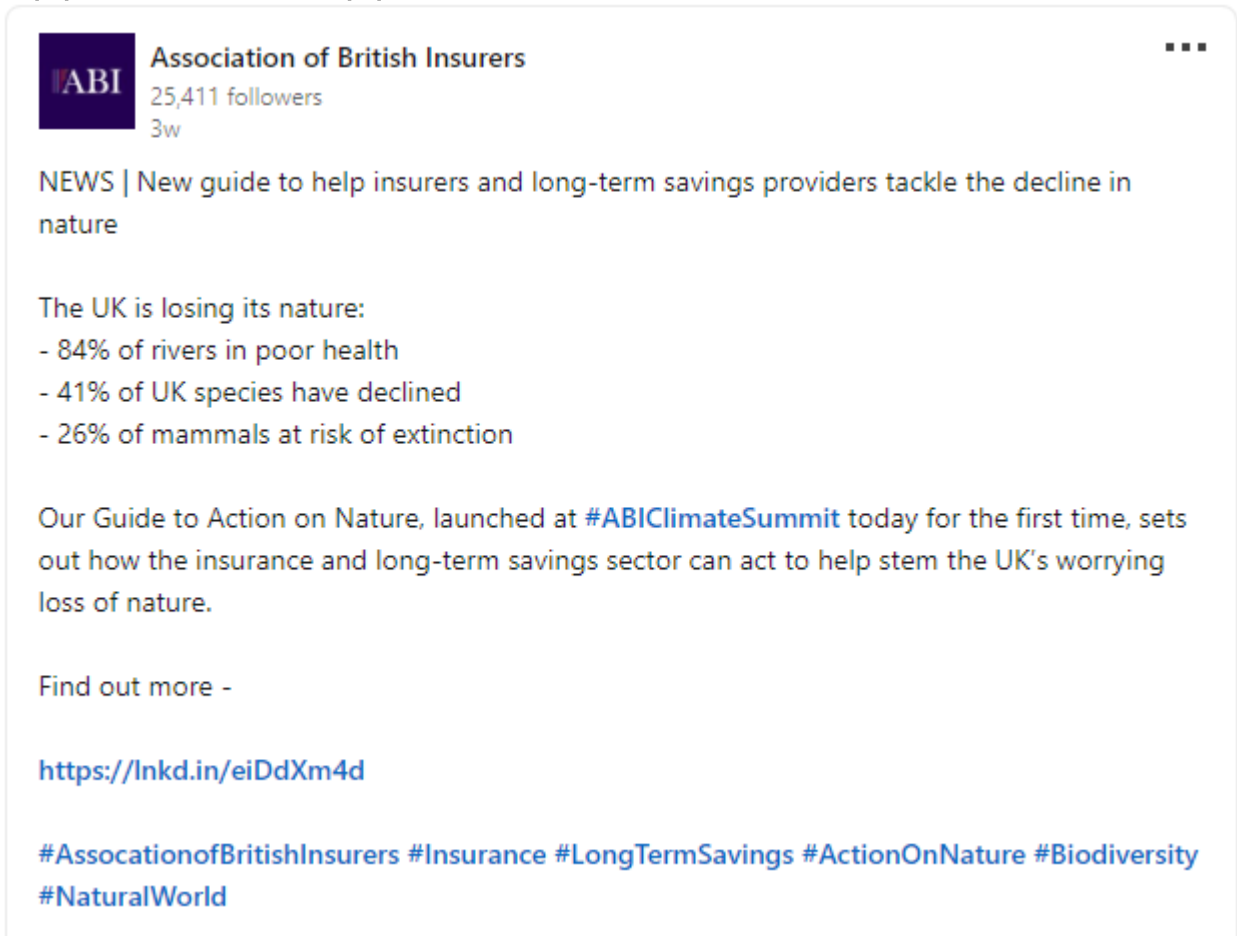
- Roundtables on Sustainability Disclosure Requirements (SDR) and investment labelling and on Sustainable Finance with the FCA
- A roundtable on Transition Plans, with the Climate Financial Risk Forum (CFRF) and TPT Secretariat
- A roundtable on the Taskforce For Nature-Related Financial Disclosure (TNFD)'s Risk & Opportunity Management and Disclosure Framework

Climate Change Summit, July 2023

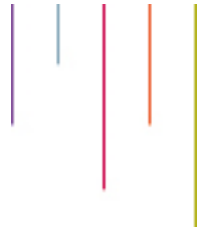
- The third annual Climate Summit was held in July 2023 and was attended by more than 300 delegates from the insurance sector and relevant stakeholders. We opted to make the Climate Summit free to attend to ensure that as many of our members and stakeholders could attend as possible.
- The summit was chaired by Lucy Siegle, Journalist and Broadcaster who specialises in climate and nature.
- We discussed progress on our Climate Change Roadmap and our industry's work in this area expanding to include protection for biodiversity and the natural environment.
- It featured a welcome pre-recorded video message from Amanda Blanc, Aviva's CEO. As co-chair of the UK Government's Transition Plans Taskforce, Amanda Blanc has championed a practical and evidence-based approach to climate action across our sector and the wider economy. In this message she reflected on recent events with the NZIA and what this means for the industry's approach on climate change in future.
- Also on the day, we published a [Guide to Action on Nature](#). We discussed the nature guide in more depth in our third panel session of the day titled 'Our industry's role protecting the natural

environment’. We played a 2-minute video from WWF based on the ‘Wild Isles’ TV series as an introduction to the topic of nature degradation in the UK. It featured speakers Nitika Agarwal, Head of Sustainable Finance Policy, WWF – UK; Will McDonald, Sustainability Consultant; Leah Ramoutar, Head of Climate and Nature Risk, Phoenix Group; and Dr Nina Seega, Research Director for Sustainable Finance at the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership. The panel was chaired by Charlotte Clark, Director of Regulation, ABI.

- The Summit secured good coverage across trade press.
- Our social media activity saw strong engagement and support from Aviva, the Woodland Trust’s CEO, Dr Darren Moorcroft, and Dr Alan Whitehead MP and Shadow Energy and Green New Deal Minister, Labour Party. On Twitter, throughout the day our tweets had 13,000 impressions and 187 engagements.
- In relation to the launch of A Guide to Action on Nature on [LinkedIn](#) we had 2,883 impressions, 106 engagements and a 3.6% engagement rate.



- The next day we posted a blog by speaker Will Macdonald on [Twitter](#) on [LinkedIn](#) and it had 1,413 impressions and 48 engagements.



ClimateWise Sub-Principle 3.2

Support and undertake research and development to inform current business strategies (including investments) on adapting to and mitigating climate-related issues.

The ABI regularly undertakes research and analysis to support our member’s business strategies. We are committed to ensuring that all our policy positions are evidence-based.

In the current reporting period, the most substantial research exercise we conducted was to support our Guide To Action on Nature – you can read a detailed description of this work under Principle 5. Although the focus of this work was on the policy and regulatory actions required, it also outlined the opportunities available to members.

Our response to the UK Government’s Green Finance Strategy and to the independent Net Zero outline a number of examples we have identified in partnership with our members to adapt and mitigate to climate change. These responses are included alongside this submission.

We continue have an active presence on the Climate Financial Risk Forum (chaired jointly by the PRA and FCA), as observers on the main forum and participants on the working groups. In particular, we have helped design and test a scenario analysis narrative tool that will help firms across the financial services sector understand the risks posed by different projections for global temperature increases. The CFRF works on a ‘by industry, for industry’ basis and by participating in this forum, we ensure that our industry’s work is reflected in the guidance and supporting tools that the forum designs to allow firms to incorporate climate change into their business strategies.

In this reporting period, we contributed to several of the Session 3 outputs, including the CFRF report on ‘[Mobilising Investment into Climate Solutions](#)’ (where the ABI drafted the case study on EV chargepoints and spoke at the webinar launching this publication), the online [Climate Scenario Analysis Narrative tool](#) and the [Disclosure, Data and Metrics webinars](#).

We remain members of the [TNFD Forum](#) to ensure our members are able to incorporate nature into their business strategies. As outlined elsewhere, we hosted a seminar on behalf of the TNFD to ensure our members understand how their disclosure frameworks can support their work.

Principle 3 Planned Activities

We intend to continue to the initiatives listed above, and have confirmed that we will continue to support the work of the CFRF in its fourth session (2023/24).

Member Events and Roundtables

- **ABI Annual Conference, February 2024** – the agenda for our annual conference will be confirmed in the coming months



- **Climate Clinics** – we will host another of these events in Q3 2023 (likely to cover methodologies for calculating emissions linked to underwriting)
- **Roundtables and Seminars** – we will continue to regularly hold roundtables and discussions for our members. In 2023/4, we expect these to focus in particular on the content of Transition Plans.

2023 Party Conferences

- During this year’s party conference season, we are focussing our conference activity on the theme of Green Finance. At the Conservative Party Conference, we have partnered with the Conservative Environment Network and are hosting an event entitled “Can we rely on private finance to build a resilient net zero future?” We have invited high profile Government Ministers and Members of Parliament who are part of the Conservative Environment Network to join us for this discussion.
- In the run up to this year’s Labour Party Conference we have partnered with the Fabian Society to produce a report entitled “A plan for climate resilience and adaptation”. We will also be holding a discussion on this report at the Conference with Shadow Ministers and other invited guests.

Transition Plans

- We see Transition Plans as a key mechanism by which our members can develop and articulate their business strategies.
- In 2023/24 we intend to convene a working group to support our members with Transition Plans, focussing on common areas of interest, identifying best practice and agreeing common assumptions about where our sector can have the most impact.

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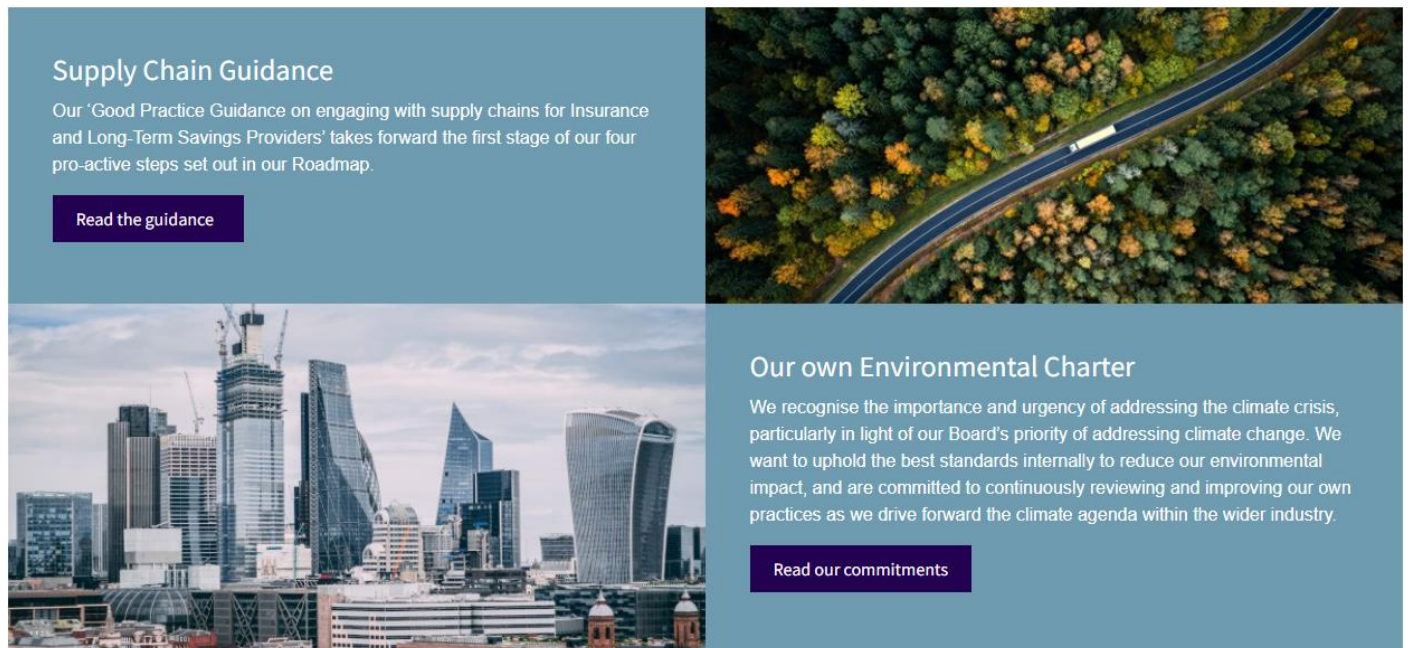
ClimateWise Principle 4

Reduce the environmental impact of our business

ClimateWise Sub-Principle 4.1

Encourage our suppliers to improve the environmental sustainability of their products and services, and understand the implications these have on our business.

Following the launch of the ABI Environmental Charter in July 2021, we have immersed ourselves in our commitment to “Promote best practice within our supply chain, embedding supplier environmental approach and practice as core criteria in our decision-making during their selection”.



Supply Chain Guidance

Our 'Good Practice Guidance on engaging with supply chains for Insurance and Long-Term Savings Providers' takes forward the first stage of our four pro-active steps set out in our Roadmap.

[Read the guidance](#)

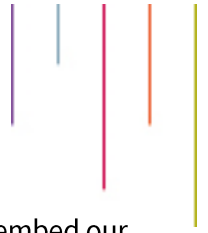
Our own Environmental Charter

We recognise the importance and urgency of addressing the climate crisis, particularly in light of our Board's priority of addressing climate change. We want to uphold the best standards internally to reduce our environmental impact, and are committed to continuously reviewing and improving our own practices as we drive forward the climate agenda within the wider industry.

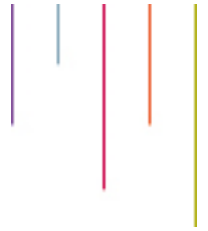
[Read our commitments](#)

Alongside our overall approach to working with suppliers based in the UK and those with carbon reduction strategies, we have actively engaged with various partners to assess the scope for minimising the carbon impact of our business operations. This is no more evident than in our recently undertaken environmental impact survey, which was conducted by our general maintenance provider. The survey analysed all areas of plant and equipment directly controlled within our office (including lighting and heating systems) and recommended numerous alterations to become a more energy efficient office. As a result, we have taken steps to implement these recommendations, including reducing our plant run times (air conditioning/variable air volume (VAV) system) by two hours daily and adjusting our server room cooling temperature by +1 degree. This has resulted in significant reductions in electricity usage whilst maintaining office standards.

Furthermore, the ABI's Business Services team has worked closely with our key office supplier, and we now order from a core list of 'products with purpose'. Alongside their environmental credentials - made from recycled materials and FSC certified - the products have a positive social impact with a percentage of profits going to the [Commercial Foundation](#), a charity dedicated to offering disadvantaged young people the chance to build a career in the industry. By unifying all our office supply purchases under this one provider, we have reduced the number of deliveries required and ensured that all deliveries are made by electric vehicles.



The ABI continues to favour suppliers with ISO 14001 accreditations where possible and seeks to embed our environmental ambitions within any new partnerships. The recently renewed partnership with our AV maintenance provider was assisted following their participation in the WEEE directive, alongside the fact that they were the first company in the sector to be awarded Go Ultra Low Company status for their switch to electric and hybrid vehicles.



ClimateWise Sub-Principle 4.2

4.2 Disclose our Scope 1, Scope 2 GHG emissions and Scope 3 GHG emissions using a globally recognised standard.

The ABI remains committed to disclosing our emissions and to working with a recognised provider to offset any outstanding emissions.

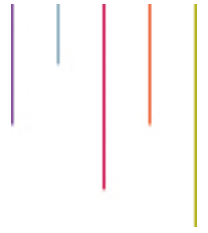
Up to 30 June 2022 we had been offsetting emissions based on our electricity consumption and the distance colleagues had travelled based on mode of transport. Details of these together with the most recent year is shown in the table below:

	Year to 30 June 2022	Year to 30 June 2023
Electricity consumed (KwH)	119,075	121,592
Flights (miles)	61,517	58,572
Trains (miles)	22,022	28,539
Car (miles)	1,806	2,394
Buses (miles)	76	75

This was a simple approach and we are now considering what additional data we can use to ensure that the emissions for all of our business practices can be captured, calculated and offset, for example – the sustainability credentials of our suppliers of goods and services.

We are currently in the process of reviewing the providers we use for these activities – we want to make sure that these cover the full scopes of our emissions and meet internationally recognised standards.

As soon as this review is completed and a new provider agreed, we will disclose our emissions in full.



ClimateWise Sub-Principle 4.3

Measure and seek to reduce the environmental impacts of the internal operations and physical assets under our control.

Working in conjunction with various service providers, the ABI's Business Services team continues to monitor, assess, and explore ways to reduce its environmental impact. During the last 12 months the team has made progress with the following objectives:

- We recently undertook an environmental impact survey with our maintenance provider. This highlighted various areas where we could reduce power consumption, many of which have been actioned, including reductions to our key plant run time (air conditioning and VAV systems) as well as alterations to all AV equipment power settings. For example, TVs, monitors, cameras and PCs go into sleep mode after 8 hours. All filament lightbulbs have also been replaced with energy efficient LED alternatives.
- Having worked with our key office supplier to develop a new core equipment list, the ABI has moved to utilise this single supplier for all office purchases where possible. The benefits of doing so ensure all deliveries are made by electric vehicle and as many products as possible are purchased from their 'products with purpose' range. A percentage of profits from this range goes to the Commercial Foundation which is a charity dedicated to offering disadvantaged young people the chance to build a career in the industry.
- We continue to work with our hospitality and cleaning provider to review the products we use and ensure their impact on the environment is positive. Having previously switched to [Zoono](#) water-based cleaning products, we have taken further positive steps including the introduction of the UK's first plastic negative soap range throughout the office. [Serious Soaps](#) remove 1KG of plastic from the ocean for every box of products sold and over 275,000 plastic bottles have been removed as a result of Serious Soap sales. Furthermore, we have removed single use plastic soap bottles from our premises; instead utilizing automatic soap dispensers in all bathrooms.
- We have partnered with a new B-Corp certified waste removal company for ad-hoc IT equipment, furniture, and general waste removal. This ensures that any direct waste removal from ABI does not go to landfill but is recycled and reused where possible or goes to waste energy production. We also continue to operate a policy in which equipment is only replaced if it is faulty and not fit for purpose.
- We continue to provide all new joiners with reusable water bottles and mugs in an effort to reduce single use and non-recyclable containers.
- Following encouragement to staff through all staff communications and presentations to use digital platforms such as SharePoint and MS Teams for collaborative work, the quantity of printed documents has reduced significantly, enabling us to remove two printers from our office. With active monitoring available, the Business Services team continues to assess print levels and looks to challenge any high users with suggestions for alternative solutions to printing.
- Alongside the continuation of our Cycle to Work scheme where colleagues can receive discounts on cycles and equipment as well as spreading the costs through a salary sacrifice, the ABI has recently introduced an electric vehicle leasing scheme. This new initiative offers all ABI employees a tax-efficient way to lease a new electric vehicle via a salary sacrifice arrangement, whereby employees save their applicable rates of Income Tax and National Insurance against the monthly lease premium which is paid via employee's gross monthly pay.



In conjunction with our own progress on improving our environmental stance, as tenants within a multi-occupant building in London, the Business Services team continues to work closely with Building Management at One America Square with a view to driving positive change in relation to the environment and improving the building’s environmental credentials accordingly. Recent changes discussed and developed in tenant meetings and communications include:

- Complete replacement of all high-rise lift motors to become more energy efficient.
- New partnership with ISO 14001 certified recycling partner and increasing recycling streams to include glass in 22/23.
- Zero waste-to-landfill, ensuring any waste not recycled is used in the production of energy at specialist plants.
- Enhanced bicycle storage facilities in the car park to encourage more people to cycle to work.

ClimateWise Sub-Principle 4.4

Engage our employees on our commitment to address climate change, helping them to play their role in meeting this commitment in the workplace and encouraging them to make climate-informed choices outside work.

- All ABI colleagues are invited to attend any events which are on the subject of climate change, including the ABI's annual Climate Change Summit. A recording of the Climate Change Summit is available for staff to watch for free. It is also available for all ABI members to watch on-demand.
- Following the launch of our internal Environmental Charter which sets out our commitments to continuously reviewing and improving our own practices, the ABI continues to develop our external version of the [Environmental Charter](#) which is published on the [Sustainability Hub](#) of the ABI's website. Our environmental project team continues to meet and discuss progress against the targets of the Environmental Charter and explores ways in which the ABI can make progress.
- A new environmental and sustainability campaign is set to be launched by the Business Services team utilising a variety of communication tools including our office's digital signage and a dedicated Microsoft Teams channel. This campaign will look to engage colleagues in our commitment to addressing climate change and suggest ways they can play their part. Information such as our new recycling streams will be advertised alongside information on new schemes such as the introduction of our electric vehicle leasing scheme. They will be regularly communicated along with ways colleagues can reduce energy consumption while working at home.
- Our recently updated new joiner induction process ensures that our commitment to tackling climate change is highlighted on the first day that a new colleague joins. New colleagues are informed of all our environmental initiatives within the Business Services induction and are given guidance on how they can play their part to achieve these.
- The recent introduction of our electric vehicle leasing scheme is an example of engaging colleagues in our commitment to climate change and encouraging them to make climate informed choices. This scheme was introduced alongside numerous communications highlighting the benefits of taking the scheme up and reminding colleagues of the huge environmental benefits of doing so. Further schemes such as the Cycle to Work scheme continue to be promoted to new joiners and existing staff alike.





- Finally, the ABI continues to adopt a policy of hybrid working. Staff are required to work in the office for only 40% of their working time over the course of a month which positively impacts our carbon emissions due to fewer staff utilising the office facilities on a full-time basis. This, coupled with reduced travel requirements and increased numbers of hybrid meetings with external parties, has reduced energy-consumption and the carbon footprint per FTE.

Principle 4 Planned Activities

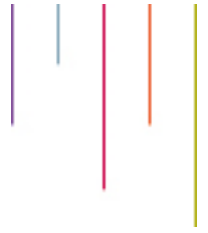
- The Business Services team, in conjunction with the Legal team, plan to review all partner contracts and seek the formal inclusion of environmental strategies in contracts moving forward.
- Switch to 100% renewable energy provision in 2023.
- Installation of a voltage optimiser on our distribution board ensuring reduced electricity wastage (only using power drawn compared with power supplied).
- Roll out of enhanced staff campaign encouraging better decisions both in and outside of work.



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ClimateWise Principle 5

Inform public policy making



ClimateWise Sub-Principle 5.1

Promote and actively engage in public debate on climate-related issues and the need for action. Work with policy makers locally, regionally, nationally and internationally to help them develop and maintain an economy that is resilient to climate risk.

The ABI actively engages with many stakeholders across our members, regulators, government, NGOs, and other key stakeholders to participate in public debate on climate-related issues. As a trade association, our role is to convene our members where necessary to both gather their views on key topics impacting their businesses, as well as to communicate developments and the need for action within their businesses. This is reflected in one of our three key outcomes within our business strategy for our industry to be ‘invested in people and planet’ alongside being ‘trusted by customers’ and ‘driving growth and innovation through an effective market’.

Each year our work on climate change culminates in our annual Climate Change Summit, which reflects on the progress the ABI and our members have made towards goals and targets set out in our climate change roadmap. The below bullet points summarise our key work engaging with the public debate on climate-related issues.

ABI Climate Change Summit

- Our 2023 Climate Change Summit saw a record attendance of 325 non-ABI attendees.
- The summit marked the halfway point between the launch of the ABI Climate Change Roadmap in 2021 and the delivery point for its first set of key climate milestones in 2025. It allowed us to reflect on the progress the sector is making and identify the main challenges that need to be overcome to meet our targets, and to consider how the industry can extend the leadership it has shown on reaching Net Zero into other related challenges – such as protecting the natural environment and building greater climate resilience. We brought together industry leaders with key policymakers, climate experts and representatives of the other economic sectors we will need to work with to drive change.
- Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, with 100% of attendees wishing to see further events like this.
- *Planned activity:* we will continue to hold annual Climate Change Summits, updating stakeholders on progress and holding ourselves to account on the work we are doing.

ABI Guide to action on nature

- Following a steer from our Board, this year we increased our focus on work on nature-related risks. This was in recognition of the dual crises of climate change and nature loss, and the fact that reaching climate goals is not possible without simultaneously addressing nature and biodiversity. However, we identified a lack of leadership and guidance in the wider industry about what firms can do on the topic. Consequently, we published our [Guide to Action on Nature](#) on 4 July 2023 (coinciding with our Climate Change Summit).



- This Guide was based upon four chapters: making the case for action on nature; setting out the regulatory and policy landscape; identifying key actions and supporting actions our members can take to address the issue, and showcasing existing examples of good practice in our industry; and setting out next steps for both the ABI / industry as well as for regulators and government.
- Work to write this Guide involved extensive consultation / roundtables with our members as well as external experts, such as CISL, the Woodland Trust, WWF, the Green Finance Institute, and EarthWatch Europe. We also engaged Will McDonald, a sustainability consultant and expert in insurance (having been previously at Aviva) to co-write the report
- So far feedback to the Guide has been overwhelmingly positive, being picked up in the press including in [Bloomberg](#), [Insurance Post](#), [FT Adviser](#), [Insurance Insider](#) and several other trade outlets. We have also had interest from government and regulators on the work.
- For the launch of A Guide to Action on Nature on LinkedIn we had the following:
 - 2883 impressions
 - 106 engagements
 - 3.6% engagement rate
- We also received and published very supportive comments on the Guide, including:
 - Helen Avery, Director of Nature Programmes at the Green Finance Institute: *“The insurance and long-term savings industry is critical in supporting a transition to an economy that values and invests in the natural environment. This is not only due to the material physical, transition, and liability risk that businesses across the sector are exposed to through their operations and balance sheets; but also their ability to shift capital flows into nature-positive businesses, projects, and investments. The Green Finance Institute welcomes the Association for British Insurers’ leadership by developing a guide to action on nature for the industry and looks forward to supporting the industry’s leadership to ensure the protection and restoration of nature is embedded across the sector.”*
 - Karen Ellis, Chief Economist, WWF-UK: *“The ABI have rightly recognised that nature underpins our entire economy and that urgent action from their members, business, government, and regulators is needed to address its alarming decline. We welcome the ABI’s leadership in setting out the clear business case to address nature loss, and demonstrating the critical role that the insurance sector can play in turning the tide. This is a clear call from industry for the government to set out a plan for how nature will be fully integrated into mandatory disclosures and financial regulation.”*
 - Steve Andrews, CEO, Earthwatch Europe: *“The insurance and long-term savings sector must be open about its impact on nature and formulate plans for its protection. Not doing this poses risks not only to the business in question but also to the broader industry, economy and outlook for our planet.*

“We urge companies to be a positive influence both through transparency and nature positive business decisions, actively engaging stakeholders on nature and biodiversity issues. Only by being honest and open about their environmental impact can companies build trust and credibility with consumers, investors, and other stakeholders. I welcome ABI’s Guide to Action on Nature and leadership and hope it is a platform its members can build on for the future.”
 - Darren Moorcroft, CEO, Woodland Trust: *“The insurance sector is at the forefront of dealing with increasing uncertainty unleashed by the climate and nature emergency. Tasked with insuring homes,*

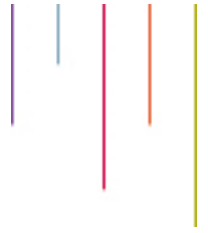
businesses, and our health, mitigating and adapting to the impact of climate and nature-related risks like flooding and poor air quality is critical. The Woodland Trust welcomes this new guidance from the ABI which inspires and encourages its members to take leadership by building resilience through nature's recovery. The guide rightly emphasises action now. This starts with stopping unacceptable harm: always protecting irreplaceable habitats, and otherwise following the mitigation hierarchy to first work with existing nature. We need to make significant investments today at landscape scale to enhance and protect the ecosystems we all rely on. When we set up people and nature to thrive, there is no better insurance policy."

- **Planned activities:** we will continue to publicise the Guide to our members – for instance, through roundtables where members can have the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback – and to external stakeholders, to continue to elevate recognition of the role that nature and biodiversity have to play in reaching our climate change goals. We will also build on this work, going in to further detail on the identified actions and continuing to collaborate with external stakeholders to help move our industry's work on the topic forward.

Consultation Papers and Calls for Evidence

- The ABI regularly engages with consultation papers published by regulators which relate to climate change. We frequently alert members to these consultations – setting out summaries of what is included in the consultation, response processes and timelines – in order that they can make informed decisions as to whether they wish to directly respond to the consultation, or via responses facilitated by the ABI. Often we also feed in to other bodies' consultation responses in addition to our own – for instance, those responses convened by the City of London Corporation, City UK, the Global Federation of Insurance Associations, or Insurance Europe.
- We gave *oral evidence* to a meeting of the [Scottish Parliament's ongoing enquiry into the Just Transition in the Grangemouth Area](#) in March. This inquiry is focussed on a particular region, but the questions during the session were wide-ranging and we used this to outline the wide range of methods through which our members can ensure a just transition.
- The below list of consultations sets out the key climate-change consultations we alerted members to, through one or more of the following groups according to whether the consultation is relevant to the persons within the groups: Board Sub-group on Climate Change; Climate Change Working Group; Climate Change Network; Financial and Corporate Reporting Committee; Prudential Regulation Committee; Prudential, Financial and Taxation Committee; Stewardship Forum; Long-term Savings Committee; Unit-linked Forum; and Conduct Regulation Committee.
 - Alert on the Financial Reporting Council (FRC), in its role as The Secretariat to the UK Sustainability Disclosure Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), issuing a [call for evidence](#) to inform the **proposed endorsement of the IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards in the UK**. This followed the publication of the ISSBs Sustainability Standards IFRS S1 and S2 in June this year, which in turn followed the ISSB's consultation on S1 and S2 to which the ABI responded via GFIA and Insurance Europe

- **Planned activity:** the ABI will actively engage with the FRC and FCA as the UK moves to adopt ISSB reporting following the current TCFD reporting regime.
- Alert on FCA publication of a [consultation and discussion paper](#) from the Vote Reporting Group - an independent working group focussed on building consensus across the industry on a voluntary template for vote reporting for UK asset managers
- ISSB consultation seeking feedback on its priorities for the next two years
 - **Planned activity:** The ABI is currently in the process of forming a response to this consultation
- IAIS Climate Paper Public Consultation on Climate risk supervisory guidance – part one
- ABI Response to FCA CP22/20: Sustainability Disclosure Requirements and investment labels . This response was a significant undertaking given the importance of the proposed regime, which will require a sustainability label to be attached to long-term savings policies alongside detailed disclosure. This required extensive consultation with our members and the FCA – for instance, we hosted a roundtable with members and the FCA on the consultation on 18th January 2023. The proposed regime is expected to come into effect during 2024-5 and the FCA have indicated that they are likely to extend the regime to cover a wide range of financial services products (potentially drawing more of our members into the scope of the regime), and given this long-term significance, we prioritised this response and dedicated significant resource to it.
- ABI response to the Partnership for Carbon Accounting Frameworks (PCAF) consultation on Insurance Associated Emissions. This is a voluntary initiative, intended to apply across all international markets. PCAF’s work is widely respected in the financial services industry and therefore we wanted to ensure that the views of UK insurers were considered when they developed this regime. We also hosted a roundtable with the PCAF secretariat to discuss their proposals and potential next steps.
- Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (consultation) on the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill: reforms to national planning policy. The ABI [response](#) included welcoming the Government’s greater emphasis on environmental outcomes in the planning process and their recognition of the need to protect areas at high flood risk areas. However, as a whole the proposals did not fully embed climate and flood risk into planning decisions.
- ABI response to DLUHC consultation on Infrastructure and Environmental Outcomes.
- ABI response to Bank of England’s call for evidence on Climate and Capital
- ABI response to GRI biodiversity standard exposure draft consultation
- ABI response to Transition Plans Taskforce consultation



Member alerts

In addition to alerting members to the publication of relevant consultations relating to climate change issues, we also alert members to relevant developments – for instance, on government policy. The below are examples of alerts we have sent to relevant distribution lists

- Alert on GFIN Greenwashing TechSprint to be hosted on FCA Digital Sandbox
- Alert to members on the official government response to the Skidmore review
- FCA: Regulators welcome the Government’s updated Green Finance Strategy
- Alert on the Government publishing Energy Security/Net Zero strategy and updated Green Finance Strategy
- Alert on BoE publication of report on climate-related risks and the regulatory capital frameworks
- Alert to Electric Vehicles working group Labour Publish Electric Vehicle Plan
- ABI Update - Independent Net Zero Review Published
- Update on ABI Climate Change related regulatory work pre-Christmas, on CFRF, UK Green Taxonomy, FCA SDR, PRA Climate and Capital, ESG Ratings work
- ABI response to Net Zero review (Chris Skidmore MP)

Member invitations to roundtables

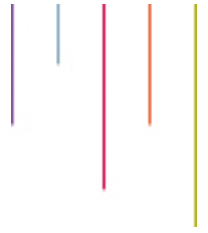
We also frequently organise or invite members to participate in relevant roundtables or meetings discussing climate change related issues. The below list contains examples of invitations we have distributed to members

- We invited the UK Infrastructure Bank to make a presentation to our Climate Change Working Group on 31/01 and encouraged members to bilaterally engage
- Invitation to the PRA / FCA Climate Financial Risk Forum Sandbox Insurance Roundtable for the Transition Plan Taskforce Disclosure Framework (sent 18/01)
- PRA / FCA Climate Financial Risk Forum online climate scenario analysis narrative tool demonstration, which the ABI also helped to develop as part of our involvement with the Climate Financial Risk Forum

Flooding and Flood Re engagement

As a trade association for general insurers, one particular focus of our work which is impacted by climate change is on flooding. Of huge significance to this is the body Flood Re, which the ABI helped to establish and we continue to engage with:

- **Build Back Better** – In April 2022 Flood Re launched their Build Back Better initiative, an innovative new scheme where those affected by flooding will be able to claim up to £10,000 as part of a flood claim to pay for the installation of flood resilience measures. The ABI have worked closely with Flood Re and Defra on the development of the scheme and have co-ordinated responses from insurers. Support for Build Back Better – helped coordinate industry response to Flood Re and Build Back Better. The scheme now has 10 ABI members, representing about two thirds of the market.
- ABI regularly engages with Defra on flooding policy matters, including recently the need for Government to urgently implement their Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) legislation to try to reduce the future impact of surface water flooding, particularly in urban areas.
- In consultation responses and engagement with DLUHC, the ABI regularly makes the case for changes to planning laws, guidance documents and building standards to try and increase the resilience of properties in the event of flooding, but also other climate related impacts such as high winds, high temperatures etc.
- ABI regularly engage with research projects commissioned by others, including EA, Defra and the Green Finance Institute on the importance of considering the impact of flooding.



ClimateWise Sub-Principle 5.2




Support and undertake research on climate change to inform our business strategies and help to protect our customers’ and other stakeholders’ interests. Where appropriate, share this research with scientists, society, business, governments and NGOs in order to advance a common interest.

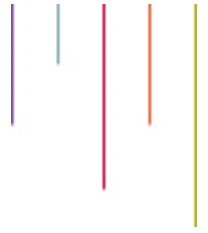
The ABI is a member of many fora which aim to research and expand best practice on managing climate-related risks. Frequently, as a trade association our role is to act as a convener to bring in organisations with different perspectives in order to learn from as wide a range of expertise as possible – be it from different business models’ or firm sizes’ perspectives. The below list provides examples of where we have played a role in various research projects:

- ABI Guide to action on nature
 - Following a steer from our Board, this year we increased our focus on work on nature-related risks. This was in recognition of the dual crises of climate change and nature loss, and the fact that reaching climate goals is not possible without simultaneously addressing nature and biodiversity. However, we identified a lack of leadership and guidance in the wider industry about what firms can do on the topic. Consequently, we published our [Guide to Action on Nature](#) on 4 July 2023 (coinciding with our Climate Change Summit).
 - This Guide was based upon four chapters: making the case for action on nature; setting out the regulatory and policy landscape; identifying key actions and supporting actions our members can take to address the issue, and showcasing existing examples of good practice in our industry; and setting out next steps for both the ABI / industry as well as for regulators and government.
 - In particular, the work on identifying actions for members to take on the topic and next steps for industry required extensive research, interviews and roundtables.
 - Work to write this Guide involved extensive consultation / roundtables with our members as well as external experts, such as CISL, the Woodland Trust, WWF, the Green Finance Institute, and EarthWatch Europe. We also engaged Will McDonald, a sustainability consultant and expert in insurance (having been previously at Aviva) to co-write the report
 - So far feedback to the Guide has been overwhelmingly positive, being picked up in the press including in [Bloomberg](#), [Insurance Post](#), [FT Adviser](#), [Insurance Insider](#) and several other trade outlets. We have also had interest from government and regulators on the work.
 - For the launch of A Guide to Action on Nature on LinkedIn we had the following:
 - 2883 impressions
 - 106 engagements
 - 3.6% engagement rate
 - *Planned activity:* we will continue to publicise the Guide to our members – for instance, through roundtables where members can have the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback – and to external stakeholders, to continue to elevate recognition of the role that nature and biodiversity have to play in reaching our climate change goals. We will also build on this work, going in to further detail on the identified actions and continuing to collaborate with external stakeholders to help move our industry’s work on the topic forward.



- Project with the Environment Agency and McKinsey on monetising the benefits of flood alleviation schemes.
 - The ABI worked with Vivid Economics (part of McKinsey) to provide input to a project being undertaken with direction from the Environment Agency to explore and model potential monetary benefits of flood alleviation schemes.
- GFI Nature Based Solutions for flooding project
 - The ABI is participating in a project being run by the Green Finance Institute on natural flood management. The project is funded by DEFRA to create a report identifying barriers and actionable solutions to private finance being deployed into Natural Flood Management in the UK. The solutions included in the report will be actionable solutions that DEFRA can take forward to unlock private financial flows into NFM.
- Flood Re transition plan
 - Given our role in establishing Flood Re and our members’ interest in the continuing work of Flood Re – in particular its transition plan work as the scheme is due to end in 2039. This year we attended two workshops held in the ABI offices on the subject, which culminated in the publication and launch of the Flood Re transition plan in July, and which the ABI attended.
- ABI Investment Delivery Forum (IDF)
 - Launched in July, the [IDF](#) 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 formed to help maintain momentum following key regulatory reforms that help unlock capital held by insurers and pension funds that could then be invested in projects.
 - The Forum has three sub-committees focused on specific types of ‘green and good’ infrastructure investment:

 <p>Energy generation</p> <p>Projects such as offshore windfarms, solar and tidal.</p>	 <p>Energy networks</p> <p>Putting in the required green energy networks such as electric vehicle charging points.</p>	 <p>Housing</p> <p>Large-scale housing initiatives which include social, affordable and sustainable buildings.</p>
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Planned activity

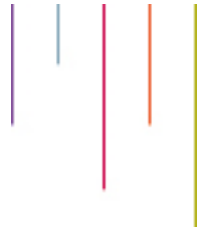
The ABI will continue to work closely with our members on the Investment Delivery Forum to achieve the Forum's stated aims and help unlock up to £100bn of the sector's assets into UK infrastructure investment. The Forum will meet regularly for the rest of 2023, supported by three delivery groups, covering energy networks, energy generation and housing – all key topics for climate change policymaking.

The ABI will focus on leading industry activity on supply chain engagement – building on the good practice guidance we published in 2022. We have secured additional resource to lead this work – a secondee from an ABI member firm (Allianz) will work with us for 40% of their week to lead this project.



ClimateWise Principle 6

Support climate awareness amongst our customers/clients



ClimateWise Sub-Principle 6.1

Communicate our beliefs and strategy on climate-related issues to our customers and/or clients.

- Through our wide range of alerts and communications, we frequently communicate our beliefs on climate-related issues. This includes communicating to both our members as well as to the general public and other external stakeholders in our capacity as a trade association representing the sector.
- We set out in detail in principle 5 a range of member alerts which we sent out over the course of the year, which includes alerts with ABI commentary on our perspective of developments. For instance, an alert on the Bank of England’s publication of a report on climate-related risks and the regulatory capital frameworks, or an ABI response to the Skidmore Net Zero review.
- More publicly, we regularly update our Sustainability [hub](#).
 - This extensively sets out our work and views on the importance of climate change and sustainability issues to our sector: “Insurers and long-term savings providers have long been at the forefront of research to better understand and prepare for risks resulting from impacts of the Earth’s changing climate. This hub hosts a collection of case studies, insights and reports to demonstrate how our industry is working together to adapt, innovate and invest in building a sustainable and financially resilient future.”
 - The hub contains our climate change roadmap, which is updated every year to reflect progress. The 2023 update can be found [here](#).
- A key part of our work so far in 2023 has been focussed on nature and biodiversity. We identified this area as one which has less public attention and leadership. Consequently, we invested significant time and resource into writing and publishing our [Guide to Action on Nature](#).
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 - In addition to the positive feedback discussed in principle 5 above, the report has had significant attention and has become our **second most downloaded report yet in 2023**.
 - The below screen grabs are examples from the executive summary of how we have communicated our beliefs and strategy on the subject

The case for action on nature

Nature loss and declining biodiversity represents an existential threat to life on earth. Degradation of our 'natural capital'¹ is already harming businesses and preventing economic growth. \$44 trillion of economic value generation annually (half of the global GDP) is directly dependent on nature.²

This Guide aims to address this with a framework through which the insurance and long-term savings sector can understand the issue, consider the risks and opportunities and develop a strategy for action.

Nature provides food, water and essential raw materials. It protects us from extreme weather and heat. Less pollution will reduce disease, while more access to nature improves physical and mental wellbeing.

We know that nature is in decline – both internationally and here in the UK. This is caused by climate change, land-use change, over-exploitation, pollution and invasive species.

We are committed to protecting the environment. In 2021, ABI members developed our [Climate Change Roadmap](#), which includes short-term 2025 and 2030 milestones on the way to long-term Net zero targets. Net zero cannot be achieved with innovation and new technologies alone. We need nature to absorb carbon from the atmosphere and provide resilience.

Yet, while there are direct links to net zero and nature, there are lots of ways in which protecting nature is different. It is **location-specific**, more **complex to measure** and involves a range of **sometimes competing interests**.

For those reasons, many businesses have not found it easy to understand their reliance on nature when assessing risks or to recognise nature's importance to their business strategies.



- The ABI also undertook at the beginning of the year to define our purpose: “together, driving change to protect and build a thriving society’. This is underpinned by three societal outcomes, which either explicitly refer to climate change related issues or are related:
 - Invested in people and planet
 - Trusted by customers
 - Driving growth and innovation through an effective market
- Examples of news article the ABI has published (including pushing on social media) relating to climate change include:
 - [Solvency UK: Cross-sector co-operation to drive £100bn investment into UK projects](#) - announcement of the launch of the Investment Delivery Forum, focused on working with government, local and devolved authorities and investment organisations to drive and track funding into projects focusing on green infrastructure and housing.
 - 'Powering Up Britain': ABI [response](#) – including an emphasis that “*In particular, it is important that the Government remains committed to mandatory publication of Transition Plans and sets out how nature can be incorporated into these plans.*”

ABI and Industry next steps

This Guide is designed to help our members develop their own strategies to protect nature. We will continue to help our members advance this agenda through the following four key action areas:

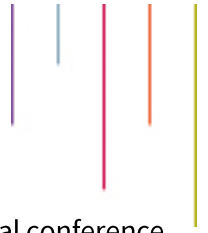
- 1 **Collaboration and Sharing Best Practice** – with the services we provide for our members (including our committees and working groups, our programme of ‘Climate Clinics’ and disseminating information) and through our role in organisations like ClimateWise and the PRA/FCA Climate Financial Risk Forum (CFRF), we will focus on identifying the most effective targets, metrics and frameworks for our members to use to drive change and evaluate what actions have the most impact.
- 2 **Engage with government on the Green Finance Strategy** – this will include a focus on unlocking members’ investment in assets which simultaneously contribute to both climate and nature-positive solutions. We will also engage with the government’s planned work on fiduciary duties as well as the next steps on the government’s Nature Markets Framework.
- 3 **Consumer Advice** – we will work with members to identify where during customer journeys we can provide advice on adopting ‘nature positive’ behaviours and using nature to protect properties from extreme weather or improve health outcomes.
- 4 **Environmental Crime** – we will consider where our sector’s existing expertise on tackling fraud, financial crime or conducting due diligence on supply chains for issues like modern slavery can be applied to better address illegal deforestation, pollution and other forms of environmental crime.

We will report publicly on progress on the issues outlined in this Guide and in particular on these four action areas in 12 months’ time.

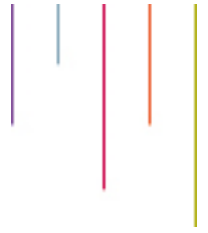
- ABI [response](#) to Spring Budget 2023 – including support for bolstering the UK’s supply of independent, renewable energy and leveraging opportunities for investment in it
- [Driving change to support customers, society and the planet](#) – putting customers, society and protecting our planet at the heart of [a new three year strategy](#) and publicising this
- Hannah Gurga [comment](#) on the Chancellor of the Exchequer’s speech on the economy – including reference to the need for Solvency II reform to unlock £100bn for investment in productive infrastructure and the transition to net zero
- ABI issues [guide](#) to support customers at risk of flooding – helping to communicate to our members’ customers how to adapt to the increased risk of flooding
- Solvency II reform [welcomed](#) by insurance and long-term savings industry – including reference to the role our sector can play in the transition to net zero
- ABI’s cross-industry campaign Securing Futures launches at Westminster – raising awareness among the public and parliamentarians to amplify the role of our sector: “whether **preparing** for the future, **investing** for the future, **innovating** for the future, or **securing** for it, the industry provides customers with confidence and care.”



- Growth Plan 2022 - ABI [response](#) – including reference to the need for regulator change to enable our sector to invest more in infrastructure that supports growth and the transition to Net Zero
- [ABI and ITN Business partner to produce ‘Securing Futures’](#) – “The Association of British Insurers (ABI) and ITN Business are producing a news-style programme ‘Securing Futures’, highlighting the important work the UK insurance and long-term-savings sector is doing to protect consumers, create career opportunities and demonstrate its collective commitment to achieving Net Zero by 2050.”
- Solvency II: Independent [analysis](#) of proposed reforms – this detailed technical analysis focuses on how reforms can unleash investment capacity in infrastructure for net-zero investment
- [Solvency II reform proposals need further work to meet objectives](#) – including a quote from our Director General, Hannah Gurga, that “*the insurance and long-term savings industry could invest more capital to help level up the UK, boost the economy and support the transition to Net Zero. The current proposals do not realise that opportunity and would risk penalising pension customers as a result of the increased costs associated with the proposed reforms. We are committed to working with the Government and the PRA to find a solution that meets all of our objectives*”



- We also frequently hold panel sessions on the topic at events we put on, such as the annual conference or our Financial and Corporate Reporting event, in addition to frequent agenda items at committees (please see principle 2).



ClimateWise Sub-Principle 6.2

Inform our customers and/or clients of climate-related risks and provide support and tools so that they can assess their own levels of risk.

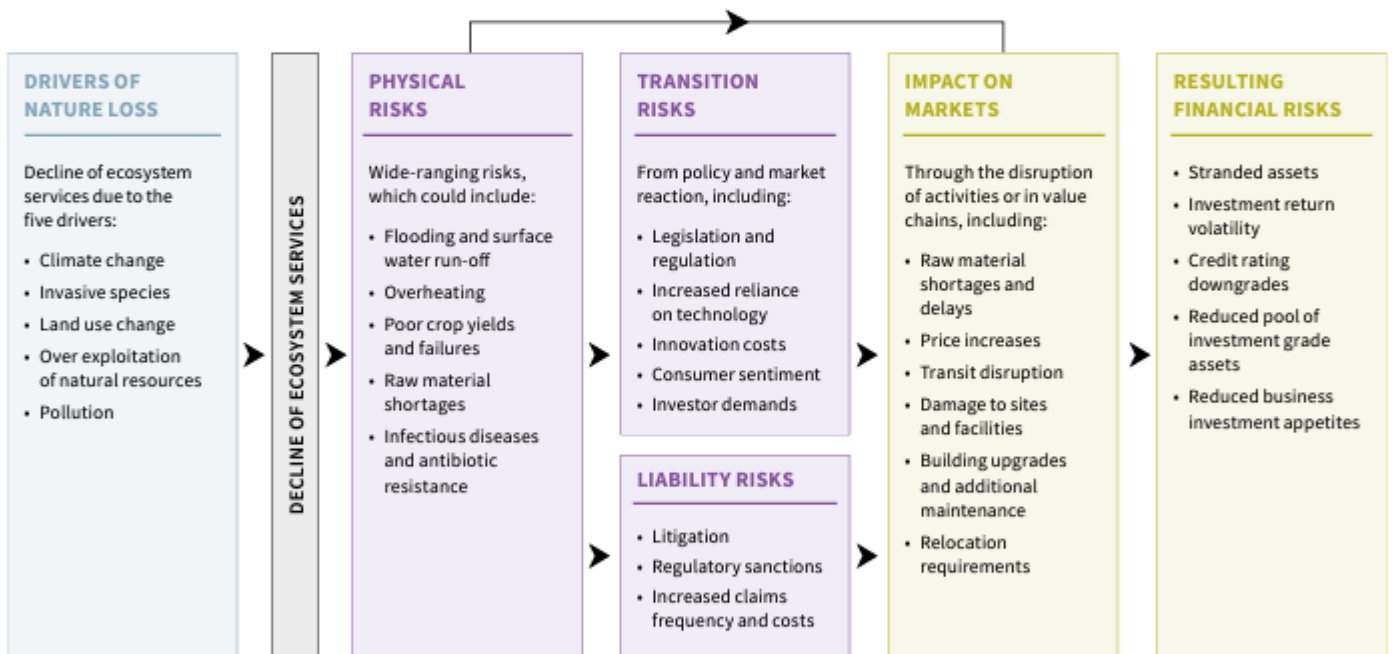
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Understanding nature risks

Nature loss exposes the homes and businesses that ABI members protect across the UK to a wide range of risks, which in turn will impact markets and financial performance, as the figure³ below sets out.

Figure 2: How do the drivers of nature loss lead to financial risks?

Information based on the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership Handbook for Nature-related Financial Risks



With an annual \$200 billion nature funding gap⁴ to be filled and demand for new ways to protect natural capital, risks can create opportunity for innovative insurance and long-term savings providers.

Combined with evidence that UK citizens want to see more done to protect nature in their areas, growing demands from employees that their work matches their values and the need to protect human health, that creates a compelling case for us to act.

How our members can act

This Guide sets out a detailed framework for how insurance and long-term savings providers can develop their own strategies for nature.

Although there are already a range of case studies of leadership from across our members detailed in the report, we recognise that for many businesses, they need to know where to start.

Therefore, this Guide is based on **four core actions** that should be at the heart of any nature strategy, around which a number of supporting activities can help maximise your impact. (See diagram below)

Figure 6: Core actions in a virtuous circle
Core actions are represented by blue arrows and supporting actions are shown in green circles.



Common-sense starting points for businesses beginning to develop their strategy:

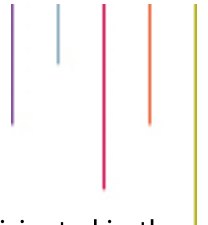
- 1 Identify which **external organisations** you will lean on
- 2 Design a **heatmap** as an early estimation and use this to decide your focus areas
- 3 Set up an **internal working group** from across your business
- 4 Agree your **guiding principles**, including scope, governance and accountability
- 5 Look at examples of **best practice** from 'early movers' in the sector
- 6 Identify the **tools** you will use, including risk analysis and datasets
- 7 Agree a plan for the first year and include any **knowledge, resource or data gaps** you have
- 8 Build on your heatmap by identifying **areas of highest likely impact** across your business
- 9 **Revisit plans and ambition levels** on an ongoing basis given changing landscapes

Opportunities for action

This Guide sets out steps to take across all the four core actions and supporting activities in detail. There are already a number of opportunities for our members to act, and these will expand further as this agenda becomes more mature:

APPROACH	EXAMPLE ACTIONS
<p>1. Incentivising nature-positive behaviours with clients and customers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educating and incentivising insurance customers to take actions that reduce nature risk • Giving advice on adaptation resilience (such as how to protect buildings from flooding or heat waves)
<p>2. Innovating in asset protection (including insurance cover for natural infrastructure)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insurance for providers and users of nature-positive credits • Innovations in ecosystem insurance (specialised cover for environmentally significant sites, reflecting associated revenue streams such as tourism and hospitality)
<p>3. Financing through capital flows and, where appropriate, carbon credits and offsetting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scaling up investment in nature-positive businesses or projects, alongside targets to reduce nature-damaging activities • Underwriting or investing in sustainable or green bonds • Investing in high integrity nature-positive credits and voluntary carbon offsetting markets
<p>4. Extending net zero strategies into nature-positive strategies and actions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review net zero targets and transition plans for biodiversity impact • Ensure any carbon credits have a biodiversity co-benefit • Acknowledge, communicate and address potential trade-offs and synergies between net zero and biodiversity actions
<p>5. Collaborating with governments, industry and other stakeholders</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with industry peers, academic experts and other stakeholders to improve datasets, evaluate actions and share best practice • Use this enhanced evidence base to advocate for policy and regulatory change

- In May we co-hosted with the Green Finance Institute a closed-door roundtable with organisations in the insurance and pensions sectors who are actively involved in piloting, reviewing, and applying TNFD guidance, as well as those who are starting their TNFD journey. The roundtable followed the recent release of v0.4 of the TNFD framework and the draft financial services sector-specific guidance. This included the TNFD secretariat so that members had the opportunity to ask questions on how to adopt and apply the guidance.

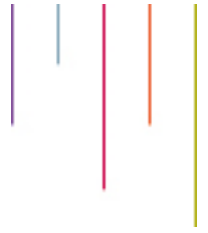


- As part of our work on the PRA / FCA convened Climate Financial Risk Forum, we participated in the Scenario Analysis working group's development of its first online scenario analysis narrative [tool](#). This included reviewing drafts of the tool, convening input from relevant member experts, and helping to publicise the launch of the tool. The tool summarises the relevant climate-related risks and opportunities for banks, insurers and asset managers based on the business activities, products, or risks of the firm and the materiality of different lending exposure types, underwriting classes, asset classes, and economic sectors for the firm. The descriptions draw on data from the scenarios developed by the Central Banks and Supervisors Network for Greening the Financial System (NGFS) in September 2022.
- At our climate change working groups, we facilitate 'tour de table' discussions which provide a forum for members working on climate change issues to air their most pressing challenges and concerns with peers in the industry who may be facing similar challenges.



ClimateWise Principle 7

Enhance reporting

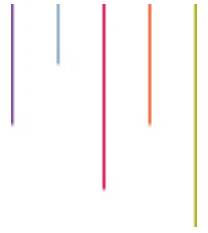


ClimateWise Sub-Principle 7.1

Submission against the ClimateWise Principles.

The ABI has submitted its report against all ClimateWise sub-principles (aside from 2.2 & 2.3, for which exemptions were granted), on time and in full. Our aim is to make this as comprehensive and transparent as possible, given that this is our primary mechanism of reporting our climate related work.

As with all previous submissions, this report will be published on the ABI website.



ClimateWise Sub-Principle 7.2

Public disclosure of the ClimateWise Principles as part of our annual reporting.

As in previous years, we will publish this submission in full on the ABI website.

You can see our previous ClimateWise submissions [here](#).