The Government will look to build on the fundamental principles that has made performance-based schemes such as these successful, whilst ensuring the scheme is tailored to the UK market. As part of the scheme, the Government is proposing that owners of non-domestic buildings above 1,000m² will be required to submit, every year, their metered energy use data (and other relevant information), to the scheme administrator and, in return, will receive a star rating based on the building's annual energy and carbon performance. This rating will be disclosed, publicly, both in the building and online.

The scheme would apply to a wide range of non-domestic buildings including offices, retail, hospitality, industrial, education, healthcare, arts, leisure and community, and storage. The intention is to phase the scheme into these different sectors over time with the office sector being the first.

The scheme is currently being developed by policy and analyst officials in BEIS with the help and support of an external stakeholder advisory group. The team aim to publish a consultation on the scheme in the coming weeks.

Aim and impact of the research

The aim of the research is to build the evidence base on the existing non-domestic building stock (above 1,000 m^2). This will give the BEIS team a better understanding of metering in the non-domestic building stock and help inform the development of the scheme.

This research will also be of interest to other non-domestic energy policies such as PRS MEES[1] (minimum standards for energy efficiency in the private rented

[1]The Government introduced minimum energy efficiency standards in 2018 which aimed to improve the worst performing buildings in both the domestic and non-domestic private rented sector (PRS) stock. BEIS has recently consulted on tightening the non-domestic standards to 2030. Please see the following link: https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/non-domestic-private-rented-sector-minimum-energy-efficiency-standards-future-trajectory-to-2030

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