

Despite 2019 being a frustrating year (political gridlock, changing government, Brexit anxiety, and crisis for one of our significant members) it is all too easy to forget what a huge year it has been for UK Steel.

Did you know that UK Steel has:

- Proposed and won a range of energy policy measures that have significantly reduced electricity costs, saving members an estimated £340 million to date
- Launched a procurement initiative (UK Steel Charter) aimed at improving public procurement of steel produced in the UK. BEIS, DfT, Highways England, Heathrow Expansion, Welsh and Scottish Governments are just some of the signatories with many more to come
- Secured £66 million in innovation funding for the sector, through the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund
- Played a central role in securing the Industrial Energy Transformation Fund £315 million, designed to fund energy intensive industries to invest in energy efficiency and decarbonisation measures
- Helped secure the £250 million 'Clean Steel Fund' which will provide grant funding to steel companies to invest in decarbonisation and energy efficiency technologies
- Secured a number of important changes to the legislation establishing the UK's trade remedies regime including that will facilitate free and fair trade post Brexit
- Led a multi-sector campaign to secure the delay of Ofgem's network charging reforms, allowing time to influence reforms and reduce the impact on industrial electricity costs
- And we have been awarded £36,000 from BEIS's recently launched a new Brexit Readiness Fund which aims to assist businesses in preparing for exiting the EU on 31 October without a deal

We also

- Provide members with product specific market data (national and global) to aid business planning
- Provide access to Government ministers and departments
- Hold a number of active committees that develop policy and support for the sector, including commercial, trade, procurement, H&S, R&D, environment and climate change
- Deliver networking and round-table events where members can meet the experts, share best practice and knowledge
- Chair BSI's standards committee that oversees the development of all national standards and contributes to EU and international harmonised standards
- Run the All Party Parliamentary Group for Steel

For most members our services and benefits far outweigh the membership fee of UK Steel. We are also part of, and powered by, Make UK, the manufacturers' organisation. We take part in their events, engaging the full scope of the manufacturing supply chain.

If you have any questions about your membership, have feedback, or want a one to one meeting with me or any of my team, please get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

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