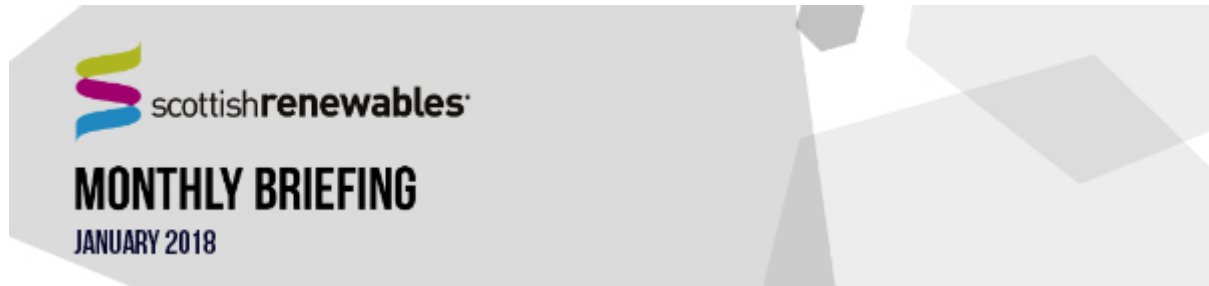


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**Dear Member,**

This issue of Scottish Renewables' Monthly Briefing highlights the publication of the Scottish Government's Energy Strategy and the inclusion of a target for the equivalent of 50% of all Scotland's energy demand to come from renewable energy sources by 2030. This target was [first called for](#) by Scottish Renewables in January 2016.



The Strategy aims to meet the target by almost doubling Scotland's current installed renewable electricity capacity to 17GW by 2030 while embarking on a remarkable decarbonisation of heat and transport.

At Scottish Renewables we'll continue to work with our members to understand the opportunities for the renewable energy sector brought forward by this Strategy.

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General

Scottish Energy Strategy

The Scottish Government's Energy Strategy was published in January and, as mentioned above, contains a new renewable energy target for 2030.

Other measures in the new Strategy include:

- Two ambitious decarbonisation scenarios: one dominated by electricity, the other by hydrogen
- A requirement to almost double Scotland's renewable electricity capacity (from 9.3 to 17 Gigawatts) by 2030
- A target to increase the productivity of energy use by 30%
- Confirmation of a new, publicly-owned Scottish energy company
- Confirmation of the £60 million Low Carbon Innovation Fund, as well as a new £20m Energy Investment Fund for low-carbon solutions.

SR's [response](#) to the Strategy is available on our website and more detail, and our reaction, is available in [this press release](#).

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parts of the sector and feeding the industry's views into the ongoing work on its implementation.

[Consultation response: Clean Growth Strategy](#)

BEIS published its [Clean Growth Strategy](#) recently, setting out its proposals for decarbonising the UK economy through the 2020s. It highlights the benefits of and opportunities for low-carbon energy generation, including meeting national and international climate change targets.

[Our response can be viewed here](#) and queries directed to [Stephanie Conesa](#).

[Media reaction: renewable electricity statistics](#)

UK Government figures released last month show renewable energy supplied 54% of Scotland's gross electricity consumption in 2016, with output in the first three quarters of 2017 19% greater than the same period in 2016.

SR Chief Executive Claire Mack [responded](#).

[Blog: Renewables are power with purpose](#)

Claire Mack's comments at November's Scottish Green Energy Awards were published as [a column in The Times](#), as well as appearing as [a blog on our website](#).

She said: "Renewable energy is about more than just megawatts – it's power with purpose."

[Blog: Arctic opportunities](#)

"The single biggest factor in the success of our renewables industry is not about technology or market mechanisms, it's about the virtues of the little bit of space Scotland occupies on the face of the earth".

This [blog](#), by Senior Policy Manager Hannah Smith, asks if moving our mental maps could highlight additional opportunities gifted by our geography.

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[Cost of Energy Review: SR response](#)

[Scottish Renewables has responded to the Independent Cost of Energy Review](#). The response covers the need for a viable route to market across technologies, support from innovation to commercialisation and the need for regulatory reform.

Comments can be directed to [Hannah Smith](#).

[Media reaction: draft Scottish Budget](#)

We responded to the Scottish Government's draft Budget, which was delivered in December. Our comments are available [here](#).

[Consultation: SSEN Submarine Electricity Cables Cost Benefit Analysis Methodology](#)

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks is consulting on a Cost Benefit Analysis Methodology, modelling the societal value of engineering practices relating to the replacement of submarine electricity cables. Further details are available [on the SSEN website](#).

This consultation closes 12 February. Direct responses can be accepted [by email](#). Please contact [Stephanie Conesa](#) with any queries.

[Government response: UK coal phase-out](#)

The UK Government has [published its final proposals](#) on how it will phase out coal-fired generation by 2025. The key proposal is a limit on plant emissions of 450gCO₂/kWh from 1 Oct 2025 (with no further constraints on coal until then). Biomass co-firing will be allowed to continue but with emissions factors revised to account for full lifecycle carbon.

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[SSEN Consultation on Connection Offer Expenses](#)

SSEN is [consulting on charges to Connection Offer Expenses](#) (assessment and design fees). These charges will be applied to all connection applicants, regardless of whether the customer accepts a connection offer.

The consultation closes on 12 January. Please contact [Hannah Smith](#) with any questions.

[SSEN Consultation on Energy Efficiency and Heat](#)

[SSEN is consulting](#) to better understand the impacts of increased electrification on its networks.

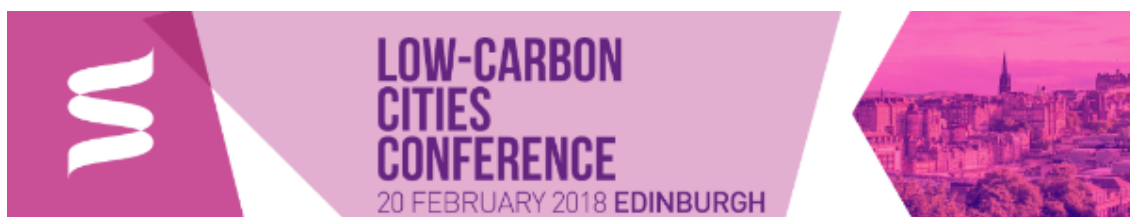
Scottish Renewables intends to respond. Please contact [Fabrice Leveque](#) to contribute.

Planning & Consents

[Blog: National Park is at the FiT front line](#)

Scottish Renewables took a trip to Scotland's busiest national park and found Feed-in Tariff hydro ambitions being thwarted by depressions and uncertainty around the scheme's future.

The [blog](#) says: "This microcosm represents a key part of Scottish Renewables' ask of the Scottish Government in its deliberations over the future of the planning system."



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[Onshore Wind Policy Statement](#)

The Scottish Government has [published](#) its [Onshore Wind Policy Statement](#), which states continued commitment to the deployment of onshore wind and prioritises capturing industrial opportunities.

Scottish Renewables welcomes the publication of the statement, which includes many of the policies we had previously called for in our [response to the consultation](#).

[RO closure to onshore wind: Ofgem consultation response on grace period declarations](#)

Ofgem has published a [response](#) to its consultation on amending wording of templates for the 'declaration of grid or radar delay condition' and the 'declaration of investment freezing condition' in its published [guidance documents](#) on the closure of the RO to onshore wind generating stations.

Please contact [Stephanie Conesa](#) with any questions.

[Consultation response: SSEN North of Scotland Onshore Wind Repowering](#)

Scottish Renewables has [responded](#) to [SSEN's North of Scotland Onshore Wind Repowering](#) paper. This paper forms part of SSEN's wider scenario planning work in preparation for the expected RIIO-T2 price control period from 2021 onwards.

If you have any questions on the comments set out in this response, please contact [Stephanie Conesa](#).

Low-Carbon Heat

[Scot Gov consults on district heat regulation and local heat plans](#)

The Scottish Government has [launched a consultation on the regulation of district heating and local heat planning](#). Topics include a new consenting process, licensing and consumer protections and a new statutory duty on local authorities to produce and deliver heat decarbonisation plans.

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response - or attend our next low-carbon heat network meeting at 10am on 23 January - contact [Fabrice Leveque](#).

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