



## MONTHLY BRIEFING

DECEMBER 2017

Dear Member,

November saw the UK Government's first budget since the General Election, as well as the publication of its Clean Growth Strategy.

Of most interest to the renewables sector was the Control for Low Carbon Levies (CfLCL), which replaces the Levy Control Framework. The CfLCL provides that there will be no new subsidies for clean power projects until 2025 at the earliest, unless "they have a net reduction effect on bills and are consistent with the government's energy strategy".



Scottish Renewables will be making our position on this clear in our response to the Clean Growth Strategy and we welcome views from members, which should be directed to Policy Manager [Stephanie Conesa](#). In the meantime, as ever, we will continue to engage with the UK Government to secure the best possible deal for the renewables industry in Scotland.

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## General

### [Clean Growth Strategy consultation](#)

In order to inform our response, Scottish Renewables is seeking member feedback on BEIS' [Clean Growth Strategy](#). Please send comments to [Stephanie Conesa](#) by 14 December.

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### [Cost of Energy Review call for evidence](#)

An independent [Cost of Energy Review](#), led by Professor Dieter Helm CBE, was published by BEIS in October.

Scottish Renewables will be submitting evidence. Please send feedback to [Peter Speirs](#) by 15 December.

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### [Board election](#)

Scottish Renewables is seeking nominations for its Board of Directors.

### [Associate Member.](#)

Scottish Renewables is committed to having a Board that reflects the diversity of our membership. In that spirit, we particularly welcome nominations from female representatives, individuals from under-represented groups and from all types and sizes of organisations active across the full range of technologies we represent.

We are at the nominations stage so please see your main contact who will be holding the nominations form for your organisation if you wish to make a proposal, by no later than noon on Friday 12 January. The election itself will be held on Friday 26 January.

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### [Media reaction: UK Government Budget](#)

The UK Government's Budget was published in November. Our media reaction, in which Scottish Renewables CEO Claire Mack said "the opportunity to deliver on the aims and ambitions [of the Clean Growth Strategy] has not been taken", [is available on our website](#).

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### [Media reaction: forest renewables](#)

Stephanie Conesa, Policy Manager at Scottish Renewables, [responded to news](#) that Scotland's national forest estate now contains more than 1GW of renewable energy capacity.

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### [Offshore Wind Week Parliamentary Reception](#)

Scottish Renewables organised a reception in collaboration with the Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult, SSE, Crown Estate Scotland, Vattenfall and the Green Investment Group in the Garden Lobby of the Scottish Parliament to mark [Offshore Wind Week](#).

The event was hosted by [Graeme Dey MSP](#), Convenor of the Environment, Climate Change, and Land Reform Committee, and provided an opportunity for member organisations and others to come together to discuss the offshore wind sector in Scotland with politicians from across the political spectrum.

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### [Scottish Green Energy Awards](#)

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The event was addressed by Scottish Conservative leader Ruth Davidson MSP and attended by almost 1,200 people from across the wider renewable energy industry.

A [press release detailing winners is available](#), and guests are also asked to fill in [a quick survey](#) to help improve the event for 2018.

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## [UK-South Korea collaboration survey](#)

The [Department for Business Energy & Industrial Strategy](#) is considering providing support to encourage UK and South Korean companies to work together on innovative [smart energy](#) ideas.

To understand the level of interest within the UK for this type of international collaboration on innovation, [BEIS has commissioned a survey](#) to capture input from any interested parties or organisations.

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## [Scottish Energy Advisory Board](#)

Scottish Renewables attended the latest SEAB meeting, co-chaired by the First Minister and Professor Sir Jim McDonald, to discuss the upcoming Energy Strategy, due to be published later this month.

Contact [Jenny Hogan](#) with any queries.

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## Economics & Markets

### [RHI consultation response](#)

[Scottish Renewables responded to the wider aspects of BEIS' RHI consultation](#). We called for the scheme to support the decarbonisation of heat across all scales of technology development, ensure investor confidence, and prevent and penalise inappropriate use of the RHI mechanisms.

Please direct any queries to [Hannah Smith](#).

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## Systems & Storage

### [ENTSO-E consultations](#)

ENTSO-E is consulting on eight Implementation Guidance Documents (IGDs) (six new and two updates). The [consultation](#) closes on 21 December.

The IGDs under consultation are:

- Frequency Sensitive Mode
- Limited Frequency Sensitive Mode
- Demand Response - System Frequency Control
- Frequency Ranges
- Maximum Admissible Active Power Reduction at Low Frequencies
- Automatic (re-)connection and Rate of Change of Active Power
- Rate of Change of Frequency (RoCoF) Withstand Capability
- Need for Synthetic Inertia for Frequency Regulation

Please let [Hannah Smith](#) know if you would like to comment.

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### [Network Innovation Strategy consultation](#)

The ENA is consulting on a [Network Innovation Strategy](#), setting out a roadmap for innovation to take place across the networks. The consultation closes on 15 December, and Scottish Renewables will be responding.

Please send any comments to [Hannah Smith](#).

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## Planning & Consents

### [South Lanarkshire Council tall wind turbines response](#)

Scottish Renewables responded to South Lanarkshire Council's consultation on its [Tall Wind Turbines: Landscape Capacity, Siting and Design Guidance](#) draft document. Feedback from this consultation may be added into the council's 2016 Landscape Capacity Study.

If you have any questions about [our response](#), please contact [Stephanie Conesa](#).

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Scottish Renewables held a meeting of the SR Planning Network. This meeting was an opportunity to discuss the assessment of socio-economic benefits in planning applications as well as issues around shared ownership.

Please contact [Stephanie Conesa](#) for further information.

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### [SEPA charging response](#)

SEPA recently consulted on plans to introduce new charging fees, set to have a particular impact on hydro generation. [Scottish Renewables' response can be found here.](#)

Please direct any questions to [Hannah Smith](#).

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### [Chief Planner Roundtable](#)

Scottish Renewables attended a roundtable meeting with the Scottish Government's Chief Planner and a wide range of stakeholders to discuss the challenge of linking infrastructure with planned development.

We highlighted our key positions in relation to planning and renewables, primarily to closely align planning policy and energy strategy. Further roundtable meetings are expected.

Please contact [Stephanie Conesa](#) or [Jenny Hogan](#) for further information.

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### [Planning Bill](#)

The Planning (Scotland) Bill, which was laid before the Scottish Parliament last week, considers the "twin contexts of sustainable growth and climate change mitigation".

A [new blog](#) by Public Affairs Manager Peter Speirs considers the implications for renewable energy.

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## Offshore Renewables

### [Offshore Wind Industry Group](#)

Scottish Renewables attended a meeting of OWIG, co-chaired by Energy Minister Paul Wheelhouse and Dan Finch of EDPR, which featured presentations on industry work towards securing an Offshore Wind Sector Deal and on the formation of an Offshore Wind Industry Supply Chain forum.

We also attended the first meeting of OWIG Supply Chain Group, which will seek to maximise opportunity for the industry supply chain, create a strategy to build resilience within it and to increase its profile.

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### [Scottish Marine Energy Industry Group](#)

Scottish Renewables attended the SMEIG, which is chaired by Scottish Government Minister Paul Wheelhouse.

The meeting focused on financial stability for the sector and the potential to drive supply chain, export and intellectual property growth in Scotland. Work being carried out by ORE Catapult to analyse value and economic benefits of the sector was also highlighted.

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### [Media reactions](#)

Scottish Renewables commented on a number of offshore renewables news stories in November, which can be accessed through the links below:

- A [new report by University of Strathclyde and Imperial College London](#) which highlighted key actions for the future development of wave energy technologies.
- A briefing at the start of [Offshore Wind Week](#) which showed how Scotland is reaping economic benefits from the offshore wind industry.
- The UK Supreme Court's [rejection of a petition from RSPB Scotland](#) to reconsider the consent of offshore wind farms in the Firths of Forth and Tay.

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[SR Chairman's blog](#)

In [a blog published on Scottish Renewables' website](#), Pat Hawthorn reflected on her work as a Partner at law firm Shepherd + Wedderburn during the three-year judicial review into wind farm consents in the Firths of Forth and Tay.

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## Onshore Renewables

### [Post-consent bird monitoring workshop](#)

Scottish Renewables, as part of the Scottish Windfarm Bird Steering Group, is working with SNH, RSPB and members to develop a workshop discussing the the effective collection of data. Further details of the workshop will be available soon.

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

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