

SR Monthly Briefing

A round-up of the work SR is doing on your behalf



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Dear Member,

The start of autumn means it's party conference season, and Scottish Renewables has been active across the political spectrum.

As detailed in this Monthly Briefing email we attended the Conservative's event in Birmingham last weekend and commented on Jeremy Corbyn's speech at Labour's conference on September 26.



Next Tuesday, October 9, we're holding a reception at the SNP Conference in Glasgow. The event, titled *Too hot to handle? Cleaning up Scotland's heating*, will bring together industry and politicians to discuss the pressing issues which affect the sector.

For more information, or to discuss our ongoing political engagement more widely, get in touch.

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GENERAL



Committee on Climate Change rates Scotland's emissions progress

The Committee on Climate Change's [annual assessment](#) of Scotland's progress in cutting carbon emissions praised progress in the electricity and waste sectors but warns that faster cuts in other sectors, particularly transport and agriculture, will be needed to hit future targets.

Scottish Renewables is mentioned in relation to industry concerns regarding the planning environment for repowering onshore wind. The report also echoes our call for the Scottish Government to set out how the Energy Efficient Scotland programme will support the rollout of low-carbon heat in off-gas grid areas. We also [responded to media](#).



Publicly Owned Energy Company

SR has [responded](#) to a call for evidence on the proposed Publicly Owned Energy Company from the Scottish Parliament's Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee.

Contact [Peter Speirs](#), Public Affairs Manager, to discuss.

Party Conferences

As mentioned above, Labour, the Liberal Democrats, and Conservatives held their UK conferences this month, and the SNP does so this weekend.

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turbines and a sevenfold increase in offshore wind turbine numbers. The Labour leader also announced plans to expand the number of properties utilising solar technology.

A copy of the speech is available [here](#) and you can read our media reaction [here](#).

Blog: An intern's view of renewable energy.

As part of our commitment to supporting Scotland's Year of Young People, Heriot-Watt University Geography student Lia Wood joined the Scottish Renewables team for a two-month internship this summer.

In [this blog](#) she talks about how our work has given her degree new relevance – and some surprises which caught her unawares along the way.

Website update

We're updating our website, and we'd love to hear your views. Fill in [this survey](#) to participate and contact Nick Sharpe, Director of Communications, with any questions.

ECONOMICS & MARKETS



Consultation Response: Capacity Market

Review

We have responded to a [call for evidence](#) from BEIS as part of the Capacity Market Review. You can access [our final consultation response here](#).



Department for
Business, Energy
& Industrial Strategy

Consultation Response: Feed-in Tariff Closure

We submitted [our response to the call for evidence on the future of small-scale, low-carbon](#)

We set out the same in the more procedural [response to the consultation on the closure of the scheme](#).



The Scottish Government Riaghaltas na h-Alba

Consultation Response: Business Rates

The Scottish Government consulted on elements of the Barclay review of Business Rates which required legislative change. [We responded to this consultation](#), saying that the ratings system will only be effective if it is able to respond to economic change, that it must support business growth and long-term investment and transparency, and that standardisation and consistency within the system need to be improved.

PLANNING & CONSENTS



Consultation: Strategic Environmental Assessment for proposed Special Protection Areas

As part of the process to determine whether the 15 proposed SPAs should be classified, Marine Scotland now invite views on both the findings of the SEA and the Network Assessment via its [consultation platform](#).

The purpose of this exercise is to provide the opportunity to offer views on the scenarios, results and conclusions presented in the SEA and Network Assessment.

This consultation closes on November 9. If you would like to discuss, please contact [Stephanie Conesa](#).

GRID & SYSTEMS



Consultation response: Ofgem considers network access and charging arrangements

should prioritise in addressing these.

Scottish Renewables' response [can be found here](#).

Consultation response: Future Worlds - how DSOs might operate

The ENA, as part of the Open Networks project, [published a consultation on Future Worlds](#), covering models by which a DSO could operate. SR [responded](#).

LOW-CARBON HEAT



Response to Scottish Procurement Directorate on heat networks & low-carbon heat

The Scottish Government Procurement Directorate issued a request for information on how Government procurement can best support the uptake of heat networks, low-carbon heat and energy efficiency. [We responded](#), setting out concerns and suggestions from our members.



Fuel Poverty Bill

The Scottish Parliament's Local Government and Communities Committee has issued a call for written evidence on the draft [Fuel Poverty Bill](#).

This is an opportunity to flag that interventions to improve the thermal efficiency of fuel-poor households should also consider low-carbon heating system replacements. The deadline for submissions is November 9 - please contact [Fabrice Leveque](#) with any comments.

ONSHORE RENEWABLES



Scottish Renewables held a productive meeting with Scottish Conservative MPs in the Palace of Westminster last month.

We made the case for realising Scotland's onshore wind potential and underscored the need for the UK Government to act to support the sector.

The meeting has led to the strengthening of relationships with this important group, which we will look to build upon in the coming months.



Landscape Capacity Studies: Joint SR & Scottish Natural Heritage Seminar

Scottish Renewables and SNH will be holding a joint seminar at the SR office on November 7 from 12:30 to 14:30. This will be an opportunity to discuss issues around landscape capacity studies for onshore wind development.

Please email [Fabrice Leveque](mailto:fabrice@scottishrenewables.co.uk) to respond.

Blog: The hidden value in every wind farm - and how to tap it

In 1995 Scotland's first wind farm, Hagshaw Hill, took shape in the hills of South Lanarkshire.

20 years later, the machines which have turned wind into electricity at that site are reaching the end of their lives.

With an increasing focus on renewables' part in the circular economy, [this blog](#) looks at the

OFFSHORE RENEWABLES



Media reaction: EOWDC opens

The European Offshore Wind Deployment Centre in Aberdeen Bay opened last month.

We [responded](#) to media enquiries with a quote from Chief Executive Claire Mack, who attended the the inauguration event in Aberdeen. She said: "This project is significant on a global stage.

"The developments and research which are taking place in Aberdeen place Scotland at the very forefront of offshore wind innovation and cement the city's reputation as an energy powerhouse."

Marine Debate

Scottish Renewables worked with Liam McArthur MSP to secure a members business debate in the Scottish Parliament on marine energy.

Contributions from Liam and representatives of the other parties represented in Scotland celebrated the successes of wave and tidal technologies and discussed Scotland's vast marine potential.



The debate can be read [here](#).

Offshore Wind Prospectus launch

The Offshore Wind Industry Council has launched its industry prospectus with former McLaren Group CEO Martin Whitmarsh. It states that the global offshore wind sector could be "worth £30 billion a year by 2030" to UK supply chain firms.

[Responding](#), Fabrice Leveque, Senior Policy Manager at Scottish Renewables, said: "This

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