

SR Monthly Briefing

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



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Dear Member,

It's been a busy month for Scottish Renewables' member Heat Network.

The First Minister unveiled a route map for [Energy Efficient Scotland](#): the Scottish Government's plan to decarbonise buildings and eradicate fuel poverty. Although welcome, it says very little on the role of low-carbon heat other than heat networks, and SR's [media comment](#) reflected this.



The route map was [debated](#) in the Scottish Parliament, and a number of members referenced our briefing points. We're preparing a set of recommendations which we'll include in our response to the route map consultation.

BEIS is [currently consulting](#) on the support for low-carbon heat beyond the end of the RHI in 2021, and SR met with officials from the Department to discuss the options being considered.

To find out more about our heat policy work or to provide feedback on these consultations, please get in touch.

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New Climate Change Bill

The Scottish Government has laid its new [Climate Change Bill](#) before the Scottish Parliament.

The Bill will increase Scotland's 2050 carbon target from an 80% reduction (on 1990 levels) to 90%, with currently-legislated targets (to 2032) remaining the same.

[Scottish Renewables said](#): "While this Bill continues to show Scotland's ambition, we would urge Ministers and Parliament to set a date for delivering net-zero emissions and to remain a world leader in the fight against climate change."



Sustainable Growth Commission Report

The long-awaited [Sustainable Growth Commission Report](#) has been published by the SNP.

The Report is broad in scope, but notes Scotland's vast renewable energy potential as a key strength. Scottish Renewables attended a briefing session with the report's author, Andrew Wilson, at the University of Edinburgh.

National Economic Forum

Scottish Renewables staff facilitated a session on energy supply chains, co-chaired by Energy Minister Paul Wheelhouse, at the 20th [National Economic Forum](#) in Dumfries, attended by the Scottish cabinet and other ministers. The event focused on growing the rural economy.

Blog: Modern Slavery Act

SR teamed up with ScottishPower to host an event titled 'Modern Slavery - How Should the Energy Sector Respond?' to help promote best practice throughout the sector and to discuss how organisations can tackle an issue which affects organisations and their employees across the globe.

[This blog](#) accompanied the event, and looks at how the event affects our members.

OFFSHORE RENEWABLES

**Crown Estate Scotland Offshore Wind Leasing Round discussion paper**

Crown Estate Scotland has published a [discussion paper](#) outlining proposals and seeking views on the process to lease new sites for offshore wind generation. SR issued a [reaction](#) to media, with Senior Policy Manager Fabrice Leveque saying: "Crown Estate Scotland's proposals set the tone for the future of this vibrant sector."

Please email [Fabrice Leveque](#) with your feedback on the discussion paper by July 15. The consultation closes on August 31.

**Media reaction: member successes**

Two SR members received good news in May, and SR responded with quotes for media:

- [Windhoist was awarded a multi-million pound contract award on the Beatrice offshore wind project.](#)
- [Nova Innovation was granted an extension of its seabed lease at the Shetland Tidal Array – the world's first.](#)

Marine Scotland – bringing offshore wind and fisheries together

Marine Scotland held a meeting of representatives from the offshore energy and fisheries sectors

If you have any questions about this meeting, please get in touch.

MUSES workshop: Ocean Multi-Use Action Plan Development

The [Multi-Use in European Seas project](#), which looks at the joint use of resources in close geographic proximity, is holding its second workshop on June 27. The workshop aims to bring sectors together to discuss actions needed to facilitate the implementation of the Multi-Use concept and prioritise actions to address Multi-Use challenges.

[Stephanie Conesa](#) will be attending. Get in touch to discuss.

Media reaction: ORE Catapult report

SR [responded](#) to [a report published by the Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult](#) which assessed the value in further public support for the tidal stream and wave energy industries.

Hannah Smith, Senior Policy Manager, said: "This landmark report clearly demonstrates the enormous potential of our wave and tidal energy industries – should they be able to access the right support from Government."

ECONOMICS & MARKETS



National Grid publishes Black Start Strategy.

[National Grid has published a product roadmap for system restoration](#). It sets out plans to broaden participation in black start services through allowing wind, storage/batteries and Distributed Energy Resources (DER) to provide services from 2019.

Feed-in Tariff meeting at Westminster

SR Chief Executive Claire Mack, alongside representatives from RenewableUK, the Solar Trade Association and the National

While no date for the long-awaited consultation was forthcoming, the Minister did acknowledge the urgency of the issue. The meeting followed an [open letter from Scottish Renewables](#) and nine other trade associations expressing our concern over the delay.



Blog: Bitcoin and the energy system

With the column inches devoted to Bitcoin growing, this [SR blog](#) looks at the energy-intensive processes needed to mine the cryptocurrency - and what they might mean for renewable generators.

GRID & SYSTEMS



Open Networks Project Treatment of Flexibility Consultation & Call for Evidence

The Energy Networks Association's Open Networks project is looking at the future of smart, flexible networks. As part of this work, the ENA is [consulting](#) on how storage and other flexible assets could be advanced in the connections queue.

Scottish Renewables is seeking member input for [our consultation response](#). Please send any comments to [Joe Mitchell](#) by COP on June 7.

National Grid takes views on user commitment

Where customers connecting to the transmission system prompt a need for additional investment, User Commitment is required under the CUSC to demonstrate a commitment to developing the scheme.

[National Grid is reviewing its requirements](#). Consultation closes on June 29.

Smart Systems Funding call

design and practical demonstration of new business models that intelligently link supply, storage and demand in heating, power and transport.

There are two parts to this competition: up to £40 million is available for three smart energy system demonstrators, while up to £1.5 million is available for studies into new, smarter approaches to local energy.

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ONSHORE RENEWABLES



Support letter calling for removal of the MIP and trade duties on solar panels and cells

Scottish Renewables has signed a [support letter](#) calling for removal of the MIP and trade duties on solar panels and cells.

The 45 signatories to this letter believe that the EU's solar trade measures, consisting of the minimum import price (MIP), anti-dumping and anti-subsidy duties on cells and modules from China, Taiwan and Malaysia, should be removed immediately, and at the latest by September 3, 2018.

Hydro Conference

Past and future revenue streams – and the problems with both – were laid bare for Scotland's hydropower sector at SR's Hydro Conference and Exhibition in Perth last month.

Blog: onshore wind optimisation

"The brave new world of wind generation is about one thing: marginal gains."

Ahead of our Onshore Wind Conference and Exhibition next week, [this blog](#), courtesy of [Smarter Grid Solutions](#), looks at a series of incremental changes that will allow the new generation of onshore wind to flourish.

PLANNING & CONSENTS

**Fees Charged for Applications under the Electricity Act 1989 consultation**

Scottish Renewables has submitted a [response](#) to the Scottish Government's [Fees Charged for Applications under the Electricity Act 1989 consultation](#). If you have any questions on the comments set out in this response, please contact [Stephanie Conesa](#).

Consultation Response: Extending Permitted Development Rights in Scotland

The Scottish Government consulted on extending permitted development rights for several renewable generation technologies, district heat networks and battery storage. SR sent a [letter of support](#).

Review of Good Practice Principles for Community Benefits and Shared Ownership

The Scottish Government is holding an evidence-gathering focus group for its Good Practice Principles review process on June 20. Stephanie Conesa will be attending.

To find out more about the review process visit the Scottish Government's [review page](#). Email CBSOGuidanceReview@gov.scot to contribute your views.



Planning Bill Debate and Stage 1 Report

The [Stage 1 Report on the Planning \(Scotland\) Bill](#) was published this month, followed by a [debate](#) in the Scottish Parliament.

The Report made a series of recommendations to improve and clarify the Bill, and noted the written and oral evidence submitted by Scottish Renewables. MSPs approved the principles of the Bill after the Stage 1 Report, but a large number of amendments are likely at Stages 2 and 3 of the Parliamentary process.

Galloway National Park Association public meetings

Galloway National Park Association is holding a [series of events](#) around the region to discuss making Galloway a National Park.

The GNPA has also produced a [Discussion Paper](#) and corresponding [questionnaire](#).

LOW-CARBON HEAT



A Future Framework for Heat in Buildings

BEIS is consulting on policies to support low-carbon heat in off-gas grid areas once the RHI closes in April 2021. The consultation proposes targeting new-build standards, obligations on the oil heating supply chain, and asks for feedback on established and emerging technologies.

Scottish Renewables will be responding. Please send any comments asap to [Fabrice Leveque](#) (the consultation closes on July 11).

Consultation: Energy Efficient Scotland

The Scottish Government is [consulting](#) on

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[commented to media](#) last month.

Those proposals included new energy efficiency targets for rented and fuel-poor homes, a long-term target for all homes to reach EPC C by 2040, and the introduction of energy standards for commercial property from 2021.

Please send any comments to [Fabrice Leveque](#) by June 22 (consultation closes July 27).

Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing, post-2020 (ESSH2)

The Scottish Government is [consulting](#) on a new energy efficiency standard for social housing to reach EPC B by 2030. The consultation suggests that consideration of a carbon element could be considered from 2025.

Please send any comments to [Fabrice Leveque](#) by June 22 (consultation closes July 27).

Low-carbon heat debate in Scottish Parliament

The Scottish Government's Energy Efficient Scotland Route Map was debated in the Scottish Parliament in early May. Contributions came from all the parties represented in the Parliament, with a number of members referencing Scottish Renewables' briefing points.

To read the debate, please follow [this link](#).

BEIS response: Non-domestic Renewable Heat Incentive proposed amendments

BEIS has [finalised further amendments](#) to the non-domestic RHI including eligibility for very large plant and multiple installations.

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