

SR Monthly Briefing

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



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Dear Member,

We've recently refreshed our [vision and mission](#), which underline our pride in working for our members at all scales and across all renewable energy technologies.

To represent your organisation powerfully and effectively we need to know what you want from us. Our [2018 Member Survey](#) gives you the chance to tell us (anonymously, if you'd rather). It takes around eight minutes to complete, and I'd urge you to be as honest as you can.



So far members have described SR as 'approachable', 'proactive' and 'professional'. I look forward to reading your response.

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SNP Conference and Scottish Government Reshuffle

The SNP rounded off Spring Conference season a little later than usual at Aberdeen's AECC at the start of June. The Conference heard that Keith Brown had been elected Depute Leader of the party.

A few weeks later the First Minister [reshuffled her cabinet](#), significantly reshaping her ministerial team. Paul Wheelhouse remains the minister responsible for energy, now with connectivity and the islands replacing business and innovation in his portfolio.

Win tickets with our Member Survey.

Everyone who fills in our 2018 Member Survey has the chance to win two tickets to an [SR conference](#) of their choice.

The survey takes about eight minutes to complete, and you can [do so by clicking here](#).



Media reaction: Climate change targets

The Scottish Government announced on June 12 that Scotland has met its statutory annual climate change target for the third year running.

[Responding](#), Claire Mack, Chief Executive of Scottish Renewables, said: "The energy supply sector has seen the largest reduction in CO2 emissions, with a 68.5% reduction since 1990. This demonstrates that phasing out fossil fuels in favour of clean, green alternatives is having the desired effect."

Media reaction: CCC report

[Responding](#), Fabrice Leveque, Senior Policy Manager at Scottish Renewables, said: "This is a stark warning from the independent advisory body that the UK Government is unnecessarily increasing the cost of tackling climate change by preventing the cheapest technologies, like onshore wind and solar, from competing in the electricity market."

OFFSHORE RENEWABLES



SpORRAn Coordination Group Meeting

Marine Scotland recently held a meeting of the Scottish Offshore Renewables Research Framework (SpORRAn) Coordination Group. This was an opportunity to discuss progress updates on each specialist group and its corresponding evidence map, as well as funding opportunities and future plans. [Stephanie Conesa](#) was in attendance. If you have any questions, please get in touch.

Media reaction: money for offshore wind

On June 19 the Scottish Government [announced](#) £2 million of funding to encourage innovation in offshore wind.

The Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult also [detailed](#) how some of that money will be spent, alongside additional investment of more than £850,000.

[Responding](#), Stephanie Conesa, Policy Manager at Scottish Renewables, said: "This money, targeted at supporting innovation to reduce costs, improve health and safety and widen educational opportunities, will help the sector continue to develop, bringing jobs and investment to Scotland and reducing carbon emissions."



Media reaction: Swansea tidal lagoon

An announcement by the UK Government on June 25 means that the Swansea Tidal Lagoon project will not be going ahead.

[Responding](#), Hannah Smith, Senior Policy Manager at Scottish Renewables, said: "It's crucial to remember that the UK maintains a world lead in developing wave and tidal energy."

We also referenced the decision in a [blog](#) on the future of offshore wind, which focusses on two consultations from Marine Scotland and Crown Estate Scotland.

ECONOMICS & MARKETS



Feed-in Tariff

We have yet to receive a timescale for the publication of the Feed-in Tariff consultation, though we are still hearing it may happen ahead of summer recess on July 24.

You may recall that, following [this letter](#), Scottish Renewables and other trade associations – including the STA – met with Claire Perry, Minister of State at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, where we pressed for urgency on the consultation and stressed the importance of the tariff and what it has delivered thus far.

We have submitted supplementary evidence to BEIS following the meeting and are continuing to engage with officials.

Business Rates

of a Bill during the current term of Parliament.

The consultation will close on September 17.

A meeting of our economics and markets member network will be convened on August 9 from 10am-noon in Scottish Renewables' office to discuss this and other matters arising. Please [RSVP](#) if you'd like to attend.

Publicly-Owned Energy Company.

As part of the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee's scrutiny of energy policy a [research paper/scoping note](#) on this topic was commissioned. It reviewed the evidence on establishing a publicly-owned energy company as well as looking more widely at what the purpose and model for such a body could be.

The Scottish Parliament is [seeking views](#) on the merits or otherwise of establishing a publicly owned energy company. The call for written views will close on Thursday September 13.

GRID & SYSTEMS

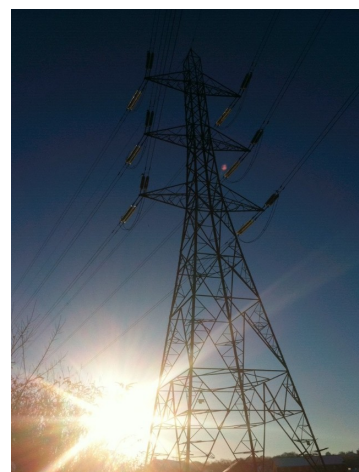


Grid Charging

Scottish Renewables and Renewable UK have commissioned Xero Energy to support engagement in the Charging Futures Project.

A [Strategy Paper](#), setting out key points for the industry and recommendations for engaging with Ofgem, has been prepared for members ahead of expected consultation from Ofgem in mid-July.

The three organisations met with Ofgem to discuss the key themes identified in the paper and raise industry concerns with Ofgem.



Our Distribution Network Policy Group is hosting a workshop for SSEN and SPEN to outline their latest plans on customer commitments around connections on Thursday July 5, from 10am-noon.

This session will allow you to hear from the DNOs and give feedback on the ICE Plans. [Please RSVP](#) to Hannah Smith.

Consultation response: ENA Treatment of Flexibility

Scottish Renewables has submitted [a response](#) to the Energy Networks Association consultation and call for evidence on Workstream 1, Product 10 - Treatment of Flexibility. This consultation looked at how storage and other flexible assets could be advanced in the connections queue.

Please contact [Joe Mitchell](#) with any questions.

Blog: Why upping the ante on our energy system is a team sport

The scale, pace and depth of change underway across our energy system was discussed in detail at [Scottish Renewables' Storage and Systems Conference](#) on 13 June.

[Our blog](#) gives those who missed the conference a chance to catch-up on the highlights, and [presentations from the event are available on our website](#).

ONSHORE RENEWABLES





Onshore Wind Week and Conference

[Onshore Wind Week](#) took place last month, with events and activities across Scotland and the UK, including our annual [Onshore Wind Conference](#) in Glasgow.



SR worked closely with members and RenewableUK to communicate that onshore wind is cheap, clean and delivering jobs and investment, as highlighted in our new report [Onshore Wind: Investing in Scotland's Energy Future](#), a new SR [website](#) and in [our blog](#). Also launched during the week was [The Power of Onshore Wind](#), a report looking at the economic benefits of allowing onshore wind access to the CfD mechanism.

To support the launch of our report we created [a video](#) which hears from people working behind-the-scenes in onshore wind on what the sector means to their business.

Solar Network meeting

Scottish Renewables will be hosting a meeting of our Solar Network on Wednesday July 25 from 10am-noon. The meeting will bring together our solar members to network, discuss pressing policy issues and hear updates from Scottish Renewables.

To RSVP for this meeting, or raise an item for the agenda, please contact [Joe Mitchell](#).

Decentralised Energy Sector Deal

Scottish Renewables is contributing to a sector deal proposal for decentralised low-carbon power. It is being developed in partnership with various trade bodies representing small and medium-

ensure the best representation for our sector.

If you have any questions, please contact [Joe Mitchell](#).



Blog: Onshore Wind 2.0 - the next generation

Ahead of our Onshore Wind Conference on 12 June, Smarter Grid Solutions' Senior Consultant Laura Kane contributed to [our blog](#) on smart technology's role in the future of the sector.

In it she writes: "By using smart technologies and flexible grid connections, developers can connect to the network and make a return on investment sooner than when using traditional connections."

Community Benefits Debate

A [debate on community benefit payments](#) associated with the onshore wind sector, secured by Richard Lochhead MSP, was held in the Scottish Parliament. Scottish Renewables provided a briefing.

PLANNING & CONSENTS



Sectoral Marine Plan for Offshore Wind Scoping Consultation

Marine Scotland has published [five documents](#) as part of its Sectoral Marine Plan for Offshore Wind [consultation](#). Please send comments on the [Scoping 'Areas of Search' Study for offshore wind energy in Scottish Waters, 2018](#) consultation to [Stephanie Conesa](#) by June 29. This consultation closes on July 18.

SNH Repowering Guidance Consultation

repowering applications.

Please send any comments to [Stephanie Conesa](#) by Friday, June 29. The consultation closes on August 31.

Consultation on Fees Charged for Applications under the Electricity Act 1989

Following analysis of consultation responses, a report will be published [on the Scottish Government's consultation page](#). Ministers will then consider next steps.

The Scottish Government will publish details of any changes to fees which Ministers decide to take forward, including indicative timescales, along with a full BRIA. Contact EconsentsAdmin@gov.scot for more information.

East Lothian Council - Notice of intention to adopt proposed Local Development Plan

East Lothian Council has decided it will adopt the proposed East Lothian LDP 2016 (as modified following Examination in Public), namely the East Lothian LDP 2018 (ELLDP 2018).

The council has now submitted the ELLDP 2018 to Scottish Ministers for review. For more information, visit the [council website](#) or contact [Iain McFarlane](#).

LOW-CARBON HEAT



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Response to BEIS consultation on a Future Framework for Heat

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deployment of low-carbon heat once the Renewable Heat Incentive closes in April 2021.

Please contact [Fabrice Leveque](#) with any questions.

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