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SR Monthly Briefing

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



Dear Member,

March was a busy month at Holyrood for Scottish Renewables, with both staff and Board members representing industry at three separate committee sessions.

These appearances are part of our commitment to promote members' interests at every opportunity - a commitment which is once again demonstrated by the substantial and varied amount of media coverage of our work has generated this month.



Strong member involvement is crucial to help support this work, so please do get in touch if you have projects, ideas or issues which you'd like our Communications team to consider.

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SR Annual Conference 2018

We held our Annual Conference in Edinburgh on March 26-7. The event, which was attended by more than 200 delegates on both days, featured [the First Minister](#), Energy Minister, BEIS and actor Robert Llewellyn, and sparked media interest, as well as inspiring [a press release](#) and an [SR blog](#).

Media coverage focussing specifically on interviews with Claire Mack featured in [Energy Voice](#) and [Business Insider](#).

New SR Board

SR has [announced the appointment](#) of its new Chairman and Vice-Chairman, as well as several new Directors.

Rob Forrest, Chief Executive of renewable energy developer GreenPower, will take over as Chairman, while David Cameron, Head of Scottish Policy at EDF Energy, has been appointed Vice-Chairman.

Rob replaces Patricia Hawthorn, Partner at UK law firm Shepherd and Wedderburn, who had Chaired the organisation since 2015.



The Lobbying Register

The [Lobbying \(Scotland\) Act 2016](#) came into force on March 12.

The Act requires that instances of regulated lobbying be entered onto the Lobbying Register. Scottish Renewables [has written a blog](#) on the Register, which provides advice.

Consultation calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue
1 Apr	2	3
Fees Charged for Applications under the Electricity Act 1		
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[active consultations from the Scottish and UK Governments, as well as other organisations with an interest in renewable energy.](#)

It's for SR members only, and you can access it quickly by [logging in to the site](#) using the green Sign In button in the top right corner.

Email Public Affairs Manager [Peter Speirs](#) with any queries on the calendar.

Press release: Huge rise in Scotland's renewable power output

The amount of power produced by Scotland's renewable energy industry grew by 26% between 2016 and 2017.

Among [wider comments](#), SR Chief Executive Claire Mack said: "Scotland has an enormous renewable energy resource: our winds, waves, tides, rainfall and even our longer daylight hours are tremendous assets to the country, and renewable energy enables us to use them to produce direct economic and environmental benefits."

ECONOMICS & MARKETS



Parliamentary appearance: the economy.

SR Chief Executive Claire Mack represented members at the Scottish Parliament's Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee.

Claire [discussed](#) renewables' contribution to Scotland's economic performance and what is needed from government to enable the continued success of the renewables industry in Scotland.

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Scottish Renewables' Commercial Arrangements Group set to meet

A meeting of Scottish Renewables' Commercial Arrangements Group will take place on 17 April to discuss industry objectives around PPAs, Green Bonds, and the Scottish Government's proposed Publicly Owned Energy Company.

To contribute or find out more, contact [Hannah Smith](#).

Consultation: Business Rates

The Scottish Assessors' Association is currently [consulting stakeholders](#) to inform a proposal to amend the information that is published within the valuation roll.



Consultation: Capacity Market

Ofgem has received 112 proposals from stakeholders to amend aspects of the Capacity Market, and are minded to take forward 38 of them. [This consultation sets out the detail.](#)

Scottish Renewables will respond to the consultation. Please direct any comments to [Hannah Smith](#) by 16 April, ahead of Ofgem's [stakeholder workshop](#), which industry can attend.

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OFFSHORE RENEWABLES

Crown Estate Scotland update: new offshore wind leasing

Crown Estate Scotland has recently published an [update](#) on its preparations for new offshore wind leasing for Scotland. To register for updates on the new leasing process, please email marine@crownestatescotland.com.

Offshore Wind Sector Deal

The Offshore Wind Industry Council (OWIC) has published a proposal for an offshore wind Sector Deal, setting out UK Government and industry actions required to deliver up to 30GW of generating capacity by 2030. A summary of the key proposals can be found [here](#).

Responding for media, Senior Policy Manager Fabrice Leveque said: "This new deal is an opportunity to build on recent successes and ensure that the enormous potential for jobs and investment presented by offshore wind is shared across the UK."

GRID & SYSTEMS



Consultation: RIIO-2 framework

Ofgem is currently [consulting on the Framework for RIIO-2](#), which will govern the price controls for the gas and electricity networks from 2021 (for transmission) and 2023 (for distribution). Please send any comments to [Hannah Smith](#) by 11 April.

Consultation: managed charging solutions for EVs

Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks has launched a [consultation on Managed Electric Vehicle Charging](#), seeking views on proposed solutions to help avoid potential overloads on local electricity networks caused by sharp increases in the use of electric vehicles. Please send comments to [Joe Mitchell](#) by 15 April.



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National Marine Plan Review 2018

A report of the [first review of Scotland's National Marine Plan](#) has been published.

The report reflects feedback provided by a range of public authorities as well as marine industries and users. Scottish Ministers will now consider the review and decide whether to replace or amend the plan.

Parliamentary appearance: Crown Estate Bill

Scottish Renewables Board member Patricia Hawthorn represented members at the Scottish Parliament's Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee.

Pat made the case for national management of offshore renewable assets and discussed the Crown Estate Scotland's consenting process. A transcript of the session is available [here](#).

SR launches Distribution Grid Group

With considerable change afoot across the distribution networks, SR is launching a new member forum to consider how these changes impact the renewable energy industry. Contact [Hannah Smith](#) to get involved.

ONSHORE RENEWABLES



Media reaction: Gaia-Wind

Deputy Chief Executive Jenny Hogan [responded](#) to news that Glasgow-based small wind turbine manufacturer Gaia-Wind has gone into provisional liquidation.

She said: "This announcement comes as a blow to Scottish manufacturing and another reminder

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Media reaction: onshore wind repowering report

A [report](#) on March 26 by the Energy and Climate Intelligence Unit found that repowering onshore wind farms which are reaching the end of their lives could "cut carbon, reduce bills and support local communities".

Responding, Fabrice Leveque, Senior Policy Manager at Scottish Renewables, said: "This report demonstrates the potential for repowering of Scotland's fleet of onshore wind turbines, and specifically the £77 million per year which doing so would save compared with obtaining electricity from gas."

PLANNING & CONSENTS



Consultation: Fees Charged for Applications under the Electricity Act 1989

Scottish Ministers have launched a [consultation](#) into future statutory arrangements for fees payable under sections 36, 36C and 37 of the Electricity Act 1989.

Scottish Renewables is seeking member feedback on this consultation. Please send comments to [Stephanie Conesa](#) by COP Friday 13 April.

Consultation: Dumfries and Galloway Proposed Local Development Plan 2

The Dumfries and Galloway Proposed Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2) is currently out for [consultation](#). This closes at 4pm on Monday 30 April 2018. LDP2 is scheduled to be in place by September 2019.

Please send any comments to [Stephanie Conesa](#) by COP on Friday 6 April.

Loch Carron MPA consultation

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permanent Marine Protected Area, with an associated Marine Conservation Order.

Please contact

Marine_Conservation@gov.scot with any questions. This consultation closes 13 June 2018.

Proposed East Lothian local development plan

Reporters from the Planning and Environmental Appeals Division (DPEA) of the Scottish Government have examined issues raised in representations on the proposed East Lothian local development plan. The report from the examination is now available [on the DPEA website](#).

Contact [Jayne Anderson](#) with any questions.

Parliamentary appearance: Planning Bill

Jenny Hogan, Deputy Chief Executive of Scottish Renewables, represented members at the Scottish Parliament's Local Government and Communities Committee. She [reminded the committee](#) that planning must be geared toward enabling renewables development and of the importance of the planning system to the business case for renewables projects.

LOW-CARBON HEAT



Call for evidence: future framework for heat in buildings

BEIS has launched [a call for evidence](#) on decarbonising heat in buildings, looking at the role of regulation, incentives and supply chain support. Proposals are aimed at England and Wales but evidence is being sought from the whole UK supply chain.

The deadline for feedback is 11 June. Please contact [Fabrice Leveque](#) with any comments.

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BEIS has launched [a consultation on the ECO 3 scheme](#) that will run from 2018 to 2022. It is proposed that oil heating systems should no longer be supported and that gas connections be restricted; most proposals will also apply to Scotland. The deadline for responses is 29 April.

Commons Select Committee inquiry into the RHI

The UK Parliament's Public Accounts Committee took oral evidence on a recent NAO report into the cost-effectiveness of the RHI. You can find out more [here](#).

Biomass-fired warm-air heaters: criteria for ETL inclusion

BEIS has [updated](#) the Energy Technology List which sets out eligibility for enhanced capital allowances.

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