

## 2017 General Election Manifestos

All of the main political parties have now published their manifestos for the 2017 General Election.

Scottish Renewables has set out, below, a table of the major relevant policy announcements from these manifestos (and their Scottish versions).

As ever, Scottish Renewables' goal will continue to be securing a viable framework to support investment in every part of our sector – whichever party, or parties, form the next government of the UK.

Party	Energy (general)	Renewables	Low-Carbon Transport	Energy efficiency
<a href="#">Conservatives/ Scottish Conservatives</a>	<p>As part of broader reforms to the business energy market, we will consult on how to extend our safeguard tariff cap to micro-businesses.</p> <p>Commission an independent review into the Cost of Energy, which will be asked to make recommendations as to how we can ensure UK energy costs are as low as possible, while ensuring a reliable supply and allowing us to meet our 2050 carbon reduction objective.</p> <p>After we have left the European Union, we will form our energy policy based not on the way energy is generated but on the ends we desire – reliable and affordable energy, seizing the industrial opportunity that new technology presents and meeting our global commitments on climate change.</p> <p>We will therefore develop the shale industry in Britain. We will only be able to do so if we maintain public confidence in the process, if we uphold our rigorous environmental protections, and if we ensure the proceeds of the wealth generated by shale energy are shared with the communities affected.</p>	<p>While we do not believe that more large-scale onshore wind power is right for England ['Scotland' in Scottish version], we will maintain our position as a global leader in offshore wind and support the development of wind projects in the remote islands of Scotland, where they will directly benefit local communities.</p> <p>Earlier this year, the Scottish Conservatives set out our approach to environmental policy in a comprehensive policy document. The paper included ambitious plans across seven key sections including the circular economy, biodiversity, energy, homes and transport. [Scottish version]</p>	<p>Our ambition is for Britain to lead the world in electric vehicle technology and use. We want almost every car and van to be zero-emission by 2050 – and will invest £600 million by 2020 to help achieve it. W</p>	<p>Establish an industrial energy efficiency scheme to help large companies install measures to cut their energy use and their bills.</p> <p>We have been making the case for an additional £1 billion to be invested in energy efficiency measures over the next five years, aiming to ensure no one has to live in a hard to heat home by the end of the next decade. [Scottish version]</p>

	<p>Ensure that smart meters will be offered to every household and business by the end of 2020, giving people control over their energy bills that they have not had before.</p> <p>Introduce a safeguard tariff cap that will extend the price protection currently in place for some vulnerable customers to more customers on the poorest value tariffs.</p> <p>Improve the energy efficiency of existing homes, especially for the least well off, by committing to upgrading all fuel poor homes to EPC Band C by 2030. We will also review requirements on new homes.</p>			
<p><a href="#">Labour/ Scottish Labour</a></p>	<p>Introduce an immediate emergency price cap to ensure that the average dual-fuel household energy bill remains below £1,000 per year, while we transition to a fairer system for bill payers</p> <p>Regaining control of energy supply networks through the alteration of the National and Regional Network Operator license conditions.</p> <p>Supporting the creation of publicly owned, locally accountable energy companies and co-operatives to rival existing private energy suppliers, with at least one in every region.</p> <p>Legislating to permit publicly owned local companies to purchase the regional grid infrastructure, and to ensure that national and regional grid infrastructure is brought into public ownership over time.</p> <p>Labour will ban fracking because it would lock us into an energy infrastructure based on</p>	<p>We will transform our energy systems, investing in new, state-of-the-art low-carbon gas and renewable electricity production.</p> <p>Ensure that 60 per cent of the UK's energy comes from zero-carbon or renewable sources by 2030</p> <p>We are committed to renewable energy projects, including tidal lagoons, which can help create manufacturing and energy jobs as well as contributing to climate change commitments.</p>	<p>Labour will position the UK at the forefront of the development, manufacture and use of ultra-low emission vehicles, supporting the creation of clean modes of transport through investment in low emission vehicles.</p>	<p>Labour will insulate four million homes as an infrastructure priority to help those who suffer in cold homes each winter.</p>

	<p>fossil fuels, long after the point in 2030 when the Committee on Climate Change says gas in the UK must sharply decline.</p> <p>Currently, the UK buys and sells energy tariff free from Europe, an arrangement which saves families and businesses money, and helps balance the power grid. As part of the Brexit negotiations, Labour will prioritise maintaining access to the internal energy market.</p>			
<p><a href="#">Liberal Democrats/</a> <a href="#">Scottish Liberal Democrats</a></p>	<p>Pass a Zero-Carbon Britain Act to set new legally binding targets to reduce net greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by 2040 and to zero by 2050.</p> <p>Support the Paris agreement by ensuring the UK meets its own climate commitments and plays a leadership role in international efforts to combat climate change</p> <p>Support an ambitious carbon capture and storage programme, which is essential for delivering clean industrial growth.</p> <p>Oppose 'fracking' because of its adverse impact on climate change, the energy mix, and the local environment.</p> <p>Accept that new nuclear power stations can play a role in electricity supply provided concerns about safety, disposal of waste and cost are adequately addressed, new technology is incorporated, and there is no public subsidy for new build.</p> <p>Maintain membership of Euratom, ensuring continued nuclear co-operation, research funding, and access to nuclear fuels.</p> <p>Continue to back new entrants to the energy</p>	<p>Set up a British Housing and Infrastructure Development Bank to mobilise investment into the low-carbon and sustainable infrastructure the UK needs to remain competitive.</p> <p>Expand renewable energy, aiming to generate 60% of electricity from renewables by 2030, restoring government support for solar PV and onshore wind in appropriate locations (helping meet climate targets at least cost) and building more electricity interconnectors to underpin this higher reliance on renewables.</p> <p>Support investment in cutting-edge technologies including energy storage, smart grid technology, hydrogen technologies, offshore wind, and tidal power (including giving the go-ahead for the Swansea Bay tidal lagoon), and investing heavily in research and development.</p> <p>Take forward Contract for Difference to develop the unique renewable energy potential of our islands</p>	<p>Pass a Green Transport Act, introduce an Air Quality Plan to reduce air pollution and protect UK citizens, and support the manufacture of low-emission and electric vehicles, generating jobs and exports.</p> <p>Extending ultra-low-emission zones to 10 more towns and cities.</p> <p>All private hire vehicles and diesel buses licensed to operate in urban areas to run on ultra-low-emission or zero-emission fuels within five years.</p>	<p>Pass a new Green Buildings Act to set new energy-efficiency targets, including a long-term ambition for every home in England to reach at least an energy rating of Band C by 2035.</p> <p>Ensure that at least four million homes are made highly energy efficient (Band C) by 2022, with priority given to fuel-poor households.</p> <p>Restore the zero-carbon standard for new homes which was set by Liberal Democrats in government and since abandoned by the Conservatives, increasing the standard steadily and extending it to non-domestic buildings by 2022</p> <p>Reaching a housebuilding target of 300,000 homes a year by 2022, including half a million affordable and energy-efficient homes, with direct government commissioning where the market fails to deliver.</p>

	<p>market, aiming for at least 30% of the household market to be supplied by competitors to the 'Big 6' by 2022.</p> <p>Expand community energy schemes, encourage councils to develop community energy-saving projects and local electricity generation, and promote city-scale demonstration projects in electric vehicles and clean energy.</p>	<p>across a range of technologies [Scottish version]</p>		
<p><a href="#">SNP</a></p>	<p>Press the UK government to put in place an energy price cap on standard variable tariffs, ensuring a fair deal for customers and energy suppliers</p> <p>Introduce a new duty to be placed on energy companies to set out a clear timetable to reduce the number of people on prepayment meters</p> <p>Immediately implement the Competition and Markets Authority's recommendations on metering to reduce costs for households</p> <p>Put in place a requirement for energy companies to prioritise the roll-out of smart meters to those households at risk of fuel poverty</p> <p>Introduce financial health checks to help people switch to the lowest tariffs and provide advice on reducing energy use</p> <p>take new action, alongside Ofgem, to identify those at risk from fuel poverty, with new legislation to ensure these groups are on the lowest energy tariff possible starting with those eligible for the Cold Weather Payment</p> <p>Continue to demand the reform of the punitive transmission charging regime, which has come</p>	<p>Press the Westminster government to include onshore wind, the lowest cost renewable energy technology, in its industrial strategy. They will also demand an increased focus on offshore wind, tidal energy and wave power.</p> <p>Support the development of wind and other renewable energy projects in the Northern and Western Isles – and a clear timescale for the delivery of the electricity interconnectors needed in the islands.</p> <p>Champion the interests of island and mainland communities to ensure they benefit financially from renewable energy projects and Scotland's outstanding natural resources.</p> <p>Work to protect Scotland's place in Europe's energy markets and funding programmes – ensuring continued funding and cooperation with the EU for Scotland's renewable energy sector.</p> <p>Seek to build a regulatory environment which</p>		

	to symbolise the UK government's repeated failure to deliver energy policies which meet Scotland's needs. SNP MPs will press the UK government to match Scotland's commitment and ambition on climate change	supports investment in new energy storage schemes, including pumped hydro and batteries		
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