

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

 scottishrenewables
MONTHLY BRIEFING
JULY 2020

Dear member,

While our policy and communications work has continued throughout coronavirus, we have made enormous advances in the delivery of events at a time when in-person just isn't possible.

We've undergone a rapid period of reskilling on new technology platforms and have been delighted by the response of audiences and sponsors who have been so supportive of our shift to a virtual environment.

In May our [Hydro Conference](#) was delivered to 50% more delegates than usual while a [webinar](#) with member company ITP Energised also attracted a record crowd for this type of event.



This year's [Onshore Wind Conference](#) will take place virtually on August 5-6, and [delegate passes are now on sale](#). The investments we have made will provide the same rich experience and allow you to interact with each other and our speakers as fully as possible.

We're also looking towards our Annual Conference, which will be held virtually on September 1-3 (details coming soon), and the Scottish Green Energy Awards. That event, which we know is a highlight for you as well as us, will launch on July 28 as a hybrid physical/virtual experience to ensure your safety

and that we are able to respond to the most up-to-date health advice. Email [Lisa Russell](mailto:Lisa.Russell@scottishrenewables.com) to find out more.

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GENERAL



New statistics boost green recovery ambitions

Research carried out by Scottish Renewables was used at the end of June to highlight our green economic recovery positions in the media.

Working [in partnership with The Times](#) we demonstrated how each GW of renewable electricity generation deployed in Scotland to date has created 1,500 jobs and added £133 million of GVA to Scotland's economy.

[Read the full press release on our website](#) and please [retweet](#) if you would like to support this work on social media.



Westminster engagement

Our campaign for renewable energy to be at the heart of a green economic recovery continues, with engagement happening across The Scottish Parliament (see below) and Westminster.

We had our first meeting with David Duguid MP, the new Parliamentary under Secretary of State for Scotland, and delivered a roundtable with the SNP Westminster group which was attended by 16 MPs including Alison Thewliss, SNP Shadow Chancellor, and Drew Hendry, SNP Shadow Secretary of State for Business. We've also met separately with John Lamont MP, a Conservative member of the Scottish Affairs Committee, and Alan Brown MP, SNP Energy Spokesperson.

For more information please contact [Ben Walker](#).

Green recovery engagement at the Scottish Parliament

At the Scottish Parliament we've had another busy month of engagement, including an appearance by Nick Sharpe at the COVID-19 Committee. He made the case for renewable energy to be at the heart of The Scottish Government's economic response to the pandemic.

We've also continued to deliver our programme of meetings with MSPs from across the chamber, meeting with Patrick Harvie, Scottish Green Co-Leader; Maurice Golden, Scottish Conservative Economy Spokesperson; Alexander Burnett, Scottish Conservative Energy Spokesperson; Claudia Beamish, Scottish Labour Environment Spokesperson; Lewis MacDonald, Scottish Labour Energy Spokesperson and Gillian Martin, Chair of the Environment and Land Reform Committee.

Our key recommendation for a Renewable Transition Training Fund to support more professionals to join our industry has been raised by Patrick Harvie at First Minister's Question Time, and also by Gillian Martin at Economy, Fair Work and Culture Portfolio Questions.

UN COP26 webinar

The United Nations' [Race to Zero](#) is a global campaign to mobilise leadership and support for a healthy, resilient, zero-carbon coronavirus recovery.

As part of our activity ahead of COP26 in Glasgow Scottish Renewables is delighted to present [a one-off webinar with the UK's High-Level Climate Action Champion, Nigel Topping](#), where delegates will hear about how to get involved in Race to Zero. The webinar will be held from 11am-noon on July 21.

Register to attend for free [on our website](#).

Meeting with Paul Wheelhouse MSP, Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands

We are continuing to engage with Paul Wheelhouse MSP, Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands, regarding the impact of COVID-19 on our industry.

Discussions are now focussing on how renewable energy can help The Scottish Government deliver a green recovery. We

have discussed with the Minister the key opportunities for economic stimulus which renewable energy can bring for the Scottish economy, including supporting more professionals to join our industry, freeing-up 'shovel-ready' renewables projects and opportunities to increase our exports to nations which are seeking to undertake a green recovery.

We will be meeting with the Minister again over summer to discuss in further detail what actions the government can take to stimulate the economy with renewable energy. Contact [Ben Walker](#) to discuss.

Eight honoured at first ever Young Professionals Green Energy Awards Week

Last month we celebrated Young Professionals Green Energy Awards Week, honouring eight up-and-coming green energy stars (via video on Twitter) for their bright and innovative contributions to Scotland's renewable energy industry.

Claire Mack, Chief Executive of Scottish Renewables, said: "Once again, the standard of talent showcased by the Young Professionals Green Energy Awards is incredible.

"It is truly inspiring to see this level of skill and innovation in those who are just starting their careers in renewable energy."

Read the [press release](#) and view the [full video of all award announcements](#) on our website.



Media reaction: Renewable energy generation in Scotland up by 28%

New statistics released by the UK Government show renewable electricity generation in Scotland has increased by 28% compared to the same quarter in 2019.

[Responding](#), Morag Watson, Director of Policy at Scottish Renewables, said: "These new figures demonstrate once again how Scotland's remarkable renewable energy resource is being harnessed by various technologies like wind, hydro, solar, marine energy and more, whilst delivering environmental and economic benefits across Scotland."

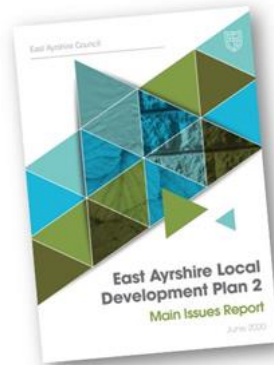
PLANNING & CONSENTS



Moray Local Development Plan 2020

SR wrote to the Chief Planner on June 24 to request that Scottish Ministers direct Moray Council to modify the proposed Moray Local Development Plan 2020 to address issues and inconsistencies in the the reasoned justification for policy DP9, drafted and inserted by the Council after receipt of the Examination Report.

This policy deals with onshore wind and the Landscape Capacity Study. The [letter is available here](#). If you have any questions on this please contact [Morag Watson](#).



East Ayrshire Local Development Plan 2 Main Issues Report

The [East Ayrshire LDP2 Main Issues Report](#) is currently out for consultation. The report contains sections on low-carbon places, renewable energy and heat. Scottish Renewables will be submitting a response.

This consultation closes on July 31. If you have any comments on this please contact [Stephanie Conesa](#).

Aberdeenshire Council Proposed Local Development Plan consultation

Aberdeenshire Council is conducting a public [consultation](#) on its [Proposed Local Development Plan \(LDP\) 2020](#). The latest plan will direct decision-making on all land-use planning issues and planning applications across Aberdeenshire over the next five years.

This consultation closes on July 31. If you have any comments on this please get in touch with [Stephanie Conesa](#).

Planning and Environmental Appeals Division Annual Review 2019/20

The DPEA annual review for 2019-2020 has been published on the [DPEA website](#).

It contains reporting on performance against targets, Development Plan examinations and [statistics on wind turbine appeal decisions](#).

If you would like to discuss, contact [Stephanie Conesa](#).

DPEA Stakeholder virtual meeting: 31 July 2020

[Stephanie Conesa](#) will be participating in the next Scottish Government Planning and Environmental Appeals Division (DPEA) stakeholder meeting on July 31. This will be an opportunity to discuss matters of common interest relating to planning and environmental appeals, including the 2019/20 DPEA Annual Review, DPEA's work during COVID-19 and making the appeals system more efficient.

If you would like to discuss this or have suggestions for additional agenda items, please [get in touch](#) by 16 July.

OFFSHORE RENEWABLES



Media Reaction: ScotWind Leasing announcement

Crown Estate Scotland announced the launch of ScotWind, the first round of offshore wind leasing in Scottish waters for a decade, on June 10.

[Responding](#), Claire Mack, Chief Executive at Scottish Renewables, said: "With a quarter of all Europe's offshore wind resource, new generations of turbines which enable us to

capture it more efficiently than ever and an offshore workforce which is constantly upskilling, the stage is set for the further development of offshore wind in Scotland.”

FLOATING OFFSHORE WIND



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Blog: Why the first offshore wind leasing round in 10 years is a big deal

“The UK is undoubtedly the world’s leading offshore wind market, and ScotWind has already attracted huge interest from all the major global wind developers, putting Scotland on the map as a highly-attractive place to invest billions of pounds in clean infrastructure.”

[This blog](#) by Senior Policy Manager Ben Miller looks at why the ScotWind offshore leasing round announced by Crown Estate Scotland on June 10 is such a huge opportunity for the industry.

ONSHORE RENEWABLES



Consultation on FiT deadline extension

BEIS has published a [consultation](#) on providing an extension to pre-accredited Feed-in Tariff (FiT) projects. It is proposing to provide hydro projects with deadlines falling on or after 1 October 2020 with a 12-month extension. The consultation also seeks evidence on how projects that benefited from the initial 6-month extension have been able to progress, and whether a further extension is needed.

The consultation is open until July 17. If you would like to feed into Scottish Renewables' response, please contact [Cara Dalziel](#).





Media reaction: Green recovery funds for CARES and LCITP

The Scottish Government has announced that additional funding of £5.5 million is being made available for renewables projects to contribute towards a green recovery following the coronavirus pandemic.

[Responding](#), Nick Sharpe, Director of Communications and Strategy at Scottish Renewables, said: "Scottish Renewables has joined many other organisations in the UK and around the world in calling for a green economic recovery from coronavirus - one which does not lock in fossil fuel investment, but gives us a chance to build a fairer, healthier, more resilient society."

See more about the LCITP funding below.

UK Export Finance meeting

Morag Watson met with the UK Export Finance Department of the UK Treasury last month. UK Export Finance's mission is to ensure that no viable UK export fails for lack of finance or insurance.

UKEF can support exports for any size of company and across all sectors, from capital goods to services and intangibles such as intellectual property. It has recently recruited [Alistair McMillan](#) as their Export Finance Manager, Scotland - Clean Tech and Renewables to raise awareness of [UKEF Government support](#) to exporters within the clean tech and renewables sectors.

Capacity Market auction determination

The Minister for Business, Energy and Clean Growth, Kwasi Kwarteng MP, has written a [letter](#) to National Grid Electricity System Operator outlining the government's intention to hold two Capacity Market auctions in the auction window beginning on September 1, 2020.

A T-1 auction will be held for delivery year 2021/22 and a T-4 auction for delivery year 2024/25. The auction parameters will be set out in due course. If you would like to discuss, please contact [Cara Dalziel](#).



Media reaction: £62 million fund for energy sector

[Responding](#) to news from The Scottish Government that a multi-million pound fund has been set up to help the energy sector recover from the dual economic impacts of coronavirus and the oil and gas price crash, Claire Mack, Chief Executive of Scottish Renewables, said: "Today's announcement ... is welcome, particularly in its reiteration of the importance of pursuing a 'green, low-carbon recovery' from the coronavirus pandemic."

Low Carbon Energy Project Development Fund

The Scottish Government has published [guidance on the Low Carbon Energy Project Development Fund and details of how to apply](#). This Low Carbon Infrastructure Transition Programme (LCITP) funding invitation will target a minimum of £1 million development support for projects with viable feasibility studies.

It is seeking projects which have potential to deploy low carbon heat and/or renewable electricity solutions for buildings, as well as proposals for local energy systems that support the ambitions for Scotland to achieve net-zero emissions by 2045. Projects should also have the potential to catalyse green recovery from the economic challenges imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

GRID & SYSTEMS



Shetland Final Needs Case response

Scottish Renewables has submitted a [response](#) to Ofgem's consultation on the [Final Needs Case and Delivery Model for](#)

[the Shetland Transmission Project](#). If you would like to discuss the response or Scottish Renewables' work on the island links, please get in touch with [Cara Dalziel](#).

Meeting with CEPA

Policy Manager Cara Dalziel met with RenewableUK and Cambridge Economic Policy Associates (CEPA) on June 11. During the meeting, CEPA presented on the intended high-level approach to modelling impacts of Access and Forward-Looking Charges review options on renewables. If you would like to discuss, contact [Cara](#).

TNUoS Policy Advisory Group meeting

Scottish Renewables' TNUoS Policy Advisory Group met on June 23. The meeting focussed on an initial discussion of how we approach reforming TNUoS and potential solutions which could ensure Scottish generators are not disproportionately impacted by increasing transmission charges.

If you would like to discuss, contact [Cara Dalziel](#).



Stability Pathfinder Phase 2: Request for Information

National Grid ESO has published a Request for Information (RFI) on Stability Pathfinder Phase 2 to find new ways of keeping the grid stable and on long-term requirements in Scotland. This RFI invites feedback on the proposed process and timelines, as well as views on how the impact of COVID-19 can be accommodated to maximise participation.

The deadline for responses is July 15 and these can be sent to box.networkdevelopment.roadmap@nationalgrideso.com.

Conditional Interactivity webinar

As part of the Open Networks Project, Energy Networks Association will be hosting a webinar to re-cap the principles of Conditional Interactivity and to set out how those principles would apply to Interactivity across the T/D boundary. The webinar will be held on July 20 from 1-3pm. You can register for the event on [Eventbrite](#).

If you have any questions, contact [Cara Dalziel](#).

LOW-CARBON HEAT



Heat Networks Bill

SR Chief Executive Claire Mack gave evidence to the Scottish Parliament's Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee inquiry into the Heat Networks Bill. Claire raised the opportunities that this Bill can provide to support a green recovery while also contributing to the important task of decarbonising Scotland's heat demand.

Contact [Ben Walker](#) to discuss our Parliamentary work.

BEIS consultations on the future of the NDRHI

BEIS has issued a [consultation](#) on the proposed closure of the Non-Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (NDRHI) and a second [consultation](#) on a proposed replacement for the NDRHI. SR will be responding to both of these consultations and we are currently finalising our responses. If members have any further comments or questions in the meantime please contact [Morag Watson](#).

2024 New Build Heat Standard – Zero Emissions from Heat Working Group meeting

Policy Manager [Stephanie Conesa](#) participated in a Scottish Government working group meeting to help develop preparatory work on a formal consultation process on the 2024 New Build Zero Emissions Standard due later in the year, and on a secondary consultation sometime in 2021.

If you have any questions, contact [Stephanie Conesa](#).

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