

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

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MONTHLY BRIEFING
MAY 2021

Dear member,

At Scottish Renewables we're acutely aware of the changing perceptions of our industry in the media. With onshore wind back in the CfD and repowering on the horizon, we're seeing an increase [in negative coverage of this topic](#), and have [refined our messaging](#) to respond with the facts.

Last month we also [released new polling](#) which found almost half of 16-24 year olds questioned said they had taken a picture of a wind turbine, with three quarters of those saying they did so because they like the way it looked.



We have more results from this polling to be published and are planning some new work to counter the spread of misinformation about our industry through digital channels. Drop me a line if you'd like to get involved.

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GENERAL



Scottish Parliament Election 2021 manifestos

Over the past year Scottish Renewables has been working on your behalf to ensure that our manifesto '[A brighter future – priorities for the next Scottish Government](#)' is reflected in the key electoral pledges made by Scotland's main political parties ahead of the upcoming Scottish Parliament election.

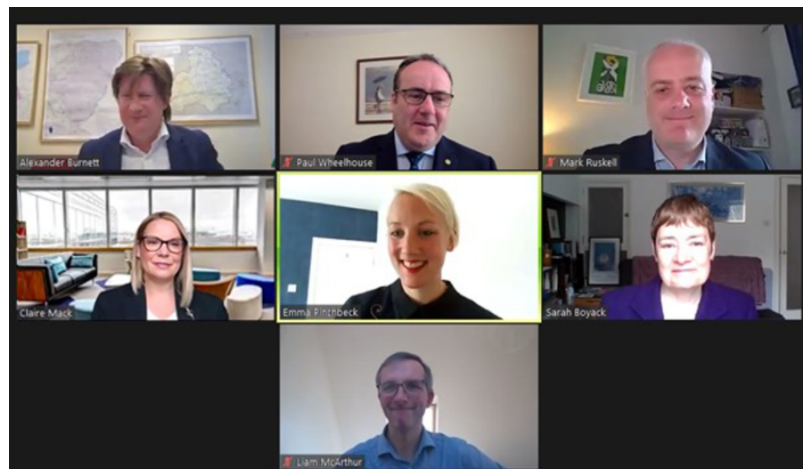
Read [our summary of how our work has influenced party manifesto pledges](#).

Energy Hustings

Scottish Renewables co-hosted the 2021 Scottish Parliament elections Energy Hustings with Energy UK on April 20.

We were joined by Paul Wheelhouse MSP, Scottish National Party; Alexander Burnett MSP, Scottish Conservatives; Sarah Boyack MSP, Scottish Labour Party; Mark Ruskell MSP, Scottish Green Party and Liam McArthur MSP, Scottish Liberal Democrats, for a lively discussion about their priorities for the future of Scottish energy policy.

To discuss our post election engagement with MSPs please [email Ben Walker](#).



Blog: Export Duty

The [latest blog](#) in the Scottish Renewables' Year of COP series discusses Scotland's ability to export its expertise in renewable energy to the rest of the world, with Chief Executive Claire Mack and Year of COP Sponsors Fred. Olsen Renewables and Shepherd and Wedderburn all featured.



Member survey - please take part

Scottish Renewables is led by its members – so we need to know what you, as one of those members, think about how we're doing, the future of the industry from your perspective and what we should be doing more (or less) of to help your organisation succeed. Gathering intelligence from members with [surveys like this](#) helps us deliver a better service to you.

Our [new member survey](#) is anonymous (unless you enter your contact details in the final question) and should take around 15 minutes to complete.

For more information, contact [Carol Burns](#).

#YPGEA21 - QUICK and FREE nominations close May 17

This year's [Young Professionals Green Energy Awards](#) will be held as a free, virtual awards ceremony where we will once again recognise those who are pioneering new ideas and changing the renewable energy industry for the better.

[Nominations](#) are open now until May 17, with free tickets available for virtual tables.



PLANNING & CONSENTS



Planning Discussion Papers

Scottish Renewables has been working with some of our most experienced legal members to develop two discussion papers on how the commitments in the Scottish Government's NPF4 Position Statement can be met.

The first drafts of the papers on [NPF4 and rebalancing the planning system](#) and [promoting nature-based solutions and prioritising carbon-reducing developments](#) were circulated to members for initial comments. Second drafts are now in preparation in response to members' feedback.

The final papers will form the basis of submission to Cabinet Secretaries and Ministers by the CERG Planning sub-group in June.

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DPEA Stakeholder Meeting

[Stephanie Conesa](#) participated in a DPEA Stakeholder Meeting to discuss updates from the DPEA, such as working through the pandemic and Annual Review Statistics, as well as current stakeholder issues. Stakeholders from Scotland Against Spin requested that developers make evidence for Public Inquiries and EIA Reports available on CDs to help those with poor broadband speed.

Stephanie will be meeting with the DPEA later this month to further discuss ways to improve how the DPEA circulates evidence through its automatic emailing system, casework and IT issues.



Update: SEPA Cyber-Attack

The latest update from SEPA on the cyber-attack on its IT systems can be found on the [SEPA website](#). SEPA staff are currently engaging with the Energy Consents Unit (ECU) to start triaging and prioritising work on the accumulated backlog of casework. Guidance on how SEPA will triage the backlog is available [on the agency's website](#).

Update: Carbon Calculator Tool

The ECU has confirmed that the [Carbon Calculator Tool](#) (CCT) is available and safe to use. The CCT is required to be

completed and submitted with a section 36 application under The Electricity Act 1989. If you submitted a section 36 application without using the CCT, please contact your case officer to discuss further.

OFFSHORE RENEWABLES



Offshore conference captures industry ambition for ScotWind success

Hard work across the Scottish Renewables team delivered a bumper [Offshore Wind Conference](#) last month, with hundreds of delegates hearing from over 40 top industry speakers and engaging with exhibitors and networking opportunities over the two days.

Attention now shifts to our [Floating Wind conference in September](#), which will focus even more sharply on the opportunities for SR members from Scotland's deeper waters.



Scottish Marine Energy Industry Group

Scottish Renewables hosted three industry-led subgroup meetings to discuss the future of wave and tidal in Scotland.

The first meeting focused the discussion on revenue support and financial streams. The second meeting outlined key barriers faced by project developers and how they could increase deployment. Finally, the third meeting addressed a possible deployment target, economic benefits, grid barriers/benefits and policy requirements.



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Media reaction: Orbital Marine Power launches the world's most powerful tidal turbine

Orbital Marine Power has launched its 2MW tidal turbine, the Orbital O2, which will become the world's most powerful operational tidal turbine.

[Responding](#), Ben Miller, Senior Policy Manager at Scottish Renewables, said: "The launch of the O2 turbine in Dundee deserves global attention this Earth Day, as coastal nations seek out the marine technologies that can deliver our net-zero future."



ECONOMICS & MARKETS



CfD AR4 portal opens

A dedicated [Contracts for Difference Allocation Round 4 \(AR4\) portal](#) has been launched. The portal will provide a central source of up-to-date information, with access to all relevant publications as well as FAQs about the CfD scheme.

We would encourage any members interested in AR4 to subscribe to ensure you receive notifications when new information is uploaded to the portal.

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LCCC CfD Masterclass

Cara Dalziel attended a webinar hosted by the Low Carbon Contracts Company (LCCC) on April 20, 2021. The webinar aimed to introduce potential applicants and other interested parties to the CfD scheme. A recording of the event is [available](#) via Zoom for those who may have missed it.



LOW CARBON CONTRACTS COMPANY

POWERING NET ZERO

Roll out of half-hourly settlement announced

Ofgem has [announced](#) that market-wide half-hourly settlement will be rolled out across the retail market, marking a positive step in the transition to a smart, flexible energy system.

Implementation will take place over four and a half years to allow for extensive testing before going live in October 2025. A [consultation](#) on the implementation and governance arrangements is now open until June 25, 2021.

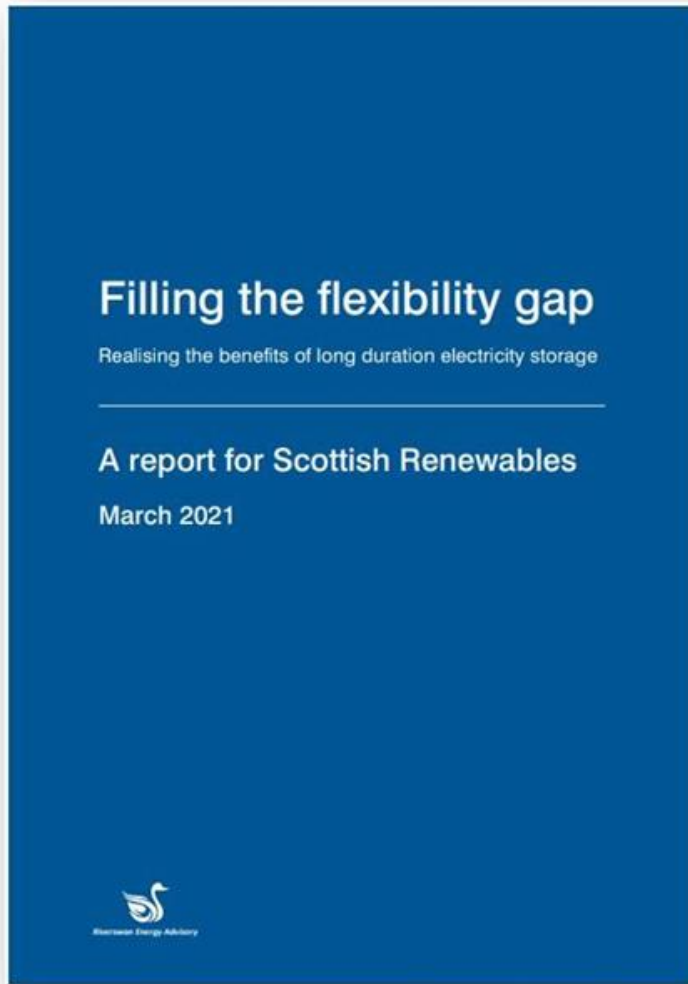


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GRID & SYSTEMS





Realising the Benefits of Long Duration Energy Storage reports

Together with our pumped storage hydro members, Scottish Renewables commissioned a [report](#) on the barriers to new investment in long duration storage and how they might be addressed through an alternative market mechanism.

The publication of this report has been followed by a series of meetings with Ofgem and BEIS on how these market mechanisms could be put in place.

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

Queue management principles

The Energy Network Association has published an [open letter](#) on the implementation of queue management principles. All network operators will be rolling out these principles from July 1, 2021. ENA will also be hosting a [webinar](#) on May 14 to run through the updates and revised processes.



Draft Heat in Buildings Strategy response submitted

Scottish Renewables submitted a response to The Scottish Government consultation on the [Draft Heat in Buildings Strategy](#). The full strategy is expected to be published later this year.

We're expecting the publication of the UK Government's Heat and Building Strategy imminently and will inform members when this happens.

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Heat Pump Sector Deal update

Scottish Renewables sits on the [Expert Advisory Group](#) (EAG) for the Heat Pump Sector Deal and we have consulted with members, via Policy Advisory Groups (PAGs), to feed into discussions. The group intends to publish an interim report in Spring 2021 and then recommendations to Scottish Ministers by the beginning of summer recess.

There may be one or two more PAGs on this topic. If any member with an interest in heat pumps would like to be invited to these PAGs, please [get in touch with Helen Melone](#).

SR Policy Advisory Group on energy standards in buildings

Scottish Renewables sits on The Scottish Government's review group looking at the revision of the current building standards on energy. We recently held a PAG to feed in

member comments to this process. A consultation is expected soon.

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Webinar - Is a heat pump right for you?

In this Zero Waste Scotland / Energy Saving Trust [webinar on May 25, 2021](#), you will learn how heat pumps work, understand the benefits a heat pump provides, see if a heat pump could be a potential energy saving solution for your business, find out typical installation costs, and hear from businesses that have already taken action.

While funds last, SMEs across Scotland can access an unsecured, interest-free loan with a cashback grant of up to £10,000 for the installation of heat pumps.



HYDROGEN



SR Policy Position Paper on Hydrogen update

We are working on edits to this paper, thank you to the members who responded with comments.

There will be another meeting of the Hydrogen Policy Advisory Group (PAG) on May 18 to further develop the recommendations for this paper. Invites will be sent out soon. If you would like to attend, please [email Helen Melone](#).

SR Seminar: start now to capitalise on hydrogen growth

Businesses which want to play a part in Scotland's hydrogen future need to start now. Our latest seminar, [Beyond Feasibility: Capturing the Energy Transition's Hydrogen](#)

[Opportunity](#), will equip your organisation with the knowledge and language which it needs to start or continue its interest in green hydrogen production, transport and use.

Contact [Emma Harrick](#) for more information.



State of the Hydrogen Nation survey

Ahead of the publication of the UK Government's Hydrogen Strategy, the [Hydrogen Strategy Now campaign](#) is conducting [this survey](#) (closing date May 9) to generate high-impact data and give the Government confidence that the UK hydrogen industry is ready to invest, create jobs and deliver net-zero gains.

They are also interested in confidence levels in the UK Government's approach to hydrogen, as well as that of the devolved administrations and local authorities.

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