

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



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MONTHLY BRIEFING

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Dear member,

As part of our advocacy programme to engage new and returning MSPs on behalf of the renewable energy industry, we have written to all new MSPs and have shared a welcome pack with key resources including our manifesto and factsheets on planning, heat, the benefits of renewables to rural areas and the offshore wind supply chain.

We are now working to facilitate a number of meeting requests with new and returning MSPs from all parties and look forward to working with them in the new Parliamentary session.



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GENERAL



New Cabinet post

As well as the activity detailed in the introduction to this email, above, we [responded](#) to news that The Scottish Government's

new Cabinet will include for the first time the role of Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy & Transport.

Claire Mack said: "The appointment of a Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy & Transport today is a welcome acknowledgement of the importance of the renewable energy industry and reflects Scottish Renewables' request of the new Scottish Government in our manifesto for the recent election."

HM Treasury meeting

As part of a regular programme of engagement we met with HM Treasury last month.

We were told that a long-awaited Treasury Net-Zero Review would be delivered in the next few months, but that this was just the start of a consultation process on how spending can impact net-zero.

Also discussed was the levelling-up agenda and how that fits with COP26, and specifically SR's Year of COP activity.



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UK Government Roundtable

SR hosted a roundtable with Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP, Minister of State for Business, Energy and Clean Growth, and David Duguid MP, Parliamentary under Secretary of State for Scotland, to share the views of Scotland's renewables industry on the recent Energy White Paper.

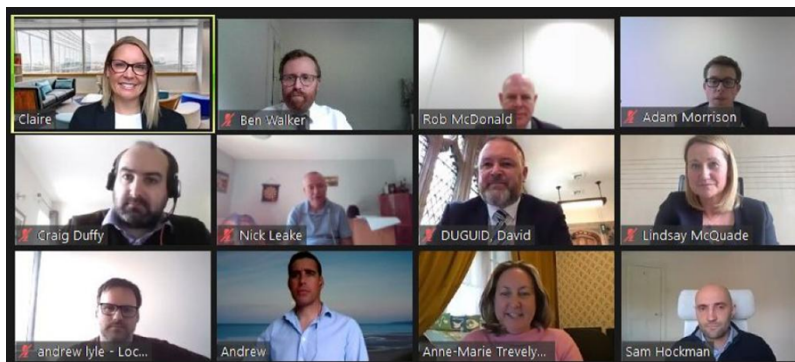
Collectively we explored what support is needed to deploy more renewable projects and how we can improve energy networks. Anne-Marie Trevelyan advised that the UK Government wants "to see sustained growth in onshore [wind] over the next decade" and recognises that for marine energy "costs are still very high... [these technologies] do have a high UK content which is really important".

Westminster Engagement

We are continuing to promote renewable energy at Westminster and hosted a briefing for SNP MPs on marine

renewables with Stephen Flynn, SNP Shadow Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Spokesperson, and nine other MPs in attendance.

We have also submitted [evidence](#) to the House of Commons' Scottish Affairs Committee inquiry into Renewable Energy, and will be giving oral evidence later this month. In addition we met with Deidre Brock, SNP Shadow Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Spokesperson, and Dave Doogan, SNP Industry and Manufacturing Spokesperson, to provide industry updates.



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News release: Young Professionals Green Energy Awards celebrate up-and-coming stars

More than 300 guests tuned in to the virtual Young Professionals Green Energy Awards which saw eight up-and-coming green energy stars honored for their work in shaping the renewable energy industry.

[Commenting](#) on the awards ceremony, Claire Mack said: "This year's Young Professionals Green Energy Awards once again showcase the incredible talent pool we have here in Scotland."

News release: Renewable Energy Roadshow to bring spirit of COP26 to Scottish Communities

Scotland's Renewable Energy Roadshow will tour the country this summer and highlight the positive impacts renewable energy has on local communities, the economy and the country's fight against climate change.

[Claire Mack, said](#), “It’s imperative that our people know how valuable this industry is to Scotland, and Scotland’s Renewable Energy Roadshow will show just that, reaching the people in the heart of the communities most involved in delivering meaningful change.”

To get involved with our [Year of COP](#) work, including the Renewables Roadshow, contact [Carol Burns](#).



Blog: How Scottish whisky’s fuelling the energy transition

Our [latest blog](#) hears from two Scottish whisky distillers involved in the North of Scotland Hydrogen Programme about why they are working to decarbonise their production operations and what it means for the Scottish supply chain, ahead of a seminar next week: [Beyond Feasibility: Capturing the Energy Transition’s Hydrogen Opportunity. Register now.](#)

Media reaction: Industry hails departing Energy Minister

The Scottish renewables industry has given thanks to departing Holyrood Energy Minister Paul Wheelhouse, who lost his seat in May 2021’s parliamentary elections.

[Claire Mack said](#): “Paul Wheelhouse’s time as Scottish Energy Minister included some of the largest developments in renewable energy policy to date, including the reinstatement of onshore wind in the Contracts for Difference mechanism, a new offshore wind leasing round and the end of UK Government support for small renewables.”

SR member survey - last chance to 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.

This survey is anonymous (unless you enter your contact details in the final question) and should take around 15 minutes to complete. **We want to hear from as many of you as possible so please complete [the survey](#) as soon as possible.**



Media reaction: Raising the Bar report

RenewableUK has published its [Raising the Bar](#) report, which outlines five clean energy targets the UK Government could adopt ahead of COP26 to advance decarbonisation and economic growth and to encourage increased ambition from the rest of the world.

[Responding](#), Morag Watson said: "Targets are one of the ways in which government can provide the certainty industry requires to deploy the renewable energy technology we need to tackle climate change."

Together For Our Planet campaign

Ahead of COP26 the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy has launched the [Together For Our Planet: Business Climate Leaders campaign](#). This is a new drive to encourage small and micro businesses to commit to cutting their greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2030, and to net-zero by 2050 or sooner.

Businesses who commit by signing up to [the SME Climate Commitment](#) will be recognised by the [United Nations' Race to Zero campaign](#) and will be joining governments, big businesses, cities, regions, and universities around the world that share the same mission.

PLANNING & CONSENTS



Scottish Government onshore wind meeting

Morag and Stephanie met with The Scottish Government's Wind Energy Policy and Development team to discuss the upcoming Onshore Wind Policy Statement as well as current work on aviation lighting, Eskdalemuir, peatlands and securing positive effects for biodiversity.



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ETSU guidance review

The Scottish Government, BEIS, The Welsh Government and The Irish Government are currently reviewing ETSU-R-97 to determine whether an update to the guidance is needed. Any proposed changes would be subject to public consultation.

If you would like to share your experience of working with the current guidance please get in touch and we will share any feedback with The Scottish Government.



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National Peatland Group

As members of the National Peatland Group, Scottish Renewables has been approached with a request for documents of potential interest and relevance to the Group. If you are aware of or producing any documents that you would like SR to submit to the Group, please get in touch.



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Planning (Scotland) Act 2019: Pre-application consultation regulations

Planning legislation to change the requirements for pre-application consultation (PAC) has been laid before the Scottish Parliament. The new regulations are due to come into effect on October 1, 2021. Following consultation, The Scottish Government is preparing new guidance on PAC in advance of the changes.

More information will be published on the [Transforming Planning Scotland website](#).

ONSHORE RENEWABLES



Updating the Onshore Wind Policy Statement

The Scottish Government's Wind Energy Policy and Development team have confirmed that the updated Onshore Wind Policy Statement will be out for consultation towards the end of the summer.

At our [Onshore Wind Conference on June 1](#), Lesley McNeil, Head of Onshore Wind Policy and Development, confirmed that she would welcome a deployment target for onshore wind being included in the Policy Statement and encouraged industry to submit their recommendation on this target through the consultation.

We will keep members updated on this through our Onshore Wind Forum.



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OFFSHORE RENEWABLES



National Marine Plan review response

Scottish Renewables has submitted [our response](#) to Marine Scotland's call for views on its recent review of the National Marine Plan.

We have expressed support for work to begin towards replacing the Plan, but would like to see more immediate

action to address consenting issues as part of the [Blue Economy Action Plan](#).



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New OWGP grant funding for offshore supply chain

The Offshore Wind Growth Partnership has launched [two new grant opportunities](#), totalling £4.3 million, to support the growth of UK companies. The Stage 1 deadline for development grant applications is June 18.

Media reaction: Port of Leith offshore wind investment revealed

Forth Ports has unveiled its proposals for the creation of a renewable energy hub on a 175-acre site at the Port of Leith.

[Responding](#), Claire Mack said: "Scotland is at the start of its offshore wind journey, with plans to increase capacity tenfold in the coming decade. Ports and harbour infrastructure have an enormous role to play in the growth of that multi-billion pound sector which, with support from government and industry, is likely to grow much more quickly than it has to date."

Blog: Floating ideas - a preview of Scottish Renewables' 2021 Marine Conference

"There is no doubt that the size of the prize is enormous and it feels closer than ever as we use this opportunity to set the stage for our global showcase later in the year through COP26."

So writes Claire Mack in this [blog](#), looking at the great achievements Scotland's marine industry has made over the last year. The blog also previews SR's [Marine Conference](#), which will be held on June 23.



ECONOMICS & MARKETS



AR4 to open December 2021

BEIS has now confirmed that applications will open for AR4 of the [CfD scheme](#) in December, meaning that the result might be expected around Q2 2022. An indicative timeline for the round, including the specific opening date in December, will be confirmed in due course.



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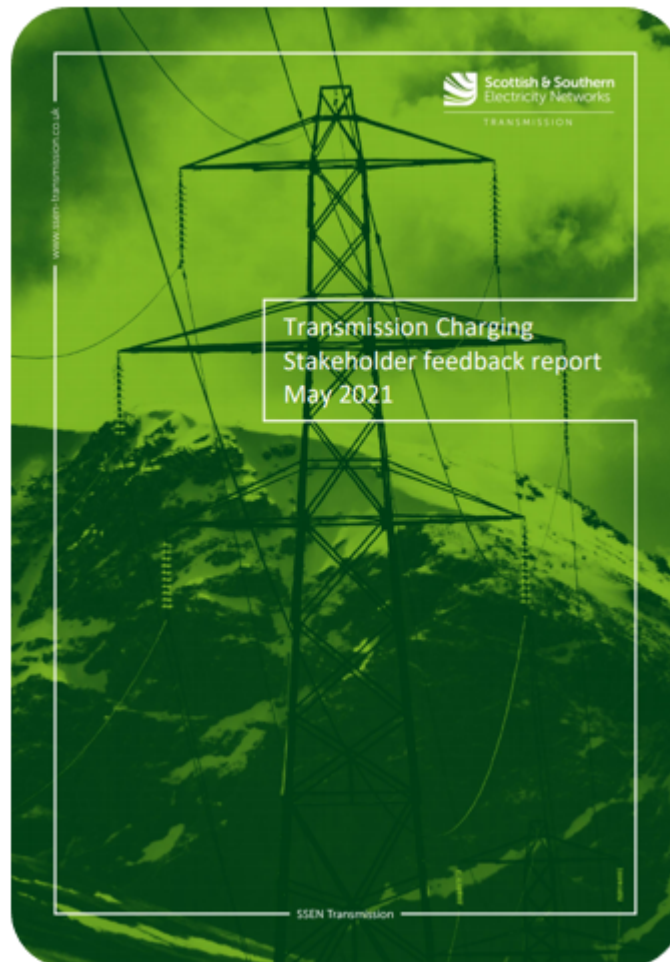
GRID & SYSTEMS



Media reaction: Grid charging 'favours EU energy imports'

New research shows how the way Britain's electricity network is paid for favours EU energy imports at the expense of home-grown schemes.

[Responding](#), Morag Watson, said: "The regulations which govern how our electricity network is paid for are out of date and do not reflect the need to meet net-zero in the most efficient way possible."



Stakeholder views on TNUoS reform published

Following the publication of its [transmission charging paper](#) earlier this year, SSEN Transmission has now published a [summary report](#) of all feedback received from stakeholders.

The report shows that there is overwhelming support for change, with 93% of all stakeholders agreeing some form of TNUoS reform is required.

SSEN Transmission is planning a further detailed analysis of impact on behalf of our customers, specifically on offshore wind, to be published in due course.

LOW-CARBON HEAT



Heat in Buildings Strategy

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

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



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Media reaction: New study shows how Scotland's rivers could hold the key to a low-carbon future

SR member Greenspace Scotland published a new study, '[Green Heat in Greenspaces](#)', which shows that Scotland's urban rivers and green spaces can act as vital low-carbon heat sources to help achieve its climate targets.

[Responding](#), Helen Melone said: "While it isn't yet mainstream in the UK to think of rivers and green spaces as places which can provide the energy we need to keep warm, other countries are further ahead. If we are to have any chance of meeting our climate change targets, the days of burning fuel to produce heat must largely come to an end."

Heat Pump Month

[Heat Pump Month](#), backed by Ground Source Heat Pump Association, Heat Pump Association, Heat Pump Federation and MCS kicks off on June 17 with a month-long series of free-to-attend online events to bring together housing, built-environment, policy and installation professionals to collaborate around one of the UK's greatest decarbonisation challenges – our homes.

Scottish Enterprise funding call

The [Accelerating the Heating and Cooling Transition funding call](#) has been launched and is open to Scottish businesses.

The Joint Call addresses technology development, system integration and innovation, with an emphasis on market-driven projects that are ready for large-scale implementation before 2030. The total available budget is approximately €32.5 million.



EST Sustainable Energy Supply Chain Programme

We meet regularly with the [Energy Saving Trust's supply chain team](#) who keep us updated with their support for the supply chain. Members may be interested in their [Procurement Guide](#) to help with bidding for public sector contracts in the energy efficiency and renewables marketplace.

HYDROGEN



Hydrogen Forum meeting

A meeting of the [Hydrogen Forum](#) will be taking place virtually on June 29. This meeting is to discuss the issues that matter to members and what work we've done on your behalf. Invites will be sent out to members of the Hydrogen Forum soon.

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STV interview

Morag Watson was interviewed by STV as part of its in-depth look at hydrogen and what the vector might mean for the future of energy in Scotland.

Morag emphasised the need to focus on green hydrogen production and set out potential use cases, but also pointed out that we have the technologies we need to decarbonise heat right now.

To talk about our work on Hydrogen, [email Helen Melone](#).



SR Hydrogen Policy Position Statement update

We recently held a Hydrogen PAG to discuss in further detail what is needed to enable the hydrogen economy in Scotland. Arup facilitated this session using the MIRO tool and we are working through the recommendations. Many thanks to all members who attended.

We plan to send a further draft out to the Hydrogen Forum soon. You can change your Forum preferences in the [My Account](#) section of our website.



Low Carbon Hydrogen Supply 2 (HYS2) competition

BEIS has announced details of the £60 million [Low Carbon Hydrogen Supply 2 \(HYS2\) competition](#).

The first stream will be for market-entry projects. The second stream will be for more mature projects that can proceed quickly and play into the UK Government's agenda to scale-up hydrogen use, as well as potentially providing a pipeline of projects for the £240 million Net Zero Hydrogen Fund.

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