

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



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MONTHLY BRIEFING

JULY 2021

Dear member,

Last month saw our first meetings with new Scottish Government Ministers, including, of course, Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport.

With his new title mirroring a recommendation in Scottish Renewables' manifesto, Mr Matheson was keen to hear about the challenges facing our industry, particularly that of TNUoS charging - a topic which has been of particular focus for my team and I in recent months - and the planning system.

There's more detail on this meeting, and one with Màiri McAllan, Minister for Environment, Biodiversity and Land Reform, in the email below. Please do get in touch with Ben Walker, our Public Affairs Manager, to discuss our engagements, on your behalf, with governments at Holyrood and Westminster.



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GENERAL



Scottish Government Ministerial meetings

As detailed in the introduction to this email, Claire Mack and Ben Walker met with Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport. SR updated the Cabinet Secretary on challenges facing our members and heard that Mr Matheson was particularly concerned about the impact of TNUoS on our ability to meet net-zero by 2045, and that he will focus where possible on tackling this. We also explored how to reform the planning system can help tackle the climate emergency; the Cabinet Secretary was keen to ensure that NPF4 supports our drive to net-zero, as well as increased renewables deployment. He also advised that he is keen to maximise the opportunities of renewable heat, and will be working closely with industry to deliver this.

Claire and Ben also met with Màiri McAllan, Minister for Environment, Biodiversity and Land Reform, as our first introductory meeting in this parliament. We discussed how to improve renewable energy engagement with environmental and marine stakeholders. The Minister also provided an update on the ScotWind Leasing Round, as well the Scottish Government's plans for the COP26 UN Climate Change Conference.



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Visit to Scottish Seafarms with David Duguid, Parliamentary under Secretary of State for Scotland

Morag Watson and Ben Walker joined David Duguid, the Scotland Office Ministerial lead for renewable energy in Scotland, on a recent visit to a biomass system installed by AMP Clean Energy at the Scottish Seafarms facility at Barcaldine in Argyll.

Morag and Ben also met separately with the Minister to explore key industry issues.



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New Policy Manager for Markets and Systems

We are delighted to announce that Angeles Sandoval, who until now has worked as our Policy Research & Support Officer, has now stepped up into the role vacated by Cara Dalziel, and is Scottish Renewables' new Policy Manager for Markets and Systems.

If any members would like to say hello, they can email Angeles at asandoval@scottishrenewables.com.



Holyrood Engagement

We have been continuing to deliver our post-election engagement to advance our priorities with new and returning MSPs. This month we have met with, among others, Liam Kerr, Scottish Conservative Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport; Brian Whittle, Scottish Conservative Shadow Minister for Environment, Biodiversity and Land Reform and new SNP MSPs Paul McLennan, Jackie Dunbar, Jenni Minto, Michelle Thomson and Audrey Nicoll.

We are continuing to influence parliamentary debates and worked with Sarah Boyack MSP in the recent debate on the [climate emergency](#). Scottish Renewables was [mentioned by Sarah](#) in relation to heat networks and renewable energy's contribution to the economy.

We have also re-established the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Cross Party Group, known as SPREE, with new leadership for this parliamentary term.



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Westminster Engagement

We are continuing to deliver engagement at Westminster and recently met with Dave Doogan MP, SNP Industry and Manufacturing spokesperson, to explore supply chain support. We also met with Alan Whitehead, Labour Energy spokesperson, to provide an industry overview and explore reform of TNUoS.

Nick Sharpe also attended a floating wind roundtable with Energy Minister Anne-Marie Trevelyan, at which the scale of UK and Scottish ambition was discussed.



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Event survey

The past year forced us to change the way we run our events programme. Since March 2020, Scottish Renewables' events have been delivered online, with our team gaining a host of new skills and insight into new ways of working.

Now we're looking to the future and getting ready for when we next see each other in person.

It's important for us to understand how confident you are in returning to in-person events (conferences, exhibitions, awards ceremonies, seminars and networking receptions) as we move out of lockdown.

Please help us by spending a few minutes to complete this [short survey](#) by July 14 and you will be entered into a prize

draw to win a seat at this year's Scottish Green Energy Awards (which, coincidentally, will be launched at the end of this month).



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News release: New figures reveal renewable energy jobs and investment

[New research](#) carried out by the University of Strathclyde's Fraser of Allander Institute for Scottish Renewables revealed the economic reach of Scotland's renewable energy sector for the first time last month, and showed that 22,660 jobs are supported by green energy in Scotland.

[This blog](#), by Nick Sharpe, details the importance of these new statistics and how they tell us not just how many jobs rely directly on the renewable energy industry, but also how many are supported by it indirectly.



PLANNING & CONSENTS



Call for evidence: Planning and renewables case studies

As part of our post-election engagement with MSPs we are seeking case studies from members demonstrating how planning issues have obstructed specific renewables developments.

These will inform our advocacy work on the need for reform to the Scottish planning system ahead of NPF4 coming into force to ensure we can meet net-zero through increased deployment of renewable energy.

Please keep case studies, which should be emailed to Stephanie Conesa by July 9, to 300 words maximum.

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NPF4 Position Statement: Consultation analysis

The Scottish Government has now published the independent [Analysis of Responses](#) to the NPF4 Position Statement, along with reports from [community events](#) and [youth engagement](#).

More information is available on the Scottish Government's [Transforming Planning](#) website.



SEPA Cyber Attack update

Following a meeting with SEPA and the ECU, a list of priority cases from the cyber attack-related backlog has been identified and SEPA has already started working through urgent cases. All other cases requiring SEPA advice will be progressed in due course.

If you have any questions please contact your ECU case officer. Information and guidance from SEPA on wind farm developments is available on [its website](#).

Chief Planner John McNairney to retire

John McNairney has advised that he intends to retire from his position as Chief Planner at The Scottish Government later this summer. The Scottish Government will update on the arrangements for appointing John's successor in due course.

Scottish Renewables will keep members updated as information becomes available and will of course be seeking to meet with Mr McNairney's replacement as soon as possible.

OFFSHORE RENEWABLES



Offshore update

Our latest [Offshore Wind Forum update](#) highlighted many current initiatives across the sector, including the new Scottish supply chain survey from Xodus, new work on decarbonising offshore vessels and the new Environmental Evidence Register. In addition, the Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult and UK Export Finance have [signed a new agreement](#) to support SMEs to grow their renewable exports.



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Green ports notes of interest invited

Following an [inspired question](#), Ivan McKee has [confirmed](#) the government is now inviting notes of interest from potential green port bidders in Scotland. This exercise will allow the government to gauge interest for the development of green port policy in Scotland and will provide an indication of the geography and sectors likely to benefit.

Claire Mack attended a stakeholder engagement session on June 30 on behalf of industry, and we are now seeking further views from members in order to form a policy position on green ports. [Contact Ben Miller](#) to input.

UK Dolphin and Porpoise Conservation Strategy

SR and RUK worked together to draw up a short [industry submission](#) to this UK-wide consultation.

ECONOMICS & MARKETS



Capacity Market auctions confirmed

UK Energy Minister Anne-Marie Trevelyan has [written a letter](#) to National Grid ESO to confirm that two Capacity Market auctions will be held in the auction window beginning on September 1, 2021.

The T-1 auction will be for delivery year 2022/23 and the T4 auction will be for delivery year 2025/26. Auction parameters will be set out in due course.



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GRID & SYSTEMS



New slide deck sets out TNUoS risk in stark terms

[A new communications treatment of the TNUoS issue](#) by Scottish Renewables aims to ensure politicians and policymakers understand the problems caused by locational grid charging in simple terms.

Setting out key messages - that TNUoS is bad for consumers and bad for net-zero, among others - alongside clear graphics, the slide deck is available for use by Scottish Renewables members and others in their own efforts to effect change.



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Ofgem's Full Chain Flexibility Forum

Scottish Renewables attended the kick-off meetings of Ofgem's new Full Chain Flexibility Forum this month. The Forum, which brings together trade associations and representative groups, aims to discuss how to most effectively and efficiently deliver full chain flexibility.

We will keep members up to date on any developments from the forum as work progresses. In the meantime, if you would like to discuss further please contact [Angeles](#).

SR Grid & Systems Forum

The SR Grid & Systems Member Forum took place on June 9, where members had the opportunity to hear updates from across the work we have been doing throughout the year, including updates on TNUoS and the Access & Forward-Looking Charges Review.

You can find the dates for upcoming Forums on [our website](#).

News release: Westminster Committee hears Scots offshore wind ambition in peril from electricity network charging issue

Claire Mack recently spoke at Westminster's Scottish Affairs Committee and told MPs how the rules which govern how the electricity network is paid for "run entirely contrary to the government's levelling-up commitments", with northern UK being "penalised to the tune of tens of millions of pounds every year" by outdated rules.

We issued [this press release](#) on her appearance, further highlighting TNUoS as a barrier to net-zero.



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Heat Networks (Scotland) Act blog

Our [latest blog](#) tells the story of six months of work on the Heat Networks (Scotland) Act and is a good example of the teamwork that was necessary to achieve the wins we did.

Work with our members, collaboration between the policy team and public affairs professionals, and working with MSPs, Ministers and civil servants to address our members' concerns all contributed to a positive outcome.

Do get in touch if you'd like to discuss our work on renewable heat.



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Heat Pump Sector Deal Expert Advisory Group Interim Report

We are pleased to see that the Scottish Government has published the [interim report](#) from the Heat Pump Sector Deal Expert Advisory Group, on which SR sits.

The aim of the group was to make recommendations to Scottish Ministers on a potential Heat Pump Sector Deal for Scotland. This report has the Group's recommendations, many of which those of you who took part in the Heat Pump Sector Deal Policy Advisory Groups will recognise. The timing for the final report is now later in the summer.



HYDROGEN



SR Hydrogen Forum

The SR Hydrogen Forum took place on June 29, when members had the opportunity to hear updates from the work we have been doing throughout the year on hydrogen, including updates on Scottish Government policy and the content of a SR position paper on green hydrogen.

A final draft for the paper will be shared with the Forum. You can find the dates for upcoming Forums on [our website](#).

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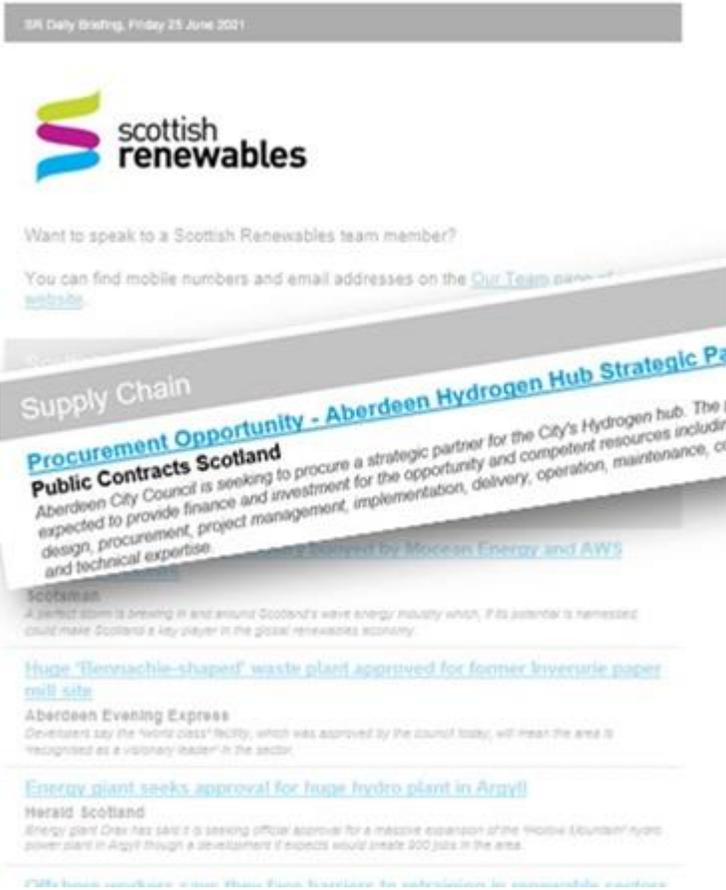
Hydrogen Strategy Now report

We have previously shared the survey that is the basis of this report with our Hydrogen Forum members.

In the published [report](#), key findings state that 78% believe the 5GW hydrogen production target set out in the PM's Ten Point Plan could be more ambitious, and that the lack of a Hydrogen Strategy has stalled or reduced valuable investments in the UK hydrogen sector.

SUPPLY CHAIN





Showcasing Supply Chain News

We have added a dedicated Supply Chain section to our Daily Briefing email. The new category updates members on supply chain activity and provides visibility of new opportunities. Content includes good news stories such as business growth, HSEQ achievements, skills and STEM initiatives as well as useful upcoming event information. Live tenders and funding calls are also shared for the benefit of Scottish Renewables member companies hoping to increase their activity in the renewables market.

To submit content for the Daily Briefing supply chain section, please email Emma: eharrick@scottishrenewables.com



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Cluster Builder - Offshore Wind Supply Chain Survey

Scottish Renewables is supporting the recently-launched [Offshore Wind Cluster Builder](#). The first initiative, a new [offshore wind supply chain survey](#), aims to capture the

capabilities of Scotland's supply chain along with insights from participants on their challenges and aspirations for offshore wind. Results will be incorporated into Scottish Renewables' annual Supply Chain Impact Statement and will help to shape the programme of support delivered via the Cluster Builder and its partners.

[The survey](#) is open to responses until July 23.

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