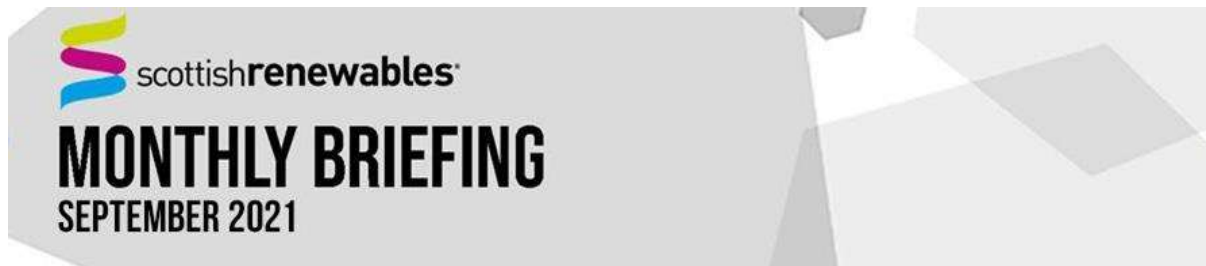


A round-up of the work SR is doing on your behalf



Dear member,

Ahead of the Scottish Parliament Election, Scottish Renewables campaigned for The Scottish Government to open an office of the Climate Change Committee (CCC) in Scotland which would ensure government is provided with expert advice tailored to our unique political culture and institutions.

I am delighted to report that Lord Deben of the CCC informed the Scottish Parliament's [Net Zero, Energy & Transport Committee](#) meeting on August 31, that an office would be opening in Scotland soon.



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GENERAL



Media reaction: The Scottish Government's Programme for Scotland 2021-22

[Responding](#) to the publication of The Scottish Government's Programme for Government, Claire Mack, Chief Executive of Scottish Renewables, said: "Scottish Renewables is pleased to see the ambition to achieve net-zero at the core of this Programme for Government and the link being made between economic growth, achieving net-zero and further development of renewables."

"Recognition of the opportunities that exist in renewable energy deployment and the need to address challenges around supply chain growth and transitioning jobs as a partnership with industry is helpful and welcome.

"The target to decarbonise heating in one million homes by 2030 reflects a priority area from an emissions and jobs perspective and this needs to be an ambition that grows.

"A focus on the necessary actions to enable the development pipeline through planning and wider policy support will accelerate us towards the 2030 and net-zero targets as well as pulling the economic benefits to Scotland forward.

"The Blue Economy Strategy and action plan will be able to highlight the many opportunities and benefits available to us here in Scotland through continuing to support and grow our incredible wave and tidal sector."

Year of COP campaign media coverage



[SR's Year of COP campaign](#), and in particular our Renewable Energy Roadshow, appeared in The Times as part of the newspaper's Climate Change and COP26 coverage.

An article looked at the project's strategy - to tell the renewable energy story to those in rural areas which generate much of our power - and spoke with CEO Claire Mack.

Holyrood engagement

Despite the summer recess we have been continuing to deliver post-election engagement to advance our priorities with new and returning MSPs. This month we met with Fiona Hyslop, Deputy Convener of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee to discuss our key industry asks. We also met with Alasdair Allan and Tess White.



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Media reaction: Green Jobs Workforce Academy launched

The Scottish Government launched its [Green Jobs Workforce Academy](#), which will allow people to access information, advice and skills needed to thrive in a net-zero economy.

[Responding](#), Claire Mack, Chief Executive of Scottish Renewables, said: “Putting people at the heart of the energy transition will help us not only to allow our current workers to maintain and add to their skills to ensure they have a sustainable career path, but it also means that Scotland will continue to develop a world-class low-carbon labour market with skills that will be in demand across the globe as other countries follow in Scotland’s footsteps to decarbonise their electricity, transport and heating energy demand.”



Scotland's Renewable Energy Roadshow

We were recently in Nigg on the Cromarty Firth for our first [Scotland's Renewable Energy Roadshow](#) networking reception, as part of our [Year of COP campaign](#), meeting with industry and local stakeholders to discuss the future of renewables and the benefits these projects bring locally.

Around 50 delegates attended the reception to hear an address from Maree Todd, Scottish Government Minister and local MSP, along with speeches from Partners Crown Estate Scotland and Worley. Delegates also got to enjoy a bus tour of Global Energy Group's Port of Nigg to see turbines, towers and jackets for Seagreen and Moray East offshore wind farms.

Our next Renewable Energy Roadshow networking reception will take place at Dumfries & Galloway College, Dumfries on Friday September 24. Free spaces are available, but are limited - [book now](#) to secure yours.

We will also have a public stand at Lochgilphead Farmers Country Market on September 11 to meet local people who are interested in what our industry brings to their area, discuss how they can do more to tackle climate change and tell them about what's happening at COP26.

Media reaction: IPCC report - stark warning

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has released a [report](#) which outlines the severity of the threat posed by climate change.

[Responding](#), Claire Mack, Chief Executive of Scottish Renewables, said: "The findings of today's IPCC report are stark: increased, urgent action on climate change is vital.

"Renewable technologies like wind, solar, hydropower, tidal and more are already combating climate change – providing the equivalent of 97.4% of Scotland's electricity consumption and delivering economic benefits across the country, as well as displacing more than 13 million tonnes of carbon emissions every year."

The Scottish Green Energy Awards 2021

Nominations for The Scottish Green Energy Awards 2021 close at **5pm on Monday 13 September**. [View the categories and criteria](#), and submit your nomination today- it's quick, easy and free!



PLANNING & CONSENTS



Stephanie Conesa leaving Scottish Renewables

On Friday we will be waving a fond farewell to our Policy Manager for Planning, Consenting and Onshore Wind, Stephanie Conesa. Stephanie will be joining ERG to take up their International Affairs UK role covering their onshore fleet in Scotland and Northern Ireland. We wish her all the best in her move from staff to member. Recruitment for her successor is underway and we will let you all know when they are in post.

In the meantime the Planning, Consenting and Onshore Wind brief will be covered by our Director of Policy, Morag Watson.



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Appointment of Interim Chief Planner

With the retirement of Chief Planner John McNairney CBE and the recruitment process for John's successor underway, The Scottish Government has appointed Dr Fiona Simpson as Interim Chief Planner until the position is filled on a permanent basis. Fiona has taken on that

interim role with immediate effect. As before, any contacts can be made through the [Chief Planner mailbox](#).

Scottish Government update

William Black is now Deputy Director for Onshore Electricity, Strategic Coordination and Energy Consents at The Scottish Government.

Modelling for golden eagle assessments

NatureScot has issued a [statement](#) regarding the recommended type of modelling to support the assessment of forestry and wind farm impacts on golden eagles.

SEPA Board appointment

Nicola Gordon has been [re-appointed](#) to board of the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency, running from 2022-25.

ONSHORE RENEWABLES



Onshore wind target in SNP and Green cooperation agreement

The recently published [cooperation agreement](#) between the SNP and Green Party includes “*an ambition to deliver, subject to consultation, between 8 and 12 GW of additional installed onshore wind by 2030.*”

Scottish Renewables has clarified with the Scottish Government that consultation on this ambition will be included in the Onshore Wind Policy Statement Update consultation.

Onshore Wind Policy Statement Update consultation

Following the publication of the cooperation agreement between the SNP and Green Party, the Scottish Government’s Wind Energy Policy and Development Team have confirmed that they expect to publish the consultation on the Onshore Wind Policy Statement Update in late October, with the consultation running for 12 weeks. Based on this timeline we would expect the finalised Statement to be in place by Summer 2022.

As we get more details of this consultation we will share these with members through our Onshore Wind Forum and will also set out the process we will use to gather member views to develop our consultation response.



OFFSHORE RENEWABLES



Media reaction: Strategic Investment Assessment Report

The Scottish Government and Scottish Offshore Wind Energy Council released their [Strategic Investment Assessment report](#) which sets out recommendations aiming to ensure we harness the economic opportunity from offshore wind.

Claire Mack, Chief Executive of Scottish Renewables said: "This new report sets a welcome challenge to the renewables industry and Government to deliver a major green industrial expansion for Scotland.

"We will soon be leasing the largest area of seabed anywhere in the world for floating wind development, and combining this with the existing expertise of our offshore supply chain will be a winning combination if we truly collaborate and invest strategically.

"As the spotlight turns to Scotland later this year for COP26 I hope a Scottish Floating Offshore Wind Port Cluster will help to signal our global ambition to deliver net-zero technology both at home and around the world."

Seabed leasing for Innovation and Targeted Oil and Gas Decarbonisation

Marine Scotland has launched a [consultation](#) on a proposed additional Sectoral Marine Plan for innovation projects under 100MW, and up to 4GW of offshore wind to power electrification/decarbonisation of oil and gas operations. We intend to hold at least one Policy Advisory Group meeting on this consultation to help inform our response.

Contact [Ben Miller](#) if you have not already signalled your interest in this opportunity.

Separately, we will be attending the Sectoral Evidence Group on September 10, which is part of the governance structure of the main offshore wind Sectoral Marine Plan.

Future resourcing of offshore consenting bodies

As part of our work bridging the OWIC Pathways to Growth workstream and the SOWEC Barriers to Deployment workstream, we coordinated Scottish industry input setting out industry assumptions about the level of resourcing needed at each stage of offshore project development. This formed the basis of a workshop held with Marine Scotland and NatureScot on August 10 and a report will be prepared for the P2G Executive Board.

Contact Ben for the latest on this work.



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Floating Offshore Wind 2021

In-person tickets for [Floating Offshore Wind 2021](#) have now **sold out** - but you can still join the event virtually.

Take advantage of the hybrid event format where you can watch live sessions, make connections, schedule meetings and access exclusive on-demand content all from your browser or by downloading the official event app.

ECONOMICS & MARKETS



Call for evidence: Facilitating the deployment of large-scale and long-duration electricity storage

We held a Policy Advisory Group to discuss the recent [call for evidence on facilitating the deployment of large-scale and long-duration electricity storage](#). The meeting focussed on the benefits that large-scale and long duration electricity storage (LLES) can offer, the scale of contribution and the market challenges for these technologies.

If you would like to discuss further, please get in touch.



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Renewables Obligation (RO): addressing electricity supplier payment default under the RO scheme

BEIS and Ofgem have recently launched a [consultation on addressing supplier payment default under the Renewable Obligation](#). The consultation mainly refers to England and Wales but it may have implications for generating stations in Scotland.

We would very much welcome initial comments and input from members on this consultation. Please share any comments with [Angeles](#) by 5pm, Tuesday 7th September.

GRID & SYSTEMS



Access and Forward-looking Charges Significant Code Review' minded-to decision

Scottish Renewables submitted a [response](#) to the Access and Forward-looking Charges Significant Code Review: Consultation on Minded to Positions.

Please get in touch if you would like to discuss.



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RIIO-ED2 business plan

Scottish Renewables attended two separate meetings on August 11 and August 12, with SSEN and SPEN respectively to understand the new RIIO-ED2 business plan ([SSEN plan](#), [SPEN plan](#)).

If you would like to discuss this further, please contact [Angeles](#).

Strategic Investment Fund

Ofgem and Innovative UK has announced a [Strategic Investment Fund](#) (SIF) to help unlock net zero, with around £450 million to be invested in energy network innovation from 2021-2026. The first SIF Innovation Challenges opened to applications on August 31, 2021.

Please get in touch if you have any questions.



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LOW-CARBON HEAT



Heat Networks Industry Council

Scottish Renewables has been asked to act as an observer for [Heat Networks Industry Council](#) board meetings. This group represents the heat networks industry in the UK and is working towards helping the UK meet its net-zero carbon targets and, at the same time, attract up to £30-50 billion investment into the industry and create around 20-35,000 new direct jobs. Lord Callanan, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, is the HeatNIC Ministerial Champion.

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



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Social Housing Net Zero Heat Fund

The [funding invitation for 2021](#) has a minimum allocation of £20 million to support social housing landlords across Scotland to use energy efficient, zero emissions heating systems. The fund is open to social housing projects across Scotland that effectively contribute towards the achievement of the Scottish Government's ambitions for Scotland to achieve net-zero emissions by 2045. The fund supports the retrofit or refurbishment of existing housing stock and is not available for new build social housing.



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Low-Carbon Heat Conference 2021

[Scottish Renewables' Low-Carbon Heat Conference 2021](#) will examine how your business can grasp the opportunities presented by the inevitable shift to low-carbon heat; whether the actions in the draft Heat in Buildings Strategy are ambitious enough to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from Scotland's homes, workplaces and community buildings and consider which low-carbon heat technologies will get us to net-zero by 2045. The event will take place on **September 23** in **Glasgow** and is headline-sponsored by Vattenfall Heat UK. Passes can be booked at a reduced rate for members.

In addition to the conference, delegates are invited to join a unique site visit, sponsored by Star Refrigeration, to see first-hand the UK's largest high temperature river source heat pump facility. [Read more and book your place.](#)

Greenspace Scotland's Green Heat in Greenspaces Data Workshop

We recently attended the final event of this research project on [green heat in greenspaces](#) (GHiGs) with speakers from greenspacescotland, Ramboll, Fife Council and the Improvement Service.

GHiGs investigated the suitability of many types of urban open space across Scotland for use as low-carbon heat sources, heat storage sites and heat transmission corridors. Presentations covered how to best make use of this data especially as part of the wider local authority low-carbon energy planning process including for LHEES. The outputs and data are very useful for contractors working with Scottish public sector bodies.

Non-Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme: modified capacity budget proposals

This [announcement](#) sets out the UK Government's intention to make small amendments to how modified capacity budget caps are set from financial year 2022 to 2023. Amendments are proposed to the NDRHI regulations to introduce split budget caps and to amend the payment formula, in order to ensure participants are guaranteed fair access to the budget and to better calculate spend.



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HYDROGEN



Media reaction: UK Government launches Hydrogen Strategy

The UK Government recently [launched its Hydrogen Strategy](#).

[Responding](#), Helen Melone, Senior Policy Manager at Scottish Renewables, said: "We welcome the publication of the UK's first Hydrogen Strategy, positioning the UK as a world leader in a promising growth sector which links renewable energy and net-zero ever more closely."

For more information or to talk about the strategy, please get in touch.



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UK Hydrogen Strategy consultations

We will be scheduling two Policy Advisory Groups in the next month to inform consultation responses on the designing of business models and designing a UK low-carbon hydrogen standard.

Please [get in touch with Helen](#) if you would like to attend one or both of these PAGs.

SUPPLY CHAIN



Green Ports Engagement

In July Scottish Renewables gathered views from our members on the Scottish Government's [green ports](#) policy. To continue our engagement on this important initiative and highlight it as a priority for the renewable energy industry Scottish Renewables has now written to Ivan McKee, Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise. Updates on the outcome of this engagement to follow.

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Blog: The Call of the Wind - An Alluring Opportunity for Scotland's Supply Chain

Building 10GW of Scottish offshore wind by 2030 will depend not only upon policy and commitment from developers to drive projects, but on a whole raft of skilled, experienced, innovative suppliers, too.

Our [latest blog](#) explores the volume of opportunity arising for the supply chain in offshore wind.

Supply Chain engagement

We are continuing to engage with key industry supply chain stakeholders to gather their views and to work collaboratively across the industry. Ensuring we empower and showcase the Scottish supply chain, we have met with many key suppliers and the industry groups including:

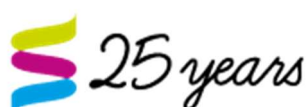
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For more information on Scottish Renewables work with the supply chain please contact [Emma](#).



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