

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



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MONTHLY BRIEFING
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Dear member,

Last week The Scottish Government opened [a consultation on its proposed update to the Onshore Wind Policy Statement](#).

The majority of the issues covered will be very familiar to onshore wind members but the consultation does touch on two important new issues which are the setting of a target between 8-12GW of additional onshore wind by 2030 and a proposal for a Sector Deal around this target.

Scottish Renewables will be responding to this consultation which will close on January 21 2022.

We are changing the way we work with members to gather their views to give members more opportunity to get involved. This new process is [outlined here](#).

As we move into a new era of development of onshore wind in Scotland, we are also delighted to welcome our new Senior Policy Manager - Onshore Wind and Consenting, Mark Richardson. Mark will be leading our onshore brief and is looking forward to meeting our onshore members as we respond to this important consultation.



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GENERAL



Scottish Renewables' AGM & Member Forum 2021

Members of Scottish Renewables are invited to attend our 2021 [AGM and Members Forum](#) being held on **Thursday, December 9** at the offices of Shepherd & Wedderburn LLP, 1 Exchange Crescent, Conference Square, Edinburgh EH3 8UL.

If you would like to attend, please register [here](#).

SR wins a Better Society Energy Award!

Scottish Renewables worked hard to place renewables at the heart of a green economic recovery at Holyrood and Westminster, and we're pleased to say that that work has now been recognised with a [Better Society Energy Award](#).

Working with our members we produced research and media coverage to support our aims, then held more than 60 meetings with MPs and MSPs at which we set out our message, the outcomes of the new research which supported it, and the support our industry needed from both governments in a time of unprecedented change.

Outcomes include the creation of a £100 million Green Jobs Fund and a £25 million National Transition Training Fund, as well as the newly-launched Green Jobs Workforce Academy, which will allow people to access information, advice and skills needed to thrive in a net-zero economy.



COP26 Renewable Energy Roadshow

Our Year of COP Renewable Energy Roadshow reached its concluding stop last month in beautiful Pitlochry. We held a networking reception at Pitlochry Dam, where around 40 delegates heard speeches from John Swinney MSP, Deputy First Minister of Scotland, Gregor Alexander, SSE Group Finance Director and our own Claire Mack. We also held a public stand at Pitlochry Farmers Market where we met with local people to discuss what our industry brings to their area, how they can do more to tackle climate change and tell them about what's happening at COP26.



You can hear more about this and our wider COP activity at the Scottish Renewables' AGM. Sign up [here](#).

Media reaction: UK Government Autumn Budget and Comprehensive Spending Review

The UK Government has published its [Autumn Budget and Comprehensive Spending Review](#) which prioritises investing in stronger public services, building back greener, levelling up, driving business growth and helping working families with the cost of living.

[Responding](#), Morag Watson, Director of Policy at Scottish Renewables, said: "Today's Autumn Budget and Comprehensive Spending review rightly prioritises the need to

deliver a green recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and achieving net-zero through the UK Government's ambition of 'building back greener'.

"The announcement of £380 million for the offshore wind sector to boost investment in this growing industry is a welcome move which will support Scotland's ambitions for the sector and deliver new green jobs and skills."

Holyrood engagement

As part of our ongoing MSP advocacy programme this month we met with Karen Adam MSP for Banffshire and Buchan Coast to discuss the rural benefits of renewable energy. We also organised the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Cross Party Group meeting on Achieving Net-Zero Islands and Rural Communities, which was chaired by Jenni Minto MSP for Argyll and Bute.



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Media reaction: UK Government Net Zero Strategy published

The UK Government has published its [Net Zero Strategy](#) which sets out policies and proposals for decarbonising all sectors of the UK economy to meet our net-zero target by 2050.

[Responding](#), Morag Watson, Director of Policy at Scottish Renewables, said: "We welcome the announcement today from the UK Government of its Net Zero Strategy as a key step towards meeting our climate change targets of net-zero by 2045 in Scotland, and 2050 for the rest of the UK.

"The commitment to accelerate the deployment of low-cost renewable generation, such as wind and solar through the Contracts for Difference (CfD) scheme by undertaking a review of the frequency of the CfD auctions is crucial to ensuring all our electricity comes from low-carbon sources by 2035. Wind and solar are already the cheapest source of electricity and annual CfD auctions will enable industry to bring forward the volume of renewables net-zero requires at the lowest cost to consumers."

PLANNING & CONSENTS



Draft NPF4 Out for Consultation

Following extensive advocacy and engagement by Scottish Renewables, The Scottish Government has laid [the draft NPF4](#) before the Scottish Parliament.

This kickstarts a period of Parliamentary scrutiny and extensive public consultation, lasting up to 120 days, until March 31, 2022. The final NPF4 version is scheduled for approval and adoption prior to Summer Recess 2022.

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ONSHORE RENEWABLES



Media reaction: Onshore Wind Industry Prospectus launched

[New research](#) shows that a more ambitious onshore wind target for Scotland could produce £27.8 billion of economic activity while helping meet the country's net-zero target.

[Responding](#), Morag Watson, Director of Policy of Scottish Renewables, said: "The Onshore Wind Industry Prospectus published today shows the enormous benefits of increasing our ambition for Scotland's outstanding wind resource and allowing onshore wind – one of the cheapest and most popular forms of energy generation – to take its rightful place at the heart of a net-zero energy mix."

Media reaction: Onshore Wind Policy Statement consultation published ahead of COP26

The Scottish Government [published a consultation](#) on its Onshore Wind Policy Statement and its ambition to more than double Scotland's onshore wind capacity by 2030.

[Responding](#), Morag Watson, Director of Policy at Scottish Renewables, said: "We welcome the publication of The Scottish Government's consultation on updating its Onshore Wind Policy Statement and its recognition of the key role onshore wind will play in delivering our net-zero ambitions. The Climate Change Committee's Sixth Carbon Budget outlines that Scotland will need to deploy a further 12GW of onshore wind by 2030 and industry research shows that this will deliver 17,000 new jobs and £27.8bn GVA into our economy."



Call for evidence on sandeel fishery management

Defra and Marine Scotland have launched a [call for evidence](#) on the future management of the sandeel fishery. Scottish Renewables will be submitting a response in relation to the importance of sandeels to seabird numbers.

Contact [Ben Miller](#) to share your views.



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INTOG marine plan response

We have submitted our views on the INTOG sectoral marine plan following two Policy Advisory Groups. You can view the final response [here](#).

Collision risk modelling letter

Following concerns raised by a number of members about new advice that has been provided to SNCBs to inform turbine collision risk modelling, Scottish Renewables coordinated with RUK's OCLG group and a joint letter was sent on behalf of industry calling for this advice not to be used in live projects until further peer review has taken place.

Contact [Ben Miller](#) for a copy of the letter.



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New Floating and Fishing reports published

The ORE Catapult Floating Wind Centre of Excellence has made public two reports on aspects of the likely interactions between the fishing sector and floating offshore wind developments. The reports are available [here](#) and [here](#).



Offshore Wind Conference 2022 - programme now available

Freshly energised from COP26 on our doorstep, Scottish Renewables will bring together one of Scotland's most exciting climate-friendly industries to review the state of our offshore

wind ambitions at the Offshore Wind Conference on January 25 & 26, 2022 in Glasgow.

With the outcome of the ScotWind leasing round expected in advance of the conference, we'll bring together experts from across industry, supply chain and stakeholders to analyse the results and inform the audience.

[View the agenda and opportunities to get involved.](#)

ECONOMICS & MARKETS



Pumped Storage Hydro Working Group - Call for Evidence

Scottish Renewables submitted a [response](#) to the call for evidence on 'Capacity Market: Improving delivery assurance and early action to align with net zero'.

If you have any questions, please contact Angeles.



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Economics & Markets Forum

Scottish Renewables held an Economics & Markets Forum on October 12, 2021. The meeting focused on the work that SR has been doing on behalf of members in this area with particular emphasis on the CfDs, Allocation Round Four (AR4).

Renewable Obligation

Scottish Renewables has submitted a [letter](#) in response to the consultation on addressing supplier payment default under the Renewables Obligation.

Please get in touch if you have any questions.



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GRID & SYSTEMS



Call For Evidence – Transmission Network Use of System Charges

Scottish Renewables held a Policy Advisory Group on October 14, 2021. The meeting focussed on initial discussion about the call for evidence and helped us to shape the [first draft](#) of this response.



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LOW-CARBON HEAT



Media reaction: Scottish Government Heat in Buildings strategy published

The Scottish Government published its Heat in Buildings Strategy setting out the actions it will take in the buildings sector to deliver on climate change commitments, support economic opportunities, and ensure a just transition, including helping address fuel poverty.

[Responding](#), Morag Watson, Director of Policy of Scottish Renewables, said: "We welcome today's publication of The Scottish Government's Heat in Buildings Strategy which commits to eliminating emissions of greenhouse gases from heating Scotland's homes and buildings by 2045 through the use of low-carbon heating solutions powered by renewable energy."

Market mechanism for low-carbon heat consultation

[This consultation](#) was announced as part of the UK Heat and Buildings Strategy examining a market-based mechanism for low-carbon heat. This consultation seeks views on proposals to introduce a market-based mechanism to support the development of the UK market for low-carbon electric heat pumps. The government's intention is that the proposed obligation should apply throughout the UK.

If members have any general comments on this consultation, please do get in touch.



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Heat Pump Ready Programme

Published alongside the UK Government's Heat and Buildings Strategy, the [Heat Pump Ready Programme](#) will support the development of innovative solutions across the heat pump sector. Heat pumps are a key solution for decarbonising homes and will be critical for meeting the UK's commitment to achieve net zero by 2050. The programme is expected to launch in winter 2021.

Media reaction: Scottish Government renewable heat target update

The Scottish Government [published](#) an update on the progress toward meeting the target of 11% of non-electrical heat demand from renewable sources by 2020.

[Responding](#), Helen Melone, Senior Policy Manager at Scottish Renewables, said: "We are disappointed to see the figures released today (6.4%) that show that Scotland has not made any progress on decarbonising the way it keeps warm and did not meet its 2020 target of 11% of heat to be delivered by renewables."



Heat Networks Policy Advisory Group

Scottish Renewables is going to reconvene the Heat Networks Policy Advisory Group in late November. The proposed date and time for this is Friday, November 26, 10-11:30am.

We have been informed that the draft Heat Networks Delivery Plan will have an extremely short consultation period, so this meeting will discuss the draft if it is out or make decisions on strategy.



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Media reaction: UK Government Heat and Buildings Strategy published

The UK Government has today [published the Heat and Buildings Strategy](#) setting out plans to incentivise the installation of low-carbon heating systems and replace old boilers over the coming decade.

[Responding](#), Helen Melone, Senior Policy Manager at Scottish Renewables, said: "We welcome the announcement today from the UK Government of its plan to drive down the cost of clean heat, with more than £3.9 billion of new funding to decarbonise heat and buildings. It's crucial that people and business across the UK are incentivised to move away from gas boilers and install clean heating systems."

District Heating Loan Fund

Energy Saving Trust manages the [District Heating Loan Fund](#) which is currently open for applications. This fund is designed to help address the financial and technical barriers to renewable powered district heating projects. Loans of up to £1 million plus are available as low interest unsecured loans with repayment terms of up to 15 years.

Consultation: Domestic Energy Performance Certificates (EPC) reform

Scottish Renewables submitted a [response to this consultation](#) which is setting out the changes to the Energy Performance Certificates (EPC) format leading on from proposals set out in the draft Heat in Buildings Strategy to reform the EPC framework.



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HYDROGEN



UK Government Hydrogen Strategy consultations

We submitted responses to the [Designing a Low Carbon Hydrogen Standard](#) consultation, the [Designing a Net Zero Hydrogen Fund](#) consultation and the [Designing a business model for low-carbon hydrogen consultation](#).

Many thanks to all members who attended Policy Advisory Groups, engaged with this process and shared their expertise.



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SUPPLY CHAIN



Scottish Renewables' membership brochure update

The latest edition of our [membership brochure](#) is now available on our website.

The document has been updated to reflect the expansion of our work across the energy transition and supply chain landscape. It now reflects the additional benefits our members can access with regards to business growth and support for success.

To learn more and gain insight into the opportunities in the industry please contact [Emma](#).



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Supply chain engagement

To continue our work supporting the supply chain we are continuing to increase our engagement and presence with key

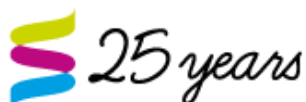
industry stakeholders. Emma has recently attended in-person events and met with key companies including:

- BEIS - Offshore Wind Investment Team
- Clydeport
- Octopus Hydrogen
- RIDG
- TotalEnergies E&P UK -Van Oord



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