

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



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MONTHLY BRIEFING

OCTOBER 2021

Dear member,

Events in Scottish Renewables' Year of COP programme continue, with recent appearances from our Renewable Energy Roadshow in Lochgilphead and Dumfries.

The events are designed to engage members of the public on COP and green energy, and bring together local stakeholders as we seek to deploy the clean power capacity we'll need to reach net-zero.

Our next event is being held in Pitlochry on October 15 - and there's still time to register. Free spaces are available, but are limited - [book now to secure yours](#).

Additionally, I do hope to see as many of you as possible at our official [Year of COP Reception](#), which will be held during COP in Glasgow.



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GENERAL



COP26 Renewable Energy Roadshow continues - join us!

As mentioned in the introduction to this email, the latest stops on our COP26 [Renewable Energy Roadshow](#) were Lochgilphead's Farmers' & Country Market, where SR and a selection of members discussed all things renewables with locals, and Dumfries and Galloway College, where we held a networking reception to meet with industry and local stakeholders to discuss the future of the sector and the benefits green energy projects bring to the region.

Our final Renewable Energy Roadshow networking reception will take place on October 15 at Pitlochry Dam Visitor Centre and will feature a keynote address from John Swinney MSP, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Covid Recovery. Free spaces are available, but are limited - [book now to secure yours](#).

We will also have a public stand at the Pitlochry Market on October 16 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.



Penultimate Year of COP blog published

"You may not have heard it, but the starting gun has already fired on one of the most important races ever to be staged. As eager competitors jostle for position, each one hopes to outpace their rivals and claim victory."

The [latest blog](#) in our Scottish Renewables' Year of COP series considers the emerging renewable technologies that could help Scotland reach net-zero.

Secretary of State for Scotland engagement

SR partnered with the Scotland Office to deliver its Day of Net-Zero in support of COP26. The Secretary of State for Scotland attended an exhibition with our members to learn about the renewable projects that they are leading.

Claire Mack also co-chaired an in-person roundtable with the Secretary of State and industry representatives which explored the recent energy white paper and the support which is needed from the UK Government to unlock renewable infrastructure projects.



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Roundtable with Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport

We hosted a virtual roundtable with Michael Matheson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport, which Claire Mack chaired, with representatives of our member organisations.

At this session we explored how renewable energy can support The Scottish Government's ambitions for our economy and tackling the climate emergency. The Cabinet Secretary was particularly interested in how to remove barriers to renewable deployment including through planning reform, and on working with the UK Government to tackle TNUoS charging.



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Renewable Energy Breakfast for North of Scotland MSPs

Last week saw our first SR Renewable Energy Breakfast, held in-person for North of Scotland MSPs in Edinburgh.

At this exhibition event our members engaged MSPs in the projects they are delivering to achieve net-zero across the Highlands and Islands, Mid-Scotland and Fife and North East Scotland electoral regions. We had 12 MSPs in attendance from each of the Holyrood party groups including Liam Kerr, Scottish Conservative Net-Zero, Energy and Transport

Spokesperson, and Liam McArthur, Scottish Liberal Democrat Energy Spokesperson.



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Finalists revealed: Scottish Green Energy Awards

Gravity, indigenous crofters and in-turbine toilets are all key parts of projects which have been shortlisted for the [2021 Scottish Green Energy Awards](#).

This year's awards will see 43 individuals, companies and projects compete to scoop prizes in 13 prestigious categories at a black-tie awards ceremony which returns in-person to Edinburgh on December 2.

The shortlist includes projects from across all major renewable energy technologies and represents the "innovation, dedication and passion" of industry, according to Claire Mack.



Westminster engagement

We have continued to highlight the challenges of TNUoS charging and the need for reform at Westminster, holding a roundtable with leading industry representatives chaired by Adam Morrison, Scottish Renewables' Chair, which was attended by Alan Brown MP, SNP Energy and Climate Change Spokesperson, and Deidre Brock MP, SNP Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Spokesperson.

Holyrood engagement

Through September we have continued our engagement with members of the Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee to communicate the positions of our industry on the upcoming reform of Scotland's planning system.

We have also met with Paul McLennan MSP and Willie Coffey MSP.

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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 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."

Policy team welcomes new member

We are pleased to have Andrew MacNish Porter join the Policy team as Policy Research and Support Officer. Andrew joins us from ITP Energised and a Masters in Global Energy Management at the University of Strathclyde.

Members can [email Andrew to say hello](#).



PLANNING & CONSENTS



Draft NPF4 consultation

The latest news we have from The Scottish Government is to expect the Draft NPF4 to be put before Parliament in November 2021, with a consultation published either simultaneously or soon after. The consultation will run for 12

weeks. Based on this timeline we would expect the finalised NPF4 to be in place by Summer 2022.

We will be in touch with members through the Planning & Consents Forum about responding to this consultation. Please make sure you are signed up to the Forum by ticking the box in [your SR account](#).



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ONSHORE RENEWABLES



Onshore Wind Policy Statement Update consultation

The Scottish Government's Wind Energy Policy and Development Team have advised that they expect to publish the consultation on the Onshore Wind Policy Statement Update on October 28, with the consultation running for 12 weeks. Based on this timeline we would expect the finalised Statement to be in place by Summer 2022.

We will be in touch with members through the Onshore Wind Forum regarding responding to this consultation. As above, please make sure you are signed up to the Forum by ticking the box in [your SR account](#).



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New Seminar: Onshore wind – getting your project through

With a target of 12GW of additional onshore wind by 2030 on the table, many more projects need to be consented in the coming years.

Join us at this new event in the SR calendar to hear expert views from successful projects on what it takes to improve the chances that your consent is granted.

[Find out more on our website.](#)



OFFSHORE RENEWABLES



Media reaction: New leasing process for offshore wind farms to help decarbonise oil & gas and boost innovation

Crown Estate Scotland has launched a [new leasing process](#) for offshore wind farms to help decarbonise Scotland's oil and gas sector.

[Responding](#), Claire Mack said: "While new systems to allow Scotland to capitalise on its renewable energy resource are to be welcomed, it is also important that we continue to focus as a country on our net-zero mission, and on the economic and social benefits which meeting that target with renewable energy will bring."

Offshore Transmission Network Review

SR submitted [our response](#) to Ofgem's OTNR consultation, highlighting a number of challenges for the delivery of a more coordinated offshore grid in Scotland. A second consultation on OTNR has now been [launched by BEIS](#), with a focus on the "enduring regime" post 2030. SR will be coordinating a response and deadlines will be circulated to the Offshore Wind Forum shortly, so make sure you are signed up to the Forum by ticking the box in [your SR account](#).



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Join our Offshore Wind Forum event

Members are invited to sign up for our latest virtual Offshore Wind Forum event, which will be held on October 20.

This is your chance to hear what we have been doing across the SR team this year and our plans for the coming months.

[Register here.](#)



Sectoral Evidence Group meeting

SR attended the Scottish Government's first Sectoral Evidence Group meeting. This forms part of the governance structure for the Sectoral Marine Plan for Offshore Wind.

A call for evidence to inform 'iterative review' of the SMP will be launched by Marine Scotland during October, to which we will be responding.



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SMEEF stakeholder group meeting

SR representatives attended the latest meeting on the development of the Scottish Marine Environmental Enhancement Fund ([SMEEF](#)), which has seed funding from offshore developers.

The Fund will be formally launched this month around the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP15). Research topics for project proposals are being drawn up by NatureScot.



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Floating Offshore Wind 2021

A massive thank you to everyone who made this year's conference in Aberdeen a huge success. Around 900 people joined the conference, either in person or virtually. You can still watch the sessions through [the event portal](#).

INTOG leasing

A first SR Policy Advisory Group was held to discuss the INTOG leasing consultation by Marine Scotland, and a second is planned for October 12.

A first draft of our response will shortly be available [on our website](#). Crown Estate Scotland plans to release further detail on the leasing process itself during November. Please get in touch if you would like to input to our response.



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Multiple new industry reports from SOWEC

The Scottish Offshore Wind Energy Council has made public a range of new reports that have been finalised in recent months. Many focus on supply chain opportunities, but the SR-led Barriers to Deployment workstream also commissioned two scopes of work on HRA derogation for offshore wind projects. There is now a new [Publications page](#) from which they can be downloaded.

ECONOMICS & MARKETS



Pumped Storage Hydro Working Group - Call for Evidence

Scottish Renewables submitted a [response](#) to the Call for Evidence on facilitating the deployment of large-scale and long-duration electricity storage.

If you have any questions, please contact me.



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Contracts for Difference (AR4)

BEIS has now released the [parameters of Allocation Round 4](#).

- Pot 1 for onshore wind, solar and hydropower included a £10 million budget with capacity caps of 5GW in total and with maximum capacity limits of 3.5GW on both onshore wind and solar PV.
- Pot 2 (for floating offshore wind, remote island wind, tidal, geothermal and wave) includes a budget of £55 million with £24 million minimum for floating offshore wind.
- Pot 3 for offshore wind includes a budget of £200 million.

You can read our media reaction to this - in which Claire Mack says “This auction comes at a crucial time for the UK’s climate leadership and I’m very pleased to see that greater renewable capacity will be unlocked by what is being set out today, particularly recognising Scotland’s offshore expertise and ambition” - [on our website](#).



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GRID & SYSTEMS



Future System Operator role

After consultation with our members, Scottish Renewables submitted a [response](#) to the Energy Future System Operator Consultation, which you can read on our website.



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Media reaction: Scottish Affairs Committee calls for transmission charge to be equally shared across the UK

Westminster's Scottish Affairs Committee released [a report](#) calling for transmission charges and grid investment to be equally shared across the UK to help strengthen the Scottish renewables sector.

[Responding](#), Claire Mack said: "We welcome today's report from the Scottish Affairs Committee which calls for a review into the imbalance of transmission network charging across the UK which acts as a barrier to the development of renewable energy technologies in Scotland and affects the ability to invest in a grid fit for net-zero."

Media Reaction: SSEN Transmission charging report

SSEN Transmission released a [report](#) exploring the impact of the current transmission charging regime on meeting the UK's legally binding net-zero emissions target, focusing specifically on impact for offshore wind developers.

[Responding](#), Ben Miller said: "Today's report from SSEN Transmission highlights how transmission charging currently acts as a barrier to Scotland playing its full part in support of the UK's ambitious 2030 offshore wind target."

LOW-CARBON HEAT



BEIS call for evidence - Combined Heat and Power

BEIS has issued a [call for further evidence](#) on combined heat and power as a route to decarbonisation. It is looking for feedback from CHP operators, heat network operators, energy companies and network operators, as well as businesses and SMEs.

Please [get in touch with me](#) if you have any comments to make on this consultation by COP on October 22.



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Low-carbon Heat Conference: Turn Up The Heat

We held a very successful in-person event recently on low-carbon heat, at which Richard Lochhead, Minister for Just Transition, Employment and Fair Work, gave the Ministerial address.

The first panel session was on the overarching heat policy, and asked if there was enough detail and funding in the draft Heat in Buildings Strategy. The second session covered heat regulations and the final session examined potential heat sources and technologies. The day was rounded off in great style by a site visit to Star Refrigeration's fantastic river-source [heat pump at Queen's Quay, Clydebank](#).

[Slides from the event](#) are now available.



Heat Networks Act update

We have regular scheduled meetings with the Scottish Government's Heat Networks team and were informed recently that the consultation period for the draft Heat Networks Delivery Plan will be extremely short, as the Plan itself needs to be published by April 2022 as detailed in the Heat Networks Act. We plan on holding a Policy Advisory Group when this comes out - get in touch if you'd like to talk about this work.



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HYDROGEN



UK Government Hydrogen Strategy consultations

We are working on draft responses to all three consultations which accompany the [UK Government's Hydrogen Strategy](#): the Net Zero Hydrogen Fund, the Low-Carbon Hydrogen

Standard and the Hydrogen Business Model. Drafts will be sent out to the Hydrogen Forum very soon.

Please make sure you are signed up to the relevant Forum by ticking the box in [your SR account](#).



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SUPPLY CHAIN



Supply Chain Impact Statement - Sponsorship Opportunities

We are about to kick off work on the next edition of our popular Supply Chain Impact Statement. The document showcases the skills and expertise of the Scottish suppliers delivering renewables projects across the UK and beyond. This year, the document will expand to cover all renewable technologies, from wind to tidal and hydrogen.

If you are interested in sponsoring the next edition of the document, please [drop Emma an email](#).

For more information and to refresh your memory of the diverse Scottish suppliers working on offshore wind projects [take a look at the 2020 edition](#).



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Supply chain portals

In light of recently published [Scottish Offshore Wind Energy Council \(SOWEC\) reports](#) and significant industry engagement, Scottish Renewables co-ordinated a collaborative meeting to address the challenges and opportunities associated with industry supply chain portals.

As a result the key parties - Scottish Renewables, SOWEC, RenewableUK and the Offshore Wind Industry Council - have agreed to work together to determine the best industry solution to track opportunities across the energy transition.

More information can be found on the [SOWEC website](#).

Green Ports update

In July [Scottish Renewables](#) gathered views from our members on The Scottish Government's [green ports](#) policy.

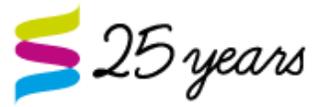
To continue our advocacy on this important initiative and highlight it as a priority for the renewable energy industry we wrote to Ivan McKee, Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise. The Minister responded to our letter confirming that The Scottish Government is progressing with green ports. The response stated that he wholeheartedly agrees that we need to ensure that we maximise the economic benefits of renewable energy to Scotland.

Further information on green ports progress is available on The [Scottish Government's website](#).



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