

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



Dear member,

With the world's attention on Scotland with Glasgow hosting COP26 the United Nations Climate Change Conference last month, Scottish Renewables had an active programme of engagement throughout the two weeks in November.

On Energy Day at COP26 we released a new publication [‘Beyond COP26 - next steps for Scotland’s Clean Energy Revolution’](#) which recommends five key actions for The Scottish Government to adopt to achieve a lasting legacy for COP26.

We also held a reception in Glasgow on Energy Day which brought together our members who are leading Scotland’s energy transition, and Scottish parliamentarians including Richard Lochhead MSP, Minister for Just Transition, Employment and Fair Work, and Patrick Harvie MSP, Minister for Zero Carbon Building, Active Travel and Tenants Rights.



We also reaffirmed our call for the [reform of the damaging TNUoS transmission charging regime](#) as a legacy ask for Scotland’s renewables industry for the UK Government from COP26, with Claire Mack appearing on BBC Good Morning Scotland and on STV News to discuss.

The SR Team was also busy supporting member and Scottish Government events covering energy transition, hydrogen, low-carbon heat, marine energy, networks, offshore wind, onshore wind, pumped storage hydro, solar and supply chain.

Claire Mack
Chief Executive

GENERAL



The Scottish Green Energy Awards 2021

The Scottish Green Energy Awards returned to Edinburgh on December 2, with more than 1,000 people reuniting in-person to see winners in 13 categories receive recognition.



Michael Matheson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport, gave a keynote address noting that the renewable energy industry is “absolutely critical to not only delivering the energy transition, but the just and fair transition we need to ensure no person, organisation or community is left behind”.

For the full list of winners, see the [event website](#).

In a [press release](#), SR Director of Policy Morag Watson said: “It’s truly astounding to see the leaps of innovation and phenomenal talent of our industry on this evening’s shortlist and it really does highlight why Scotland is a world leader in renewable energy.”

Meeting with Minister for Zero Carbon Building, Active Travel and Tenant’s Rights

Ben Walker and Claire Mack met with Patrick Harvie MSP, Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings for an introductory meeting.

They discussed with the Minister the need to make progress on the renewable heat target, as well as the renewable energy industry's perspective on the Heat in Buildings strategy.

SNP Annual National Conference

We were active at the SNP Annual National Conference this year hosting a virtual stand which promoted our recent publication '[Beyond COP - next steps for Scotland's clean energy revolution](#)'.

We also undertook an active advocacy programme meeting with SNP MSPs and MPs, and met with amongst others Michael Matheson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport, and Kate Forbes MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy.



Engagement at Holyrood

We have continued to advance our engagement at the Scottish Parliament this month. Morag Watson, Director of Policy joined Scottish Labour MSPs Daniel Johnson and Paul Sweeney on a tour of the new renewable heat project at Queens Quay in Clydebank. Ben Walker also met with Liz Smith MSP, Scottish Conservative spokesperson for Finance and the Economy to discuss the upcoming Scottish Budget.



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PLANNING & CONSENTS



Draft National Planning Framework 4 Consultation

The new SR Planning Working Group has begun helping us to develop our response to The Scottish Government's [draft National Planning Framework 4](#) (NPF4).

We will circulate a first draft of our response to all members of our Planning & Consents Forum for feedback. In developing this draft, there will be close collaboration with the Onshore Wind Working Group to ensure alignment between our response to the NPF4 consultation and our response to the Onshore Wind Policy Statement update consultation. In addition to responding to The Scottish Government's NPF4 consultation, we will also be responding to the Scottish Parliament's call for views on the draft NPF4 which closes on **January 10, 2022**.

We would encourage all members wishing to be kept updated on our responses and who wish to provide a comment, to check their account on the [SR website](#) and ensure they are signed up to receive Planning & Consents Forum emails.



ONSHORE RENEWABLES



Remote Island Wind Roundtable Meeting

Scottish Renewables attended The Scottish Government's Remote Island Wind (RIW) Roundtable meeting with RIW stakeholders, Ofgem and BEIS on November 17, following a Policy Advisory Group on November 9. We focused on the need to reform TNUoS drawn from [our response to the Call for Evidence on TNUoS](#) recently submitted to Ofgem.

William Black has indicated that The Scottish Government intends this to be the start of an ongoing series of meetings aimed at building its understanding of RIW issues and working to find solutions for them.

If you have any Onshore Wind and Consenting related questions, please contact [Mark](#).



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Onshore Wind Policy Statement Consultation

The new SR Onshore Wind Working Group has begun helping us to develop our response to The Scottish Government's refresh of the [Onshore Wind Policy Statement](#) (OWPS).

Once we have a first draft of our response, we will circulate this to all members of our Onshore Wind Forum for feedback. In developing this draft, there will be close collaboration with the Planning Working Group to ensure alignment between our response to the NPF4 consultation and our response to the Onshore Wind Policy Statement update consultation.

Members who would like to be kept updated on our response to the Onshore Wind Policy Statement consultation, and wishing to comment on it, should check their account on the [SR website](#) and ensure they are signed up to receive Onshore Wind Forum emails.

**OFFSHORE RENEWABLES**

Media reaction: UK Government announcement on tidal energy

The UK Government has [announced](#) it will invest £20 million per year in tidal stream electricity as part of its renewable energy auction scheme.

[Responding](#), Morag Watson, Director of Policy at Scottish Renewables, said: “We are very pleased that the UK Government has recognised the pivotal moment that our marine renewables sector has reached. Ringfenced funding to get more projects in the water is essential and we hope to see further success for our Scottish tidal technology leaders as a result.”

SR Marine Forum | December 14, 2021

Members are invited to join the SR Marine Forum, which will be held virtually on December 14, 2021 between 14:00-15:00, and is your chance to hear an update from across our team on the work we have done on your behalf and are planning for the coming months.

The format of the event is Zoom webinar style, with the opportunity to ask questions to the SR team. Please note that this event is exclusively for SR members only. You can register via Eventbrite [here](#).

Sectoral Marine Plan call for evidence

Marine Scotland has [called for further evidence](#) to inform the Sectoral Marine Plan for Offshore Wind, as part of the iterative review process in the Plan. Early discussion with members has suggested that any new evidence that members hold is best submitted on an individual basis, but we will consider whether there is a need for an industry-wide representation at the next SOWEC Barriers to Deployment meeting in January. The deadline is **February 28, 2021**.

BEIS developing new floating wind fund

As part of the UK Government’s spending review it was [announced](#) that a further £160m has been allocated to support floating offshore wind. SR is engaging with BEIS and industry colleagues to provide input as this opportunity develops.



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Contracts for Difference Explainer

To support members who are less familiar with the Contracts for Difference (CfD) mechanism, Scottish Renewables commissioned BVG Associates to produce an [Explainer of the CfD mechanism](#) including analysis of possible outcomes of Allocation Round 4.

Please get in touch with [Angeles](#) if you have any questions.

Contracts for Difference

Round 4: Budget Recommendation

Scottish Renewables wrote a [letter](#) to BEIS with recommendations for the final budget of the CfD Allocation Round 4. The key recommendations included the increase of the capacity cap for pot 1, a minima for marine renewables, and the suggestion of adjusting the budget for pot 3 if a limited proportion of offshore wind projects in the pipeline come forward due to price uncertainty caused by high TNUoS charges.

Round 4: Final Parameters

BEIS has released the [final parameters of the AR4](#). Pot 1 includes 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 includes a budget of £55 million with £24 and £20 million minimum for floating offshore wind and tidal stream respectively. Pot 3 for offshore wind includes a budget of £200 million.

Round 4: further changes to the CfD contract

BEIS has announced further [changes to the CfD contract](#). The government confirmed its decision to make several additional amendments to the CfD Standard Terms and Conditions (the contract) for the CfD Allocation Round 4. One of the amendments confirmed that if Ofgem decides to remove BSUoS charges from generators, regardless of when this decision is taken, the strike prices of those successful projects liable to pay BSUoS charges would be adjusted downwards after contracts are awarded.

If you want to discuss any of these important topics, please contact [Angeles](#).



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GRID & SYSTEMS



Renewable energy industry calls for reform of the TNUoS transmission charging regime

We issued [this press release](#) which reaffirmed Scottish Renewables calls for the UK Government and Ofgem, the energy regulator, to work together in the spirit of COP26 to achieve a solution to the Transmission Network Use of System (TNUoS) charging regime, as government had previously committed to do in its recent energy white paper.

Claire Mack, Chief Executive of Scottish Renewables, said: “Scotland’s renewable energy industry has a huge contribution to make because of the strength of resource that exists here but transmission charging rules which govern how the electricity network is paid for are restricting the development of major projects.”

Call For Evidence – Transmission Network Use of System Charges

Scottish Renewables submitted a [response](#) to the call for evidence from Ofgem on Transmission Network Use of System Charges.

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

Consultation on the proposal to take forward the reform of Distribution Use of System (DUoS) charges under a separate Significant Code Review

Scottish Renewables held a Policy Advisory Group on November 19. The meeting focused on discussion about descopeing DUoS reform from the current Access and Forward-looking Charges Significant Code Review. The outcomes of this discussion helped us to shape our [draft](#) response, which was sent out for member's feedback on November 25.



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National Grid ESO Electricity Market Reform

National Grid ESO released the outcomes of the [second phase of the Electricity Market Reform](#) on November 18. The report identified three major challenges for markets to address on the road to net-zero. These include the need to invest at unprecedented scale and pace, the need to manage dramatic energy imbalances with flexible and firm technologies across both supply and demand, and the need to incentivise assets to locate and dispatch where they can minimise whole system cost.

For further information, please contact [Angeles](#).

Pumped Storage Hydro Working Group: Quarterly meeting

Scottish Renewables held the quarterly meeting with the Pumped Storage Hydro (PSH) Group on November 30. The meeting focused on the work that Scottish Renewables has been doing on behalf of the PSH Group and discussions about the Electricity Market Reform, particularly on the [recent document](#) released by National Grid ESO.

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

Ofgem's Full Chain Flexibility Forum

Scottish Renewables attended Ofgem's Full Chain Flexibility Forum on November 19. The forum, which aims to discuss how to efficiently deliver full chain flexibility, addressed some reflections on the current situation of flexibility on the network. It also outlined how the Government's Net Zero Strategy may impact the work developed and prioritisation of activities.

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](#).

Flexibility Innovation Programme

BEIS announced the [Flexibility Innovation Programme](#) on November 16 which aims to support innovative solutions to enable large-scale widespread electricity system flexibility and has made up to £65 million available to fund innovation across a range of key smart energy applications.



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LOW-CARBON HEAT



Publication of the Heat Pump Sector Deal Expert Advisory Group - Final Report

We were delighted to be part of this group and work on [developing recommendations for Scottish Ministers](#) on a potential Heat Pump Sector Deal in Scotland.

In order to scale up from approximately 3,000 heat pumps a year currently, to 200,000 per year towards the end of this decade requires significant actions to be taken, for example, increasing the funding available through loans and grants to support heat pump installation and provide multi-year certainty on the availability of this funding.

The Scottish Government is going to work towards responding to these recommendations within the Heat in Buildings Strategy Supply Chain Delivery Plan which is to be published next year.

Scottish Building Regulations: Proposed

changes to Energy Standards and associated topics

Scottish Renewables submitted a response to [this consultation](#) on the proposed changes to the energy standards section of the Scottish Building Standards. These changes included stronger sections on compliance, the national building specifications, ventilation and EV charging points in new builds.

If you have any questions, please get in touch to discuss.



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Draft Heat Networks Delivery Plan

The Scottish Government recently published its [draft Heat Networks Delivery Plan](#) for consultation. We held a Policy Advisory Group on November 26 to help inform a response and are working on a first draft which we aim to get out to members soon for comment.

If you would like to be involved with commenting on the draft, please ensure you are signed up to the Low-Carbon Heat Forum when you [update your forum preferences](#).

National Public Energy Agency - call for evidence

The Scottish Government has published a [Call for Evidence on Scotland's National Public Energy Agency](#), alongside a [Public Energy Company Outline Business Case](#). The closing date is February 8, 2022.

In the Heat in Buildings Strategy, it says that the National Public Energy Agency would be established "to accelerate the transformational change required in how we heat and use energy in homes and buildings".

We plan to hold a Policy Advisory Group in early January, proposed date and time **Friday, January 7, 2022 at 11:00 - 12:30**.

If you are interested in being on this PAG, please get in touch.



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Non-Domestic Renewable Heat Incentive (NDRHI) potential extension - consultation

The UK Government is carrying out a [short consultation on possible changes](#) to the NDRHI scheme. As a result of challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government is looking at providing an additional 12-month extension (from 31 March 2022 to 31 March 2023) for the NDRHI's remaining tariff guarantee and extension application deadlines for non-biomethane technologies.

Please send any responses to RHI.consultations@beis.gov.uk by December 20.

HYDROGEN



The Scottish Government draft Hydrogen Action Plan

The Scottish Government recently published its [draft Hydrogen Action Plan](#).

[Responding](#), Helen Melone, Senior Policy Manager at Scottish Renewables, said: "We are pleased to see the publication today of The Scottish Government's draft Hydrogen Action Plan, which sets out the necessary steps that will need to be taken over the next five years to develop Scotland's emerging hydrogen economy. We are delighted to see the strong emphasis on the export potential of hydrogen, and that a strong hydrogen sector in Scotland could support up to 300,000 jobs across all skill levels by 2045."

SUPPLY CHAIN



Economy and Fair Work Committee - Supply Chain Consultation

Scottish Renewables submitted a response to the Economy and Fair Work Committee consultation on Scotland's supply

chain.

The Committee was keen to understand what changes could protect Scotland's supply chain and to hear what opportunities may or may not exist to develop a domestic supply chain.

For further information on our work on the supply chain, please get in touch.



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New Transition Careers Webpages

We have recently expanded the careers coverage on our website.

Moving to a sustainable economy is a momentous task which will require a highly skilled, specialist and experienced green workforce. To support individuals looking to enter the sector our site now hosts information on:

- [Starting in Renewables](#)
- [Transition to Renewables](#)
- [Vacancies](#)

Kishorn Port Visit

During COP26 our Energy transition and Supply Chain Manager, Emma, visited Scottish Renewables member Kishorn Port Ltd.

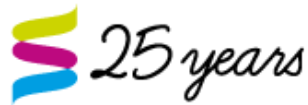
Alasdair Ferguson and Colin Ortlepp welcomed Emma to the facility and shared their aspirations for the renewable energy market.

The port is recognised as having significant potential to support future offshore wind development building on an already approved port masterplan which will see the creation of additional laydown land, a new deep-water quay and an extended dry dock facility. More information about Kishorn can be found on its [website](#).



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