

## **Abnormal Loads Legislative Reform Sub-Group: Terms of Reference**

The Abnormal Loads Legislative Reform Sub-group is run by the Scottish Government, in collaboration with Scottish Renewables and Police Scotland.

### Function

The group has been formed to explore the potential options for legislative change in Scotland to allow abnormal loads to be moved more efficiently.

This will be a potentially complex and time-consuming process which would have implications and benefits far beyond the transportation of abnormal loads for wind development.

### Membership

- Scottish Government Energy Official
- Transport Scotland Official
- Scottish Renewables
- Renewable UK
- Police Scotland
- Representative legal advisors from Government, Industry and Police Scotland, where appropriate.
- Secretariat

### Other

The group will meet on an ad-hoc basis at a time set by the Secretariat (Scottish Government) and agreed by Group Members.

In the context of COVID-19 the group will meet virtually via Microsoft Teams. If it is appropriate to facilitate in person/ hybrid meetings this will be discussed by Group Members, and in person meetings set only with their approval.

The Secretariat will endeavour to issue papers and agenda before each meeting. The Minutes and Actions of each meeting will be circulated by the Secretariat within 10 working days of the following meeting.

The group will endeavour to keep our 'lines-to-take' consistent across the board to limit any breaches of legal confidentiality due to the level of industry interest, through regularly updated briefings and a shared document platform.

## **Abnormal Loads Legislative Reform SubGroup: Meeting One**

### Attendance:

Lesley McNeil  
Amy Keast  
Keith Patterson  
Mark Richardson  
Jo McPherson  
Victoria Carson  
Karen Coyne  
Liam Allison

### Apologies:

James Robottom

### Minutes

- Members discussed the proposed ToRs, and all comments will be reflected in amendments. It was agreed that they will be reviewed again by members and agreed ahead of the next meeting.
- Mark Richardson, Scottish Renewables, was nominated to be the group chair, and this was agreed by the group.
- The group agreed to meet before the main abnormal group meeting, usually every 4-6 weeks.
- The following initial actions were agreed:
  - A short paper to illustrate the current situation, what the group is looking to achieve, the potential direct benefits to onshore wind, and the wider benefits to other industries and key Governmental priorities. The paper will also include a 'myth-busting' section which will address some key misunderstandings of appropriate abnormal load transportation in Scotland as well as protocol for raising concerns and specific issues.
  - Scottish Government officials to share sanitised legal advice with the legislative sub-group only as per internal policies.
  - Look into a shared document platform to ensure sub-group members have up-to-date and consistent information to be used when asked.