

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



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## MONTHLY BRIEFING

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**Dear member,**

The results of the fourth Contracts for Difference round, announced at the start of last month, proved as contentious as ever, with technologies vying across pots and some startlingly low prices achieved, perhaps at the expense of home-grown content.



The SR team were in our Glasgow city centre office from 6.30am, as many of you would have been, to read the results and prepare a reaction for media and other stakeholders, which you can [read on our website](#).

AR4's results will inform our future work, and particularly our advice to the UK Government on the best way AR5 can be shaped to help all technologies in our industry succeed.

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**GENERAL**



**News release: The Scottish Green Energy Awards 2022 now launched**

The Scottish Green Energy Awards – the UK's largest celebration of renewables – are [now open for nominations](#).

This year's event will return to Edinburgh on December 1 to celebrate those who are doing ground-breaking work to decarbonise our energy system. Nominations are open for 11 categories, with submissions welcome from all renewable energy technologies, from wind, hydro and solar to wave, low-carbon heat and more.

Claire Mack, Chief Executive of Scottish Renewables, said: "Scotland's renewable energy industry is one of the country's great success stories and this is only set to rise further with the increasing volume of project opportunities on the horizon.

"The Scottish Green Energy Awards allow us all to come together and honour the inspirational organisations, people and projects making a real difference to the health, wealth and wellbeing of our country."

Nominations must be submitted before 5pm on Friday, September 16 via [Scottish Renewables' website](#).



## Holyrood engagement

Despite the summer recess we have been continuing our advocacy with MSPs, and this month we held a meeting with some of our onshore members with Mark Ruskell, Scottish Green Environment spokesperson, and also met with Daniel Johnson, Scottish Labour Economy and Finance spokesperson to discuss supply chain.



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## Scotland Office Minister visit

We hosted Lord Offord, Parliamentary under Secretary of State at the Scotland Office to our offices in Glasgow this month. We discussed key issues affecting industry including

proposals for Locational Marginal Pricing and the need to reform Ofgem.



## Media reaction: Energy Security Bill

The [Energy Security Bill](#), announced as part of the Queen's Speech, was introduced into Parliament at the beginning of July by Business and Energy Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng.

[Responding](#), Nick Sharpe, Director of Communications and Strategy at Scottish Renewables, said: "The Energy Security Bill sets out a number of positive developments for the renewable energy industry.

"A new future for energy storage, and specifically pumped storage hydropower projects, is to be welcomed; while the establishment of a Future System Operator to take a whole-system approach to coordinating and planning Great Britain's energy system is also good news.

"A market mechanism for low-carbon heat, announced in the Bill, is also badly needed.

"While the Bill focuses on fossil fuel and nuclear energy it is important to recognise that renewables like wind and solar are the cheapest and fastest way to add new electricity generation

capacity and speed the transition to net-zero, which is the best way to ensure the UK's energy security in the long term."

## SNP Visit

This month we organised a trip to Vattenfall's European Offshore Wind Deployment Centre in Aberdeen Bay for SNP politicians. We were joined by MPs Stephen Flynn and Richard Thomson and MSPs Audrey Nicoll and Jackie Dunbar to see offshore wind in action.



## News release: Shortlist revealed for new Net-Zero Energy Transition Awards

The finalists for Scottish Renewables' inaugural Net-Zero Energy Transition Awards, headline sponsored by TotalEnergies, have been [announced](#).

Taking place in Aberdeen on August 25, the black-tie awards will see 34 individuals, companies and projects that are delivering the energy transition compete to scoop prizes in eight categories recognising activities across industry, community and individual efforts.

Claire Mack, Chief Executive of Scottish Renewables, said: "I am absolutely thrilled by the number and quality of nominations we have received for this new award ceremony. Our judges struggled to pick the shortlist from the 85 nominations we received, let alone the winners.

“Delivering the energy transition projects we need to reduce our carbon emissions, re-skill and re-shape our workforce and reach our climate targets is a huge task, but one that offers enormous economic and environmental benefits. Our shortlist represents the innovation, skills and engineering know-how of Scotland’s diverse supplier network that is tackling this challenge head on.”

View the [full shortlist](#).



## PLANNING & CONSENTS



### Letter to stakeholders from Minister and Chief Planner - NPF4

The Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth, Tom Arthur, and Scottish Government Chief Planner, Fiona Simpson, have written a [letter to stakeholders](#) providing a planning update, including [National Planning Framework 4](#) (NPF4) progress.

The letter states the intention is to “lay a revised draft for Scottish Parliament’s consideration and approval in the autumn, and to progress towards its adoption by Scottish Ministers thereafter”.

SR’s [NPF4 consultation response](#) and [proposed redrafted text](#) is available online.



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### Flow Country World Heritage Site and Boundary consultation

Scottish Renewables has submitted a [final response](#) to The Flow Country Partnership’s [online consultation](#) on the proposed Flow Country World Heritage Site (WHS) and

boundary.

SR's response recommends that the WHS and boundary be contained in areas already designated, the draft rationale must be revised, and the proposed WHS and boundary must concisely include all the elements, human and natural, which make up this unique area of Scotland.

The Flow Country proposed World Heritage Site [draft Management Plan](#) is now [open for consultation](#), closing September 12. Please email [Mark](#) with any initial comments by Friday, August 12.

## DPEA Annual Review and Customer Survey

The Planning and Environmental Appeals Division's (DPEA) [Annual Review 2021 - 2022](#) has been published. The DPEA also launched a [customer survey](#) welcoming views, there is no closing date. Further, Scott Ferrie has been appointed Chief Reporter.

The next DPEA stakeholder group meeting is schedule for November 15, please [email](#) any agenda topics you wish SR to raise by September 2.



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**ONSHORE RENEWABLES**



## Draft OWPS refresh consultation analysis published

The [Onshore Wind Policy Statement \(OWPS\) consultation](#) launched October 28, 2021, includes Scottish Government's ambition that an additional 8-12GW of onshore wind be installed by 2030. [Scottish Renewables responded](#) to key themes such as barriers to deployment, positive environmental impacts, community benefits and shared ownership, circular economy and supply chain opportunities.

The Scottish Government's [Draft OWPS: Analysis of Responses to Consultation](#) has been published and individual responses published on [Citizen Space](#).

The Scottish Government is considering this consultation analysis, and the full responses submitted during the consultation, and intend to publish a final Onshore Wind Policy Statement before the end of the year.

For more information, contact [Mark](#).

## Abnormal loads movement escorts

Scottish Renewables, in collaboration with RenewableUK, facilitated a productive practitioners meeting between Police Scotland, The Scottish Government, hauliers and members on July 21 to discuss the significant demand Police Scotland are facing for abnormal load movement escorts and proposed short to medium term solutions.

SR attended a further high-level stakeholder meeting on behalf of members on July 25 with the focus on situational updates, concerns and actions. SR also attended the first abnormal loads sub-group meeting on July 13 to continue considerations of legislative reform and long-term solutions. The sub-group will consider which other aspects of the renewables industry would benefit from legislative change (transportation of hydrogen for example) and to undertake a cost-benefit analysis, among other matters. [ToRs and meeting minutes](#) available on SR website.

SR is continuing to work closely with our members, RUK, hauliers and The Scottish Government to liaise with Police Scotland to find solutions to this issue.

Thank you to members for your continued support and for funneling updates via [Mark](#).



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**OFFSHORE RENEWABLES**



## Media reaction: The 'End of Life Materials Mapping for Offshore Wind in Scotland' report

A [new report](#) by the Offshore Renewable Energy (ORE) Catapult, in partnership with Zero Waste Scotland, has identified the vast quantity of materials needed to develop the Scottish offshore wind market.

[Responding](#), Charlotte Stamper, Senior Policy Manager at Scottish Renewables, said: "Scotland's offshore wind sector is set to transform our coastlines on a scale the country has never seen before as we work towards achieving the target of 11GW by 2030.

"This report, for the first time, puts a number on the quantity of materials needed to achieve this ambition and highlights the vast potential for Scotland's supply chain to bring investment and deliver tens of thousands of skilled jobs across the country."

## SR consultation response: Floating Offshore Wind Manufacturing Investment Scheme (FLOWMIS)

SR has submitted a [final response](#) to the request for information from UK Government's Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) on the Floating Offshore Wind Manufacturing Investment Scheme (FLOWMIS).

SR members were asked for their views on the constraints, risks, and opportunities facing the deployment of floating offshore wind in the UK. Our response highlighted a number of points including the risks associated with a compressed development pipeline, employment opportunities, and constraints on high-quality port space. The information gathered will be used to inform the feasibility and the design of the FLOWMIS, as well as wider offshore wind policy.



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## The Offshore Wind Environmental Improvement Package (OWEIP)



SR [submitted a letter](#) to Defra in response to its request for rapid input to the [Offshore Wind Environmental Improvement Package \(OWEIP\)](#). These measures are being developed as part of implementing the [British Energy Security Strategy \(BESS\)](#) and with the aim of radically increasing the pace of offshore wind deployment.

Although planning is devolved and the OWEIP is only immediately applicable to England, Marine Scotland has informed us that it is very keen Scottish industry feedback on this area of policy as it develops its own thinking.

We are expecting further engagement on this topic throughout the summer so please do get in touch with [Charlotte](#) to share any views on the proposals.



## ECONOMICS & MARKETS



### Media reaction: UK Government announce major electricity market reform

The UK Government has launched a major review into Britain's electricity market design aimed to radically enhance energy security and cut costs of electricity for consumers in the long term.

The Review of Electricity Market Arrangements (REMA) seeks to identify and implement the market reforms necessary to achieve a decarbonised power sector by 2035 and net-zero energy system by 2050.

[Responding](#), Andrew MacNish Porter, Policy Manager at Scottish Renewables, said: "The current electricity market is not fit for purpose. Existing market arrangements are leaving consumers exposed to high gas prices during a cost of living crisis, whilst also failing to incentivise an electricity system that is compatible with achieving net-zero.

"Instead of allowing volatile price of fossil fuels to determine energy bills, consumers should be able to benefit from much cheaper renewables which can produce electricity at a fraction of the cost of gas."

## **Review of Electricity Market Arrangements (REMA) consultation published**

The UK Government has launched the initial consultation in its Review of Electricity Market Arrangements (REMA). In this first consultation, BEIS sets out its objectives for electricity market design, its case for change, and an initial assessment of the options for reform.

Scottish Renewables will be preparing a response and we welcome any initial comments on the consultation from members by August 5.



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## **Hydrogen Business Model and Net Zero Hydrogen Fund**

The UK Government published its [response](#) to the market engagement on electrolytic allocation for the Hydrogen Business Model (HBM) and Net Zero Hydrogen Fund (NZHF) to which SR [responded](#). Applications to the 2022 HBM and NZHF Electrolytic Allocation Round opened on July 20 with expressions of interest to be submitted by September 7.

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

**GRID & SYSTEMS**



## **Media reaction: Electricity network upgrades for Scotland**

National Grid ESO has published '[The Pathway to 2030 Holistic Network Design \(HND\)](#)' alongside an [update of the Network Option Assessments \(NOA\) document](#).

The HND provides a view of the onshore and offshore networks required by 2030. It includes connection recommendations for 23GW of offshore wind across the UK, with 11GW corresponding to Scotland. The NOA provides the recommendations for which reinforcements projects should receive investment for the next financial year, and this time incorporates the impact of offshore coordination resulting from the HND.

[Responding](#), Angeles Sandoval, Policy Manager at Scottish Renewables, said: “In order to meet net-zero, the renewable energy industry must be able to transport the power it can generate using Scotland's natural resources to the customers who need it.

“Scottish Renewables has always been clear about the vital importance of upgrading the electricity network to enable our members to access markets in more populated parts of Great Britain, as well as to create jobs and economic benefit across the country.”

## Scottish Renewables TNUoS Task Force Update

Scottish Renewables has been chosen as a member of the [TNUoS Task Force](#). We will represent the viewpoints of renewable generators in Scotland and will actively communicate the progress that is made. SR will take a role in gathering feedback and input from members and bringing this into the work of the Task Force.

Currently, we are setting up a group of members with expertise on TNUoS to advise SR and agree on key messages of importance for the Scottish renewable industry. We are also working with RenewableUK to disseminate information to members each week after TNUoS Task Force meetings.

Members can find all relevant information about the Task Force such as meeting papers, presentations, webinars, and podcasts, on the [Charging Future webpage](#). Additionally, members can view the first [presentation](#) we made in collaboration with RUK.



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## Locational Marginal Pricing Roundtable

Scottish Renewables attended a virtual roundtable regarding the assessment that Ofgem is developing on Locational Marginal Pricing (LMP). The roundtable aimed to present and discuss an analysis that SSE commissioned with LCP Frontier Economics regarding Ofgem's assessment of LMP. In the meeting, the consultants presented their analysis and provided the opportunity to discuss this in more detail.

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

## OTNR: Ofgem's Minded-to Decision and further consultation on Pathway to 2030

Scottish Renewables submitted a [response](#) to the consultation on [Pathway to 2030](#) from the OTNR workstream. This consultation sets out Ofgem's minded-to decision to apply a 'very late competition - generator build' model to non-radial offshore transmission systems and consults on the consequential arrangements that may be required to implement the 'very late competition - generator build' model.



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## OTNR working group meeting

Scottish Renewables hosted a working group meeting on July 14. The meeting focussed the discussion on the HND publication and further detailed discussion regarding SR's response to the Pathway to 2030 consultation.

If you would like to discuss, please [get in touch](#).

## Future Energy Scenarios Publication

National Grid ESO (NGESO) published the [Future Energy Scenarios \(FES\) 2022](#). The FES outlines four different, credible pathways for the future of energy between now and 2050. Three of the scenarios meet the UK net-zero target by 2050, but one of them does not. Based on extensive NGESO stakeholder engagement, research and modelling, each

scenario considers how much energy will be needed; where it could come from; and how to maintain a system that is reliable.



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## LOW-CARBON HEAT



### UK Environmental Audit Committee inquiry into geothermal technologies

SR put [a submission](#) to the House of Commons Environmental Audit Committee [inquiry](#) into Technological Innovations and Climate Change: Geothermal Technologies.

Our submission explores our positions on geothermal technologies, with particular reference to its potential use as a heat source for heat networks.

To discuss our response, please [get in touch](#).

### New Build Heat Standard: part 2 consultation

The Scottish Government published the second part of the [New Build Heat Standard consultation](#) which will require new build domestic and non-domestic properties to install zero direct emissions heating systems from 2024.

This consultation confirms that the regulations will prohibit direct emissions heating (DEH) systems from being installed in new buildings applying for a building warrant from April 1, 2024.

Please [send Helen](#) any initial comments by COP Friday, August 12.

As part of the consultation process, The Scottish Government is looking to speak directly to a number of businesses that would be impacted by the New Build Heat Standard. If any members would be interested in doing so, please get in touch with [Helen](#).



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## HeatNIC jobs and skills survey

EIS and the Heat Networks Industry Council (HeatNIC) are undertaking [a skills survey](#) for the heat network sector.

The aim is to gather data on the make-up of the heat networks workforce, skills and training gaps for growth, and on the Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) strategies put in place by organisations. Having better information about the sector will be crucial to its growth over the next decade.

Please complete the survey by COP August 5 and send the completed survey file to [HNIC\\_Survey@nsar.co.uk](mailto:HNIC_Survey@nsar.co.uk).

## Green Heat Finance Taskforce

SR sits on the [Green Heat Finance Taskforce](#) and attends regular meetings discussing different tenures and potential financial solutions for these.

We created a members policy working group Financing Green Heat: Ambitions to feed in members views and expertise to the Taskforce deliberations.



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SOLAR



## Second Draft Solar Strategy briefing

Thank you to members who submitted comments on the [second draft of the Solar Strategy briefing](#) which examines the barriers to solar deployment in Scotland, the potential solutions, and what members would like to see in a Scottish solar strategy.

We will share a final draft in the coming month.

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

## Solar Strategy Policy Working Group

We recently sent out an email to the Solar Forum asking members to apply to join a solar policy working group which would meet at least quarterly and act proactively, initially discussing the potential solar vision which will be part of the Energy Strategy refresh in Autumn 2022.

Please [get in touch with Helen](#) to get more information or to apply to join the group. To get these updates, please ensure you are [signed up to our Solar Forum](#) on the SR website.



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## HYDROGEN



### Hydrogen – BEIS business model and fund allocation event

Helen attended a useful virtual event organised by BEIS on the Hydrogen Business Model/Net Zero Hydrogen Fund electrolytic allocation round. This webinar covered the details of how this round would work, the eligibility criteria, the evaluation criteria and the weightings given to each part of the evaluation for the round, and timings.

BEIS noted that they will publish a more substantive update on the Hydrogen Business Model later this year, and will finalise the overall Heads of Terms by Spring 2023. After October 12 when the electrolytic allocation round ends, BEIS will announce the shortlist in early 2023.

We asked whether official hydrogen offtakers would be expanded as the hydrogen economy develops. BEIS replied that they will keep this under review, especially relating to the hydrogen blending decision to be made in 2023.

Please [get in touch](#) if you would like to find out more about the content of this event.

### UK Government hydrogen announcements & Green Hydrogen PWG

The UK Government published a [Hydrogen Sector Development Action Plan](#) which sets out details of current and

future capabilities, centering around skills and the supply chain opportunities for hydrogen production in the UK.

The UK Government has published an [update to the Hydrogen Strategy](#) to inform industry of its ongoing work to develop the UK's hydrogen economy and to help provide clarity on the direction of travel.

The SR Green Hydrogen Policy Working Group will discuss these plans and updates at its next meeting.



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## SUPPLY CHAIN



### Harland & Wolff Visit

Many suppliers in Scotland are already delivering exceptional work in the renewable energy industry and this month Scottish Renewables visited an organisation doing just that. The team were hosted by Matt Smith, General Manager of the Harland & Wolff Methil facility, who provided a tour of the fabrication halls and quayside. Situated on the north bank of the Firth of Forth Estuary, the company is currently fabricating offshore wind foundations and has aspirations to increase their activity in renewable energy as we transition to net-zero.



### RSK Group Visit

Energy Transition and Supply Chain Manager, Emma Harrick, visited Scottish Renewables member RSK Group this month.



RSK's family of over 130 environmental, engineering and technical services businesses work together to provide practical solutions to some of the greatest challenges societies have ever faced. The company has ambitions to expand their activities and we look forward to seeing what they get up to next.



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## Subsea7 Visit

The Scottish Renewables office is becoming a hive of activity again following the easing of Covid-19 restrictions. Many members have recently visited our Glasgow city centre office and Subsea7 joined us this month to meet with Chief Executive, Claire Mack, and Energy Transition and Supply Chain Manager, Emma Harrick.

If you would like to come by and learn more about our supply chain work, please contact [Emma](#).



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