

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 inaugural Scottish Renewables' [Net-Zero Energy Transition Awards](#) took place in Aberdeen on August 25. More than 270 people from across Scotland's renewable energy supply chain attended the black-tie ceremony, which saw eight winners receive trophies for their work delivering the energy transition.



It was a fantastic evening celebrating the vast array of skills, experience, and engineering know-of the supply chain companies making the shift to green energy and playing a key role as we work towards achieving our climate targets.

[View the full list of winners.](#)



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GENERAL



Blog: Advice on avian flu outbreak

As responsible users of the sea, Scottish Renewables members have been in touch to express their concern at the ongoing avian flu outbreak.

Our [recent blog](#) provides some advice from RSPB Scotland on what you can do to help.

Holyrood engagement

Despite the summer recess we've been continuing to engage MSPs and this month visited the Floors Castle Renewable Heat project with Martin Whitfield MSP for South Scotland.



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New member for the SR Communications Team

A new post in Scottish Renewables' Communications team will allow us to tell the positive stories behind our industry more fully as well as responding to enquiries from journalists.

Ewan McInnes joined SR as Media Manager in August from a background in local newspapers and at a communications agency, where he worked with some of our members.



If you'd like to talk about how to get media coverage for your business, you can contact Ewan at emcannes@scottishrenewables.com or on 07719 069 961.

The Scottish Green Energy Awards

Nominations for The Scottish Green Energy Awards 2022 must be submitted before the deadline of **10am on Wednesday, September 21**.

It's fast, free and only take five minutes. Enter now via [Scottish Renewables' website](#).



PLANNING & CONSENTS



National Planning Framework 4

The Scottish Government is continuing to work on a final draft NPF4 following the public consultation and parliamentary scrutiny of the earlier draft. The intention continues to be to lay

the final draft before the Scottish Parliament for approval this autumn.

The Chief Planner's team has advised SR that they will not be publishing a further draft in advance of providing it to the Scottish Parliament for consideration and approval, and to progress towards its adoption by Scottish Ministers thereafter. SR's [NPF4 consultation response](#) and [proposed redrafted text](#) is available online.

As one of five key priorities for Scotland's Programme for Government, SR recommends that The Scottish Government: Complete the National Planning Framework 4 reforms to achieve consistent and efficient decision making for a net-zero-driven planning system that can respond to climate change.



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NatureScot pre-Application guidance for wind and solar farms

The [solar farm guidance](#) provides NatureScot's standing advice on natural heritage considerations for large-scale, commercial solar photovoltaic (PV) proposals. It aims to assist applicants, developers and consultants involved in preparing applications and Environmental Impact Assessment reports (where these are required) for such developments. SR's [response to the draft guidance](#) is available online.

The latest version of NatureScot's [pre-application and scoping advice for onshore windfarms](#) replaces the October 2020 version. Besides refreshing the text, the main updates are:

- Removal of the checklist table.
- Addition of several new sections, including on survey 'shelf life', Section 36 variations, and repowering.
- Update to turbine lighting advice (at Annex 1).

Both guidance documents can be accessed [here](#) along with all NatureScot's other planning guidance.



Onshore Wind Vision and Sector Deal for Scotland

Scottish Renewables is leading a conversation between the renewable energy industry and The Scottish Government in relation to the establishment of a Vision and Sector Deal for onshore wind for Scotland.

The Onshore Wind Sector Deal would seek to capture the needs and ambitions of The Scottish Government and the Scottish wind industry in relation to delivering an additional 12GW of onshore wind capacity in Scotland by 2030.

In contrast to the UK offshore wind sector deal, which took more than four years to develop, there is a pressing need for the Scottish onshore sector deal to be developed at pace. To achieve this ambition there will be five key project stages:

- Stage 1: Project initiation
- Stage 2: Develop a concise (1 page) vision statement
- Stage 3: Scoping the sector deal with industry and Government
- Stage 4: Developing the sector deal document
- Stage 5: Considerations beyond 20GW (circular economy and net-zero ambitions)

SR has held a series of scoping discussions with BVG Associates and The Scottish Government on how to develop the onshore Vision and Sector Deal.



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Abnormal loads movement escorts

Scottish Renewables, in collaboration with RenewableUK, is continuing to engage with members, Police Scotland, The Scottish Government, and hauliers via the three established groups tackling abnormal load movement escorts.

1. Practitioners Group - SR, OEMs, Scottish Government, Police Scotland, RUK, Hauliers

2. Stakeholders Group - SR, Scottish Government, Police Scotland, RUK

3. Abnormal Loads Legislative Reform (ALLR) sub-group - SR, Scottish Government, Police Scotland, RUK, Legal representatives

Thank you to SR members for continued input via [Mark](#).

OFFSHORE RENEWABLES



Media reaction: ScotWind clearing results spell success for Shetland

At an Offshore Wind Supply Chain Summit in Aberdeen, Scotland's First Minister Nicola Sturgeon [announced the three projects in Shetland](#) to have been offered seabed agreements for offshore wind projects, following Crown Estate Scotland's ScotWind clearing process.

[Responding](#), Charlotte Stamper, Senior Policy Manager at Scottish Renewables, said: "As Scotland continues to lead the way in offshore wind today's announcement is superb news for the sector and we welcome what will be a significant economic boost not just for Shetland but all of Scotland."

SR at beach event

Members of the Scottish Renewables team joined member organisation OPITO at Aberdeen beach ahead of our Net-Zero Energy Transition Awards to see local school children learning about offshore wind.

The event, organised with Aberdeen Science Centre and [OffshoreWind4Kids](#), involved around 40 children who built floating wind foundations and then tested them in the choppy North Sea.



Spatial marine planning update

Marine Scotland has confirmed indicative timelines for several key marine planning policy updates which will be taking place over the next 2-3 years. This includes the Sectoral Marine Plan for Offshore Wind Energy, the INTOG Sectoral Marine Plan, and the National Marine Plan.

These timelines were presented at the recent [Offshore Wind Forum](#) and Scottish Renewables continues to engage with Marine Scotland on how the updates will affect consenting applications.



ECONOMICS & MARKETS



Consultation: Hydrogen transport and storage infrastructure

The UK Government has published a [consultation](#) seeking views on hydrogen transport and storage infrastructure business model designs, regulatory arrangements, strategic planning and the role of blending.

Scottish Renewables is requesting that any initial comments on this consultation be submitted to [Andrew](#) by September 23.

REMA Response first draft published

Scottish Renewables has prepared a [first draft response](#) to the REMA consultation. This draft sets out at a high level proposed positions on the key policy options in the consultation. Please submit comments to [Andrew](#) via tracked changes in Word by September 16.



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TNUoS Task Force

Scottish Renewables has attended two TNUoS Task Force meetings and has updated members on two occasions. The slides of the latest update to members can be found on the SR [webpage](#).

Additionally, members can find all relevant information about the Task Force such as meeting papers, presentations, webinars, and podcasts, on the [Charging Future Webpage](#).

We would like to encourage members to share their TNUoS Call for Evidence responses with us if they feel these have proposals that could contribute to the Task Force development. Responses can be shared on a confidential basis if needed, and will only be shared with the following members of the Task Force: Angeles Sandoval, Barnaby Wharton, Graham Pannell, John Tindal, and Joseph Dunn.

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

Ofgem locational pricing assessment: second stakeholder session

Scottish Renewables attended a virtual session regarding the assessment Ofgem is developing on Locational Marginal Pricing. In the meeting, the consultants provided an update on the assessment and showed preliminary results. They also stated that the modelling will consider further assessment to include the holistic network design and other limitations.

Later this year we should expect 2-3 further workshops covering:

- Zonal and nodal market designs and policy interactions
- Updated modelling results (based upon NOA7 refresh)
- Analysis of mitigations and transitional measures, distributional impacts and market participant risks

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RIIO-ED2 Draft Determinations

Scottish Renewables submitted a [letter](#) in response to the consultation on the RIIO-ED2 Draft Determinations. In general, we highlighted that the current proposal puts the speed of connections required for low-carbon generation at risk, which is essential to meet our net-zero carbon commitments.

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

Offshore Transmission Owner End of Tender Revenue Stream – Consultation concerning policy development

Scottish Renewables submitted a [letter](#) in response to the consultation on the Offshore Transmission Owner End of Tender Revenue Stream. Overall, we highlighted that as the deployment of offshore wind increase significantly, and wind turbines become larger, more complex, and more coordinated, there is an urgent need for reforming the OFTO regime.

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LOW-CARBON HEAT



Scottish Enterprise Green Heat Accelerator

Scottish Enterprise is looking for companies that are working on decarbonising heat in buildings in Scotland, have an operational base in Scotland and are looking to grow their business. This is a [three-month accelerator](#) to take a start-up or small business to the next level.

Applications open until 12 noon on Friday, September 30.

SOLAR



Solar Policy Working Group - invitation

Policy Working Groups bring together a representative group of Scottish Renewables members as a standing group focused on thought leadership and agenda-setting for specific sectors.

With the forthcoming Energy Strategy refresh and Just Transition Plan, there will be a specific solar vision for Scotland. We would like solar members to apply to attend this policy working group to help us shape the solar vision and address the various barriers to solar deployment.

If you would like to put yourself forward as a Working Group member, please [submit an application to Helen Melone](#) by COP Wednesday, September 14 explaining your current role in solar in Scotland and what experience and expertise you can bring to the Working Group in no more than 250 words.



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HYDROGEN



Hydrogen for Transport

We attended an Energy for Transport roundtable recently which covered the different decarbonisation options for

transport - electrification and hydrogen.

In May 2022, Transport Scotland published the [Zero Emission Energy for Transport Forecasts](#). This forecasts the national demand for renewable electricity and hydrogen required for Scotland's Transport system up to 2045.

This reports that the total demand for hydrogen in 2023 for all transport modes combined is approximately 0.02 TWh for four out of six scenarios, increasing to a range between 0.43 and 1.19 TWh in 2030, before reaching between 4.45 and 14.83 TWh in 2045.

To discuss these issues, please [get in touch with Helen](#).

Research: The site requirements for electrolyzers

Scottish Enterprise has recently published their [Hydrogen Production and Export Locations: Site Requirements Study](#).

The study assessed the required inputs and land areas for production, related infrastructure, considerations for hydrogen export, and the applicable planning and consenting regimes. It is intended to act as a guide for parties exploring hydrogen production.

Hydrogen production has been assessed for both renewables powered electrolytic "green" hydrogen and "blue" hydrogen produced from natural gas reformation. Scales of production up to 1GW were considered.



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SUPPLY CHAIN



Energy Transition Seminar: An intro to offshore wind

Alongside the Net-Zero Energy Transition Awards Scottish Renewables hosted an Energy Transition Seminar last month. The seminar provided delegates with an introduction to offshore wind and focused on how individuals and supply chain companies can get involved and successfully win in the

industry. More than 50 delegates attended the event in Aberdeen and learned about everything from policy, planning and consenting to operational delivery and the technology itself.

Offshore Wind Supply Chain Summit

On Monday August 22 Head of Energy Transition and Supply Chain, Emma Harrick, attended the Offshore Wind Supply Chain Summit. The Aberdeen event focused on maximising Scottish supply chain growth and was hosted by ETZ Ltd in partnership with The Scottish Government and the Scottish Offshore Wind Energy Council (SOWEC). Also in attendance was senior representatives from offshore wind companies, ports and leading supply chain companies.



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Workshops and Working Groups

In addition to the Supply Chain Summit there have been many other workshops and working groups, focused on the supply chain, taking place throughout August. Emma Harrick attended a floating offshore wind workshop organised by Offshore Energies UK which delved into how the oil and gas supply chain can transition its expertise into the offshore wind sector.

The SOWEC Collaborative Framework Working group is also gathering pace with meetings taking place every two weeks.

The purpose of the group is to facilitate collaboration of ScotWind developers and support supply chain development. Other supply chain engagement this month includes meetings with the Scottish National Investment Bank, Decom North Sea and new members Orkney Harbours.

Please contact [Emma](#) for more information.

Supply Chain Impact Statement

Work is about to begin on the next edition of our Supply Chain Impact Statement. The document highlights thriving companies and organisations utilising their expertise, skills and capabilities today to deliver work across all renewable energy technologies, from the Borders to the islands. If you are a supplier with renewable energy successes to share please reach out to [Emma](#) to express interest in being included in the upcoming publication.

Read last year's [Supply Chain Impact Statement](#).



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