

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

 scottishrenewables
MONTHLY BRIEFING
OCTOBER 2022

Dear member,

After a very long break due to the pandemic we were delighted to be back at the Scottish Parliament for our annual parliamentary reception. The event was hosted by Paul McLennan MSP for East Lothian and we were joined by Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport and 25 MSPs to celebrate the achievements of our industry.



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GENERAL



News release: Onshore Wind Sector Deal and development of offshore supply chain announced in Programme for Government

The First Minister announced the Programme for Government on September 6 which included an Onshore Wind Sector Deal and offshore wind supply chain support.

[Responding](#), Ben Walker, Head of Public Affairs and Campaigns at Scottish Renewables, said: “We are pleased that our suggestions for an Onshore Wind Sector Deal and supply chain support were reflected in the First Minister’s Programme for Government set out in the Scottish Parliament today.”

Holyrood engagement

Despite a busy start to the new parliamentary term we have continued to engage with MSPs and this month met with Daniel Johnson, Scottish Labour Economy and Finance spokesperson and Paul McLennan MSP for East Lothian.



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PLANNING & CONSENTS



Scotland's Biodiversity Strategy 2022 consultation

SR has submitted a [final response](#) to The Scottish Government's [consultation](#) seeking views for its Biodiversity Strategy, due for publication in 2022. Our response highlights the failure of the strategy and vision to communicate the urgency required in relation to practical actions that will be effective in arresting biodiversity loss.

We have highlighted the imperative that if the implementation of the Scottish Biodiversity Strategy requires any substantive changes to the planning process, these should be reflected in an updated National Planning Framework 4 and cannot undermine the statutory targets for net-zero 2045.



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Flow Country World Heritage Site (WHS) draft Management Plan consultation

SR has submitted a [final response](#) to The Flow Country Partnership's [consultation](#) on the proposed Flow Country World Heritage Site [draft Management Plan](#).

Our response highlights numerous concerns with the proposed Management Plan, as drafted, we consider there are several opportunities to strengthen the plan, to ensure the Flow Country, in co-existence with renewable energy developments, fully contributes to and facilitates net-zero progress.

SR's related submission (July 26, 2022) to The Flow Country Partnership's [consultation](#) on the proposed Flow Country

WHS and boundary is available [online](#).

Get in touch with [Mark](#) for more information.

Land Reform in a Net Zero Nation consultation

SR has submitted a [final response](#) to The Scottish Government's [consultation](#) on the next Land Reform Bill.

The bill aims to address long-standing concerns about the highly concentrated pattern of land ownership in rural areas of Scotland. Our response highlights that renewable energy projects already incorporate many of the ambitions proposed in the Scottish Land Reform Bill.



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ONSHORE RENEWABLES



Media reaction: New polling shows overwhelming majority of UK population supports wind and solar

Polling commissioned by RenewableUK shows there is overwhelming public support for building new wind and solar farms to lower bills and tackle the cost of living crisis.

The polling data, published by Survation, shows that 77% of people throughout the UK think the Government should use new wind and solar farms to reduce electricity bills, and 76% of people support building renewable energy projects in their local area.

[Responding](#), Claire Mack, Chief Executive at Scottish Renewables, said: "We welcome this polling data that confirms the vast majority of people in the UK agree that wind and solar farms must play a key role in the shift from expensive gas to low-cost renewable solutions."

Draft Onshore Wind Vision Statement for Scotland

SR is leading a conversation between the renewable energy industry and The Scottish Government in relation to the establishment of a Sector Deal for Onshore Wind. This

Onshore Wind Sector Deal will 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.

SR has commissioned BVG Associates to support us in the development of this process, the first stage is the creation of a concise (single page) 'Vision Statement', the contents of which will guide the development of the more detailed Sector Deal in due course.

Please email [Mark](#) any comments on the [Draft Onshore Wind Vision Statement](#), by COP Friday, October 14, preferably in word tracked changes.

Onshore wind industry roundtable

Building on the momentum of our [Onshore Wind Conference 2022](#) SR co-chaired an onshore wind roundtable convened by The Scottish Government onshore wind team on September 8. Hosted by Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Net-zero, Energy and Transport, the roundtable discussed The Scottish Government's onshore wind ambitions, industry's vision for onshore wind in Scotland and how Scottish Renewables can collaboratively pave a way forward.



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Abnormal loads movement escorts

Scottish Renewables, in collaboration with RenewableUK, facilitated a productive practitioners meeting between members, Police Scotland, The Scottish Government, RUK and hauliers on September 13, to discuss the current position with movement scheduling, ongoing work and updates since the last meeting.

The next high-level stakeholder meeting is scheduled for October 21, with the focus on situational updates, concerns and actions. The next Abnormal Loads Legislative Reform sub-group meeting will be scheduled in due course. SR is continuing to work closely with our members, RUK, hauliers and The Scottish Government to liaise with Police Scotland to proactively find solutions to this issue.

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

OFFSHORE RENEWABLES



Marine growth research seeks industry collaboration

An innovative research project has started using photogrammetry and AI to assess levels of marine growth on subsea structures. [The NS3D project](#) is part of the NERC INSITE Phase II research programme and their objective is to provide industry with reliable and accurate methods for estimating marine growth on anthropogenic structures in the North Sea. They are looking for partners who would be willing to share, with NDAs, their North Sea structure ROV footage. For more information please contact Tom.wilding@sams.ac.uk.

ECONOMICS & MARKETS



REMA Conference

SR attended the REMA conference hosted by BEIS in central London. We engaged with members in attendance and the interactive sessions were a great opportunity to provide feedback to BEIS on the opening consultation.

Get in touch with [Andrew](#) if you would like to find out more.

Pumped Storage Hydro meeting

SR convened a meeting of the PSH Working Group and consultants from AFRY who had produced a report on the benefits of long duration storage for BEIS. Group members were able to interrogate the modelling done in the report and convey the particular benefits of PSH.



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GRID & SYSTEMS

Blog: Prof Keith Bell's global search for grid charging's golden ratio

Our [latest blog](#) gives an overview of Professor Keith Bell and power systems expert Dr Callum MacIver's discussion with Scottish Renewables CEO Claire Mack and our members at our recent AGM, about the challenges of the GB grid and regulation's impact on investment.



SR TNUoS Workshop

Scottish Renewables hosted a workshop about TNUoS on September 6. The purpose of the workshop was to support SR's work on the TNUoS Task Force by gathering expert input from SR members with expertise on TNUoS, gathering industry analysis of possible solutions to address the problem of high and volatile charges in Scotland, supporting the development of SR's input into the TNUoS Task Force.

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TNUoS Task Force

Scottish Renewables attended the third [TNUoS Task Force meeting](#) on September 7. In this meeting Ofgem gave an update informing that they are considering how best to

prioritise charging work over the coming months given the new government's affordability/security concerns, and the number of individual charging changes in flight. This could potentially impact the progress of the TNUoS Task Force. The discussion within Ofgem is ongoing and further details will be made available when a decision is reached.

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

Holistic Network Design (HND): Central Design Group and Deliverability Forum

Scottish Renewables is a member of the Central Design Group (CDG) of the HND. The first meeting of this group was held on September 23. The meeting covered topics about design rules, technology assumptions, methodology processes and engagement. The topics discussed in the meeting were highly confidential and we are still working with NGESO to assess the information that can be shared with stakeholders.

Scottish Renewables is also a member of the Deliverability Forum, which is a subgroup of the CDG. The first meeting of the deliverability Forum was held on October 6. The Deliverability Forum is less strict with confidentiality, and we can share the [slides](#) from the meeting. The slides include some technical assumptions and design rules.



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Open Letter: Future Systems and Network Regulation - feedback request

Ofgem published a [letter](#) setting out the context for the development of the future network price controls. The letter includes four high-level questions that relate to strategic issues in the energy system, the case for change, and possible high-level options for the development of an updated framework.

We would welcome feedback from members on this letter with specific views on the high-level options proposed. Please share any comments with [Angeles](#) by Friday, October 14.

New report: Net Zero Electricity Market Design (Expert Group)

The Climate Change Committee has published a [report](#) by an independent expert group on Net Zero Electricity Market Design. The report recognises one of the biggest challenges in the 2020s is the need for investment in low-carbon generation, storage, and networks.

The report concluded that evolutionary reform of current Contracts for Difference, combined with a greater degree of location-based pricing, and associated changes to the Capacity Market could address a number of the challenges. However, the group identified there are other key challenges that none of the options satisfactorily addressed, therefore more work is needed to develop options that address these challenges.



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LOW-CARBON HEAT



Launch of the Heat Network Support Unit

On September 28 The Scottish Government launched the new [Heat Network Support Unit](#), a collaboration between The Scottish Government, Scottish Futures Trust and Zero Waste Scotland. It aims to support heat network projects across Scotland through the pre-capital project development stages.

Get in touch with [Helen](#) for more information.

Low-Carbon Heat Forum meeting

We will be holding a [Low-Carbon Heat Forum meeting virtually](#) on Friday, October 28 between 10:00-11:30am.

Forum meetings are key to our engagement with members and our way of keeping you informed about what is going on and inviting you to input into our policy making process.

If you would like to attend, please register at the [Eventbrite link](#).



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New Build Heat Standard Part II consultation

We are working on a second draft of our response to [the New Build Heat Standard Part II consultation](#) and will be sending it out to the Low-Carbon Heat Forum shortly.

The Scottish Government are seeking views on detailed proposals for a New Build Heat Standard to prohibit the use of direct emissions heating systems in new buildings warranted from April 2024.

Please [get in touch with Helen](#) if you would like to contribute to our response.

Heat Networks update

The four regulatory work packages arising from the Heat Networks (Scotland) Act 2021 and proposed start dates are as follows:

1. Building assessment reports and heat network zoning – autumn 2022
2. Consenting and key network assets (incl. Transfer Scheme) – winter 2022
3. Permitting and local authority cost strategy – early 2023
4. Licensing and powers of licence holders – early summer 2023

Scottish Renewables will be working on all these work packages and our Heat Networks: Actions Policy Working Group will contribute to this work.



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CMA Call for Evidence on green heating and insulation sector

The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) has [launched a call for information](#) and wants to hear from consumers, businesses and other interested parties, to better understand their experiences in the green heating and insulation sector.

If interested, please fill out [the questionnaire](#) by November 1, or [contact the CMA](#) directly.

Green Heat Hub Grand Challenge

Scottish Enterprise has launched a Green Heat Hub Grand Challenge. This is an open application process for consortia to come forward with a project proposal for a Green Heat Hub, aimed at positioning Scotland as the leading location in Europe for green heat manufacturing.

[Guidance has been published](#) on the stage 1 pre-proposal application. The closing date for the pre-proposal applications is November 18, 2022.



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SOLAR



The Scottish Government Solar Strategy briefing

We have developed the [final version](#) of our Solar Strategy briefing that discusses the issues raised at March's Solar Forum meeting and subsequent conversations with SR solar members on what a potential solar vision/strategy could include.

Many thanks to all who commented on these drafts and discussed the barriers and solutions for increased solar deployment in Scotland.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything in more detail, then [please get in touch with Helen](#).

HYDROGEN



Hydrogen Supply Chain Conference

We recently attended The Scottish Government and Scottish Enterprise Hydrogen Supply Chain Conference and learned some interesting facts about hydrogen demand. For instance, the export potential of hydrogen is more than 50% of our current demand.

The Scottish Government's Hydrogen Innovation Fund is significantly oversubscribed. Lack of funding came up more than once in the chat around the tables, with no support for SMEs.

Please [get in touch with Helen](#) if you would like to discuss the conference.

Proposals for hydrogen transport and storage business models open consultation

We are working on a first draft to [this consultation](#). Please get in touch with [Helen](#) or [Andrew](#) to highlight which sections of the consultation are most important to you.



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SUPPLY CHAIN



News release: Scottish Renewables launches new team to support energy transition

We [recently announced](#) that SR is broadening its range of services by introducing an expert team to support Scotland's renewable energy supply chain and those transitioning into the industry from other sectors such as oil and gas.

In a newly-created role, Scottish Renewables has appointed Emma Harrick as Head of Energy Transition and Supply Chain following a successful 18 months managing this area of the organisation.

Emma said: "I'm very excited to be taking on this new role at what is an extremely important time for the renewable energy supply chain as many businesses look to either make the transition to working with renewable technologies such as wind, solar, hydrogen and low-carbon heat or continue to grow within the industry."

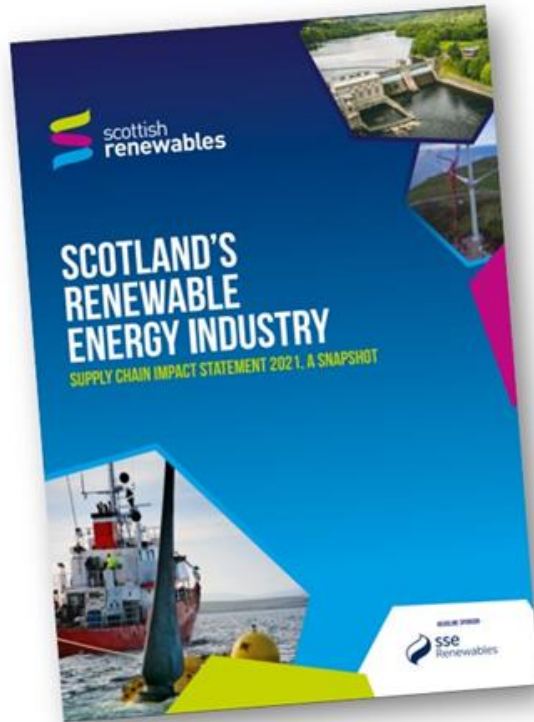
Supply Chain Impact Statement - Sponsorship Opportunities

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. The document covers 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 2021 edition.](#)



West of Orkney Windfarm - office opening

As ScotWind projects begin to progress we are beginning to see teams mobilise across Scotland. This month Head of Energy Transition and Supply Chain, Emma Harrick attended the opening of new premises in Edinburgh for the West of Orkney Windfarm. The event was attended by many industry stakeholders as well as key MSPs.



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