

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



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MONTHLY BRIEFING
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Dear member,

On November 2, John Swinney, Deputy First Minister, set out The Scottish Government's Emergency Budget Review. While much of it made for difficult reading, measures were included to support further development of renewable energy as the cheapest source of electricity.

Measures include:



- Driving forward delivery of Scotland's fourth National Planning Framework and further planning reform, including asking planning authorities to prioritise planning applications for the installation of alternative energy generation in homes or businesses, or proposals which help businesses to diversify or adjust their operating arrangements.
- Extending permitted development rights for small scale renewable energy generation; introducing Masterplan Consent areas which will incentivise development by removing the need for planning applications in areas where construction proposals are in line with an agreed scheme.
- Engaging with the development and business sectors to identify and address barriers to development and ensure the planning service is properly equipped to facilitate major proposals, such as those anticipated from the ScotWind programme.

SR has been advocating for these measures and looks forward to working with The Scottish Government to ensure they help bring forward new projects that will create inward

investment, new economic activity and high-quality jobs in addition to delivering affordable energy.

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GENERAL



News release: Finalists announced for The Scottish Green Energy Awards 2022

The Scottish Green Energy Awards black-tie ceremony on December 1 in Edinburgh will see 45 individuals, companies and projects compete to scoop prizes in 13 prestigious categories.

Claire Mack, Chief Executive of Scottish Renewables, told how the shortlist showed the renewable energy industry was moving to a new phase.

She said: "So many of the nominations which have been shortlisted by our judges are collaborations between companies large and small, which is something we haven't seen before in these numbers.

"What that shows is that the industry is maturing, and that green energy projects are now seen as the type of opportunity which everyone, from multinationals to SMEs, can get involved in."

[Read the full shortlist.](#)



SNP Annual National Conference

We held an exhibition stand at this year's SNP Annual National Conference in Aberdeen, where we met with 31 MPs and MSPs, including Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister of Scotland, Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport and Ian Blackford, SNP Westminster Leader.



News release: More than 27,000 jobs supported by Scotland's renewable energy sector, new report finds

Scotland's renewable energy industry and its supply chain supported more than 27,000 full time equivalent jobs and generated £5.6 billion of output in 2020, [reveals new figures](#) from University of Strathclyde's Fraser of Allander Institute.

Claire Mack, Chief Executive at Scottish Renewables, said: "The renewable energy sector in Scotland continues to go from strength to strength and this report from the Fraser of Allander Institute gives us an encouraging sign of how much the Scottish economy is benefiting from the work our members are doing as we transition to a fossil fuel free future."

Paul McLennan MSP tabled a [parliamentary motion](#) welcoming this report which was supported by 35 MSPs.

Media reaction: New figures show over 18,000GWh of renewable electricity generated in the first half of 2022

The Scottish Government announced that a total of 7,358 Gigawatt hours (GWh) of renewable electricity was generated in April, May and June 2022.

This contributed to 18,568 GWh of renewable electricity being generated in the first half of 2022 – up 29% on the same period in 2021.

[In response to this announcement](#), Nick Sharpe, Director of Communications and Strategy at Scottish Renewables, said: “These figures for the first second quarter of 2022 announced today show Scotland as a renewable energy powerhouse, producing more clean, green electricity than ever before.

“Scotland’s renewable energy projects are displacing tens of millions of tonnes of carbon every year, employing over 27,000 FTE jobs and generating £5.6 billion of output while bringing enormous socio-economic benefits to communities across the country.”

News release: Scottish Renewables celebrates the future of Scotland’s wind energy industry with MSPs

To celebrate the achievements of Scotland’s Wind Energy industry, [we held a photocall at the Scottish Parliament](#) with apprentices and young professionals which was attended by many MSPs including Michael Matheson, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport, Tom Arthur, Minister for Public Finance, and Richard Lochhead, Minister for Just Transition, Employment and Fair Work. We also held a stand at Renewable UK’s Wind Energy Week reception at Westminster.

Ben Walker, Head of Public Affairs and Campaigns at Scottish Renewables, said: “Scotland is a world leader in wind energy and with 10.6MW of capacity already installed it is well on its way to delivering ambitious targets of 11GW offshore and 20GW onshore wind by 2030.

“It was excellent to see so many MSPs take time out of their busy schedules to celebrate Wind Energy Week with us and show their support for Scotland’s wind energy industry.”



Media reaction: Energy prices bill could damage renewables industry

In its Energy Prices Bill, the UK Government has proposed a 'Cost-Plus Revenue Limit', which will act as a cap on revenue renewable generators can receive.

[Responding](#), Claire Mack, Chief Executive of Scottish Renewables, said: "The Cost-Plus-Revenue Limit proposed by the UK Government requires careful consideration to ensure it will incentivise the energy system the UK needs: a system which utilises the cheapest forms of clean power supplied at a stable price.

"The cap which is suggested as part of the Energy Prices Bill will act as a 100% windfall tax on renewable generators above a certain as-yet unspecified level. At the same time, excess oil and gas profits have been levied with a surcharge of just 25%, and the investment allowance given to oil and gas companies offers a huge incentive to invest in the energy sources which are at the root of the price crisis."



PLANNING & CONSENTS



National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4)

The Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth, Tom Arthur, and Scottish Government Chief Planner, Fiona Simpson, wrote a [letter](#) on October 11, 2022, providing an NPF4 update which said: "Drawing on the great wealth of information and views provided to us through the Scottish Parliament scrutiny and public consultation and engagement, we are now preparing to lay a finalised NPF4 in the Parliament this autumn for approval. We will seek to adopt NPF4 as soon as we can following approval, including its new status as part of the development plan and so move swiftly into delivery."



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The Future of National Parks in Scotland consultation

Scottish Renewables has prepared a [first draft response](#) to the NatureScot [consultation seeking views on the role of National Parks](#) in protecting and restoring nature, tackling climate change, managing facilities and access for visitors, and developing sustainable communities.

The 8-week consultation, closing on November 30, also seeks views on the criteria required to assess nominations for new National Parks in a fair and transparent way.

New Development Management Circular

New guidance [Circular 3/2022 on Development Management Procedures](#) has been published by The Scottish Government, incorporating a number of legislative changes made under the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019.

This Circular covers the various stages of processing: the pre-application phase; content of applications; validation and acknowledgement; processing by the authority; and decision and post-application requirements. It also describes the different requirements for applications in each of the categories of development in the planning hierarchy, namely national, major and local developments.



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Submission of applications before year end

The Scottish Government Energy Consents Unit (ECU) has advised that there are a number of applications anticipated to be submitted to the ECU by the year end. Should members wish an application to be advertised this year, the ECU should receive it no later than November 21. For further information email Econsents_Admin@gov.scot.

ONSHORE RENEWABLES



Onshore Wind Vision Statement for Scotland

Scottish Renewables 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.

The [Onshore Wind Vision Statement for Scotland final version](#) shared with The Scottish Government and developed in collaboration with members and stakeholders can be viewed on our website. Subject to change the final version to be adopted by The Scottish Government will inform the pathway to an Onshore Wind Sector Deal.



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Abnormal loads movement escorts

Scottish Renewables facilitated a constructive high-level stakeholder meeting between The Scottish Government, Police Scotland and RenewableUK on October 21, with the focus on situational updates, concerns and actions.

The second Abnormal Loads Legislative Reform (ALLR) subgroup meeting took place on November 1. The next Practitioner meeting is being scheduled before the year end. SR is continuing to work closely with our members, RUK, hauliers and The Scottish Government to liaise with Police Scotland to continue proactively finding solutions to this issue.

Thank you to members for recent updates and continuing to funnel information via [Mark](#).



New member for the SR Policy Team

Amy Keast has joined Scottish Renewables in October as Senior Policy Manager - Offshore Wind & Marine from a background as Onshore Wind Policy Manager at The Scottish Government.

If you'd like to get in touch with Amy you can contact her at akeast@scottishrenewables.com or on 07719 058278.

Floating Offshore Wind 2022

With floating offshore wind at a turning point the industry came together in Aberdeen for the Scottish Renewables and Renewable UK [Floating Offshore Wind Conference](#). Attendance tripled from 2021 to see 1,500 delegates join the event and more than 100 organisations exhibited in the exhibition hall. Those in attendance shared their views on best practices, operational efficiencies and technical challenges. The Scottish Renewables team were out in force at the event meeting many of our members and industry stakeholders including supply chain companies, developers, trade press and government.



National Marine Plan 2

Marine Scotland has begun the process of updating Scotland’s Marine Plan to ensure it fully incorporates the need to address the climate and nature crises. The [National Marine Plan 2: engagement strategy](#) for this is now available.

Between Autumn 2022 and spring 2023, the vision and objectives will be developed and the Strategic Environment Assessment scoped. From summer 2023 policy development will begin, with the plan going out for consultation in spring 2024. SR is expected to sit on the steering group for this process and we will share more details of this process with members as we receive them.



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Offshore Wind Conference 2023

[Scottish Renewables’ Offshore Wind Conference 2023](#), headline-sponsored by SSE Renewables, will return to the SEC Glasgow on 25 & 26 January.

With the global spotlight firmly on offshore wind, this event will bring together experts from across industry, supply chain and stakeholders to review the state of our offshore wind ambitions.

The event will feature two days of conference sessions, a busy exhibition, a conference dinner at the Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum, sponsored by Crown Estate Scotland, and will also introduce innovative ‘Meet-the-Buyer Business

Booths' – giving the Scottish supply chain exclusive one-to-one access to developers and Tier 1 suppliers.

Bookings for this sell-out event are now open for delegate passes, dinner tickets, exhibition stands and sponsorship. Find out more on the [event website](#).



ECONOMICS & MARKETS



SR Market Mechanisms Seminar

At our [Market Mechanisms Seminar](#) held last month, Scottish Renewables was joined by speakers from BEIS, National Grid ESO and developers for some lively and insightful discussion exploring the future of the CfD and the possible implications of the Review of Electricity Market Arrangements for the renewables industry.

GRID & SYSTEMS



TNUoS Task Force update

Given the significant challenges the energy markets face this winter, Ofgem has been reviewing its workload and has decided to pause the [TNUoS Task Force meetings](#) with a review to take place in January. Ofgem believes that in the coming months its focus should be on the critical areas of affordability, security of supply and market resilience.

In the interim period, NGENSO will continue parts of this work, with the support of its consultants, looking at the priority areas of reform that the Task Force would have taken forward were it continuing to meet.

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OTNR - Decision on Anticipatory Investment and Implementation of Policy Changes

Ofgem published its [decision](#) on the consultation about Anticipatory Investment (AI) and Implementation of Policy Changes. Some of the decisions included; the allocation of AI risk between the consumer and later user(s) of shared transmission infrastructure, the introduction of an early-stage assessment process for projects pursuing coordination, an extension of the user commitment arrangements to the potential later user of AI funded offshore transmission infrastructure.

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

Open Letter: Future Systems and Network Regulation – SR response

Scottish Renewables submitted a [response](#) to the open letter from Ofgem on Future Systems and Network Regulation. The response supports the position of an updated regulatory framework with a focus on strategic anticipatory investments in networks, in line with the deployment of low-carbon technologies.



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Ofgem Locational Pricing Assessment: third stakeholder session

Scottish Renewables attended the third [Ofgem stakeholder workshop on Locational Pricing Assessment](#) on October 20. In the meeting, the consultants provided an update on the preliminary results of their modelling. This included a quantitative benefits analysis of different market designs; nodal and zonal market designs, an assessment of implementation requirements and a distributional impact assessment.

This work is expected to support BEIS decision-making on whether zonal and nodal market design should be short-listed for further consideration.

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

LOW-CARBON HEAT



Heat in Buildings Strategy update

The Scottish Government published [an update](#) on the progress being made since the publication of its Heat in Buildings Strategy in October 2021.

The update gives notification about the proposed renewable heat target being part of the Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan. It also says that their heat statistics will be updated in May 2023.

The update also gives a good overview of the current funding schemes for low-carbon heat and energy efficiency. A Heat in Buildings Bill will be consulted upon next year - this is the promised regulatory framework for heat and energy efficiency.



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Low-Carbon Heat Forum meeting

We held a virtual Low-Carbon Heat Members' Forum on October 28. The aim of these Forums is for information sharing, where the Senior Policy Manager gives an update on the work that they have carried out recently in the low-carbon heat policy landscape.

We reported our work on being involved with the regulations forthcoming from the Heat Networks (Scotland) Act 2021, our work on the Green Heat Finance Taskforce, and gave updates on consultation responses written recently.

Please make sure you are signed up for the Forums you are interested in. We hold these online twice a year and they are the way in to becoming involved with our policy-making process. When you are [signed into your account](#) on the SR website, click Forum Preferences to sign up to our various member forums.

Please [get in touch with Helen](#) to discuss anything raised at the Low-Carbon Heat Forum.

Heat and Energy Efficiency Scotland virtual agency launched

The Heat and Energy Efficiency Agency is the renamed national public energy agency which was [officially launched](#) by The Scottish Government on October 26. An independent strategic board, including our CEO Claire Mack, has been

established to support, advise and oversee the agency as it grows and develops.

The Agency, a Programme for Government 2022/23 commitment, will oversee and coordinate support and funding programmes to help people, businesses and the public sector access the most appropriate advice, guidance and investment streams.



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Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategies (LHEES) guidance published

The Scottish Government published [guidance](#) for local authorities to produce their own local heat and energy efficiency strategies and delivery plans.

This has been a key concern for industry as these strategies will inform heat network zoning and much of the work needed to progress towards the decarbonisation of heat. They are a critical puzzle piece in the heat landscape and we are pleased to see the guidance published.

However, local authorities have until December 2023 to produce their own LHEES and delivery plans, so progress is still some way off.

Please contact [Helen](#) if you would like more information.

Clean Energy Transition Partnership (CETP) programme

The CETP programme is a transformative Research, Technological Development and Innovation (RTDI) programme, designed to accelerate clean energy transition through annual funding calls.

There is a specific heating and cooling transition initiative within this call. [Scottish Enterprise is managing communications](#) regarding this programme, so [get in touch with them](#) via the online form if you are interested.

The pre-proposal deadline for transnational collaborative R&D bids for this programme is 2pm on November 23.

New Build Heat Standard: Part II consultation

We submitted [a response](#) to The Scottish Government's [consultation](#) on a new build heat standard applying for properties to only install zero direct emissions heating from 2024.

We noted in our response that the NBHS intends to be technology-neutral however, there are still several issues relating to notional building specifications and specific heat technologies which have not been corrected by the December 2022 iteration of the building regulations.

We are also concerned over the complete exclusion of bioenergy systems in domestic and non-domestic new builds and conversions by 2024. Biomass could remain the best-placed technology for carbon savings and cost for off-grid and hard-to-heat properties beyond the NBHS implementation date of April 1, 2024.



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Low-carbon heat budgets

The Scottish Government budget review details a shift in low-carbon heat budgets. Some of the longer term support for the installation of zero emissions heating systems is being cut and is shifting to shorter term help for island households to manage energy costs, supporting households at risk of self-disconnection and providing energy support to businesses. While this pivot is understandable with the current cost of living crisis, we cannot row back on our heat decarbonisation commitments.

Please contact [Helen](#) if you would like to discuss this.



SOLAR



BLOG: The growing demand for Solar PV in Scotland

"There's a wealth of potential for solar energy in Scotland. The sector currently adds approximately £62 million of gross value added to the economy and supports 2,390 jobs, while more than 56,000 households already have PV systems installed – but it could and should be so much more."

Read about the growing demand for solar PV in Scotland in our [latest blog](#).



Solar Forum meeting

We will be holding a virtual Members' Forum for Solar members on November 10, 2022 between 10:00 and 11:30 am.

We will be holding this Forum using Teams and it will offer members an opportunity to get together with the SR Team and their peers to discuss:

- The forthcoming solar vision for Scotland
- Plus other key issues of importance to our members.

If you would like to participate in this Forum meeting please [book your place using Eventbrite](#) and we will send you a Teams link closer to the date.

Please remember this event is exclusively for SR members.

For more information, please contact [Helen](#).

HYDROGEN



BEIS Hydrogen transport and storage infrastructure business models consultation

We have prepared [a draft response](#) to the [UK Government consultation](#) on business models for hydrogen transport and storage infrastructure. The consultation also contains questions on strategic planning, a regulatory framework and the role of blending.

We are welcoming comments from members, preferably using tracked changes in Word, by COP on Friday, November 11.



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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.

SUPPLY CHAIN



Supply Chain Dinner

On November 2 Scottish Renewables alongside Audrey Nicoll MSP, for Aberdeen South and North Kincardine, hosted a parliamentary dinner in support of Scotland's renewable energy supply chain. We were joined at The Scottish Parliament by the energy supply chain companies, who are supporting our clean energy projects and driving forward our net-zero transition - as well as developers, MSPs and industry stakeholders - to collectively explore the next steps needed to support this most critical of Scottish industries.



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Supply Chain Impact Statement

Entries to the Scottish Renewables Supply Chain Impact Statement 2022 can be submitted through this [online form](#) until Monday, November 28.

The statement highlights the thriving companies and organisations who are utilising their expertise, skills and capabilities to deliver work across all renewable energy technologies.

For more information, please get in touch with [Emma](#).

Global Offshore Wind Awards

Head of Energy Transition and Supply chain Emma Harrick attended the Global Offshore Wind Awards in London, this month. The event celebrated the industry, its growth, innovation, the supply chain and the incredible people making it all happen. Congratulations to all of the [winners](#) and nominees.



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