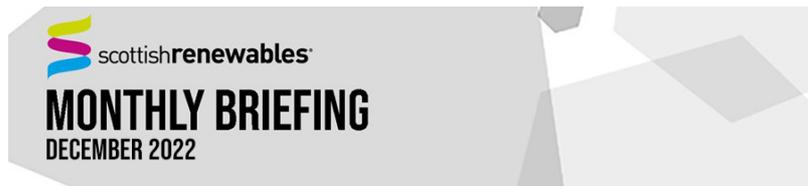


A round-up of the work SR is doing
on your behalf



Dear member,

The long awaited [NPF4](#) and [explanatory report](#) was laid before the Scottish Parliament on November 10. SR had grave concerns about the draft version published for consultation in spring 2022 and substantial re-writes were needed for it to realise its ambition of delivering a planning system fit for net-zero.

After months of hard work by the SR team and members of our Planning Working Group to influence the re-drafting process, we were delighted to [welcome](#) the version laid before Parliament which is a remarkable and major step forward, creating one of the most supportive planning regimes for renewable energy in Europe.



The NPF4 still has to clear the final hurdle of Parliament approving the revised draft, which is expected to happen before the year end but this may slip to early January 2023. In the meantime SR continues to proactively engage with MSPs, urging them to approve the revised draft.

A detailed briefing on the content of the NPF4 and its implications for renewable energy is being prepared and will be sent out to our Planning Forum as soon as the NPF4 is approved by Parliament. We will also be holding a Planning Conference in February, 2023 where members can hear expert insight into the NPF4, the wider planning policy landscape and the expected impact on levels of renewable energy deployment. Details will be released soon.

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GENERAL



Media reaction: Energy Generation Levy

In his [Autumn Statement](#), Chancellor Jeremy Hunt said a 45% levy will apply to renewable electricity generators from January.

[Responding](#), Scottish Renewables' Chief Executive Claire Mack said: "The UK needs £1.4 trillion to fund its transition to net-zero by 2050. To raise that money, international investors look to the UK Government to provide a stable policy environment which incentivises investment in clean power.

"Today's announcement by the Chancellor damages this country's reputation as a leader in renewable energy, chiefly by continuing to offer investment allowances to oil and gas extraction while failing to do the same for this industry."

Following this announcement the Economics and Markets Working Group met to discuss concerns regarding the tax to be raised with the Treasury. If you would like to speak about the Electricity Generator Levy, please [email Andrew](#).

News release: Renewable energy industry celebrates The Scottish Green Energy Awards

[The Scottish Green Energy Awards](#) which returned to the EICC in Edinburgh on December 1, saw winners in 13 categories receive trophies recognising their achievements in the sector.



The event is a highlight in the SR calendar and was this year attended by 1,220 people. Ember, whose low-emission coaches can complete a 130-mile round trip to Edinburgh and Dundee on one charge, were proud winners of the Carbon Reduction Award, while Patricia Hawthorn from Shepherd & Wedderburn was honoured for her Outstanding Contribution to the industry.

[Commenting](#) on the event, SR CEO Claire Mack said: “Every year when we receive award entries it is clear why Scotland is a world leader in renewable energy and I always marvel at the sheer scale of innovation, creativity, skill, hard work and commitment that goes in to making renewable energy such a thriving industry.”

Labour roundtable on Ports

We held a roundtable with Daniel Johnson MSP, Scottish Labour Finance and the Economy spokesperson with our port members to explore the role they are playing in achieving our offshore ambitions.



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Renewable Energy Breakfast

This month we held a Renewable Energy Breakfast ‘Ask the Experts’ in Edinburgh where we were joined by SR members and 10 MSPs, including all opposition spokespeople for energy and net-zero.



Parliamentary debate

Paul McLennan MSP hosted a [members debate](#) on our recent report, ‘[The Economic Impact of Scotland's Renewable Energy Sector – 2022 Update](#)’, which promoted the huge economic contribution our industry is delivering and many MSPs raised our call for improved data collection for our industry.

Net-Zero Review Roundtable

SR attended a roundtable event hosted by ScottishPower where we discussed the contribution renewable energy makes to the UK's net-zero transition, as well as impressing upon the report's author, Chris Skidmore MP, the barriers which are preventing this industry fulfilling its potential.



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Holyrood engagement

We have been busy continuing our engagement with MSPs this month and met with Michelle Thomson MSP for Falkirk East and Tom Arthur MSP for Renfrewshire South.

Contact [Ben](#) if you would like more information.

Scottish Renewables skills survey

Scottish Renewables is working to highlight the efforts being made by our industry to train the people and develop the skills we need to meet net-zero.

By completing our short [skills survey](#), you'll help us develop a picture of how the renewable energy industry is committed to filling our skills gaps and developing the green workforce of the future.



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

Last month's email contained an error and stated that more than 270,000 jobs are supported by Scotland's renewable energy sector. The correct number of jobs supported is 27,000.

You can read more about these new figures from University of Strathclyde's Fraser of Allander Institute in our [news release](#).



PLANNING & CONSENTS



National Parks

Scottish Renewables has submitted a [final 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 next step will focus on development of the evaluation framework and consideration of any legislative changes to aims, powers and functions of National Parks (including public consultation). The Scottish Government has committed to designating at least one new National Park in Scotland by Spring 2026.



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Increase of Fees Under the Electricity Act 1989

The Energy Consents Unit has written to stakeholders to inform them that the regulations to increase the fees for applications under the Electricity Act 1989 (EA1989) have been laid in Parliament and will come into force on December 13.

The Scottish Government's [consultation analysis](#) found increasing application fees was supported in principle, but respondents disagreed over the proposed levels, and more clarity was required on improvements and efficiencies to be made to the consenting process. [SR's consultation response](#) is available online.

Contact [Mark](#) if you would like to discuss this.

Scottish Government to publish draft Scottish Biodiversity Strategy at COP15

Lorna Slater MSP has [written](#) to the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee concerning the Scottish Biodiversity Strategy. The government is analysing responses to its consultation on the draft strategy and assured the committee officials were working with stakeholders on the development of delivery plans as well as identifying priority actions, including finding delivery partners, mechanisms for delivery, and the targets and indicators needed to successfully deliver actions. The government intends to publish the draft strategy at COP15, which will enable it to make further amendments once the global framework for biodiversity is finalised. [SR's consultation response](#) is available online.

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Onshore Wind 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 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 by 2030.

SR has commissioned BVG Associates to support us in the development of this process, the first stage was the successful creation of a concise [Vision Statement](#), the contents of which is now guiding the creation of the more detailed Sector Deal scoping document to be circulated to SR members in due course.

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



Abnormal loads movement escorts and oversailing rights

Scottish Renewables in collaboration with RenewableUK, facilitated a constructive Practitioners meeting between members, Police Scotland, The Scottish Government and hauliers on November 14, with the focus on situation project updates, concerns and actions.

The second Abnormal Loads Legislative Reform (ALLR) sub-group meeting took place on November 1 to continue considerations of legislative reform, oversailing rights and long term solutions.

SR is continuing to work closely with our members, RUK, hauliers and The Scottish Government to liaise regularly with Police Scotland to continue proactively mitigate specific project concerns and find solutions to this issue.

Thank you to members for recent updates funnelled to [Mark](#).



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OFFSHORE RENEWABLES



Media work: Offshore wind poised to become biggest construction sector in Scotland

We recently worked with The Press & Journal on an [article](#) about the huge opportunities for offshore wind in Scotland.

Featured in the P&J's monthly business magazine, Amy Keast, Senior Policy Manager at Scottish Renewables, discussed the billions of pounds being invested in the sector, the thousands of jobs created and also touched on some of the challenges facing the industry.

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 coordinating feedback on the engagement strategy through the Offshore Wind Enabling Group and intends to send Marine Scotland a letter outlining some concerns regarding the timescales of NMP2.

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

NEWS: Scottish Renewables' Offshore Wind Conference 2023 returns to Glasgow in January

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

The two-day event will bring together experts from across the offshore wind industry to explore how Scotland can deliver successful projects with positive economic and environmental impacts.

From thought leadership to practical supply chain advice, the Offshore Wind Conference 2023 will set the agenda for the year ahead.

And for the very first time, as offshore wind developers continue their commitment to developing the Scottish supply chain, the conference will host Meet-the-Buyer Business Booths to give delegates the invaluable opportunity of meeting key project procurement teams.

[Commenting](#), Claire Mack, Chief Executive at Scottish Renewables, said : "For those keen to play a role in the deployment of offshore wind this is a must-attend event. From developers and Tier 1 suppliers to smaller businesses and innovators across the supply chain, this conference is a brilliant opportunity to gain insights and intelligence from across the sector, including those working on energy transition in the North Sea."



Wave and Tidal Forum

We held a virtual Wave and Tidal Members' Forum on November 23. Please get in touch with Amy to discuss anything raised at the Wave and Tidal Forum.

The aim of these Forums is for information sharing, where the Senior Policy Manager gives an update on the work that SR has recently carried out in relation to the relevant technology or policy landscape. 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 to become involved with our policy-making process. When you are [signed into your account](#) on the SR website, click Forum Preferences and select the relevant Member Forums



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ECONOMICS & MARKETS



Hydrogen Transport and Storage

SR submitted its [final response](#) to BEIS' consultation on hydrogen transport and storage business models. In our response we highlighted the need for a holistic approach to business model design, coordination between the development of onshore and offshore infrastructure and clarity over the future policy and regulatory landscape.



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BEIS Committee: Decarbonisation of the power sector

SR submitted its report '[Filling the Flexibility Gap: Realising the benefits of long duration storage](#)' as written evidence to the BEIS Committee's inquiry into the Government's plans to decarbonise the UK's power supply sector. The paper assesses how long duration storage projects can enable the transition to a decarbonised power sector and net-zero economy and evaluates the market reforms needed to unlock the required investment.

If you would like more information, please get in touch with [Andrew](#).

GRID & SYSTEMS



TNUoS

Scottish Renewables hosted a second workshop about TNUoS on November 8. The purpose of the workshop was to continue gathering expert input from SR members with expertise on TNUoS to support the development of SR's input into the TNUoS Task Force once this resumes in early 2023. This time the workshop had the participation of the ESO which provided an overview of TNUoS methodology and responded to specific questions from members about transparency.



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Transmission Charging Methodologies Forum

Scottish Renewables attended the [TCMF](#) on November 24. In the meeting, NGENSO provided an update on the Balancing Services Use of System (BSuoS) draft tariff, the Offshore Transmission Network Review (OTNR) Codes and Standards, and the interim work that NGENSO will be doing regarding TNUoS until the Task Force resumes.

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

Central Design Group - HND

Scottish Renewables attended the second CDG meeting of the HND on November 4. The topics of discussion were highly confidential, but NGENSO is in the process of developing material that could be shared with developers.



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OTNR: Decision on anticipatory investment and implementation of policy changes – early stage assessment

Ofgem and Scottish Renewables had a meeting to discuss the early-stage assessment proposed in one of the work streams from the OTNR. SR highlighted the need for flexibility in the timing of the information requested from different developers and requested more clarity for the reassessment in the event

of any “material” change to the coordination activities. Overall, Ofgem was very keen on the idea of flexible timing but needed to develop the specifications of any ‘material change’ on projects further.

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Holistic Network Design follow-up exercise workshop

Scottish Renewables attended an HND follow-up exercise workshop organised by NGESO on November 14. In the meeting, NGESO presented initial proposals for the second part of the HND design for the northern area of Scotland. The purpose of the workshop was to gather feedback from developers regarding the interface points and designs.

Contact [Angeles](#) for more information.

Deliverability Forum - HND

Scottish Renewables attended the third meeting of the Deliverability Forum. The topics of discussion included; deliverability by 2030 timescale, AC vs DC, bundling and SQSS amongst others.

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LOW-CARBON HEAT



Heat Networks (Scotland) Act Stakeholder Engagement Group 1

SR is on the Stakeholder Engagement Group (SEG) 1 discussing Building Assessment Reports and Heat Network Zoning. The timetable for the regulations being consulted upon is estimated to be January 2023 with the regulations in force by spring 2023.

The next meeting will be looking at the second work package of regulations on Consenting and Key Network Assets. This work will be starting in the next few weeks.

The Heat Networks Actions Working Group is engaging with this agenda.

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

Heat in Buildings Supply Chain Delivery Plan

The [Heat in Buildings Supply Chain Delivery Plan](#) was published in November alongside the [Government's response to the final report](#) from the Heat Pump Sector Deal expert advisory group, on which SR sat.

The Plan details actions arising from the advisory group's recommendations and includes the potential for a new supplier-led incentives scheme which will be consulted upon in due course. It announces new funding of £17.6 million for investment in research, development and innovation.

It also gives a useful overview of what the green heat supply chain looks like. It can be roughly segmented into the Heating, Building Fabric, Energy Infrastructure and Enabling sectors, with upstream and downstream roles across each.



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3Ci / SNIB Net-zero neighbourhood finance workshop

SR attended a useful and interesting event co-hosted by the Scottish National Investment Bank and 3Ci which was demonstrating a neighbourhood funding model, which is being developed by Bankers Without Boundaries and Eonomia Research & Consulting.

There was lots of discussions around where this would work, what the local barriers would be and how to get engagement from the local community. The model is not yet complete and there is still much work to be done but this is a useful conversation to be part of, in light of our work on the Green Heat Finance Taskforce.

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

Ofgem seek your views on heat networks regulation

Ahead of being appointed as the heat networks regulator through the Energy Security Bill, Ofgem has identified five areas that it would like to explore with interested stakeholders.

Of interest to Scottish companies working in the heat networks sector would be: How do Ofgem deliver comparable levels of consumer protection to heat networks consumers as is the case in other regulated utilities?

Ofgem encourages you to get in touch by emailing heatnetworksregulation@ofgem.gov.uk. Please indicate the topics you would like to talk about and the team will respond with dates and times.

Financing Green Heat Policy Working Group

The Financing Green Heat Policy Working Group, which is sitting beneath the Green Heat Finance Taskforce, met this month to examine the different funding mechanisms for financing heat.

For this meeting, Doreen Reid, Low Carbon Energy Transition Specialist at Scottish Enterprise gave us an overview of the existing green heat funding for businesses and industry which was really useful for the group.

The next meeting will be in approximately two months. If any member would either like to be part of the group or would like to present any funding models/financial information to the group as a guest speaking slot, please [get in touch with Helen](#).

Net Zero Technology Centre - Geothermal Centre Project

SR took part in the NZTC's project update day for a GeoEnergy Centre of Excellence and discussed issues around setting this up such as having a physical location and where it should be, the remit and scope of a national centre, what sort of engagement and with whom is needed to progress things. We are part of this conversation now and will update members on what happens next.



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SOLAR



Solar Forum meeting

We recently held a Solar Forum and discussed what the barriers were to the co-location of solar and storage projects in Scotland and whether The Scottish Government could do anything to mitigate against these.

In addition to the Forum, we are also about to hold a Solar policy working group in the next few weeks.

Please [get in touch with Helen](#) for more information or to discuss the co-location of solar and storage.

HYDROGEN



Establishing an investable hydrogen value chain

We took part in a hydrogen roundtable recently, jointly organised by SR members Addleshaw Goddard and Equitix.

The discussion centred around barriers to scaling up hydrogen projects and covered topics including the hydrogen market in Scotland, subsidies, site and development issues and much more.



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Hydrogen Industry Leaders Conference

We recently attended the Hydrogen Industry Leaders Conference which focused on the transport applications of hydrogen and was really useful to find out the scope of these.

The conference illustrator [produced these graphics](#) to explain the discussions of the day. It will come as no surprise to our hydrogen members that demand was a key theme of the day.

Hydrogen Forum meeting

The next Hydrogen Forum meeting will be on Wednesday, December 14 at 10am. This meeting can be [booked using Eventbrite](#) and will take place on Teams (a link will be sent out ahead of the meeting).

Please note that this meeting is for SR members only.



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Scottish Science Advisory Council (SSAC) Roundtable and Technical Note

We took part in a SSAC roundtable in July 2022 discussing the opportunities and challenges associated with hydrogen's role in the delivery of future energy systems in the context of a Just Transition.

The SSAC has recently published [a technical briefing note](#) based on the roundtable discussions. It is a detailed and useful overview of the current situation regarding hydrogen in Scotland but also has a summary of priority actions informed by all its stakeholder engagement. Some of the actions, for example, state that there is a need for honesty, transparency and integrity in communications when engaging with the public and stakeholders as well as setting out the opportunities and challenges in different sectors and mutual dependencies, messages around storage and export and challenges associated with investment and markets.

SUPPLY CHAIN



AREG Energy Futures Conference

Head of Energy Transition and Supply Chain, Emma Harrick, attended the AREG Energy Futures Conference in Aberdeen this month.

Speaking at the conference Emma said: "Delivering the renewable energy projects Scotland needs to reach its climate goals will require a vast amount of work. That is where the supply chain comes in. Scotland has strong supply chain capabilities, and many skilled and experienced suppliers are expanding, innovating and upskilling to deliver solutions to the sector. Particularly here in the North-East where decades of oil & gas experience is being applied to new technologies - expertise in harsh deep-water environments is now being utilised for innovations such as floating offshore wind."



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Scottish Offshore Wind Energy Council networking events

The Scottish Offshore Wind Energy Council's ScotWind supply chain networking events took place this month. Head of Energy Transition and Supply Chain, Emma Harrick, attended the session in Dundee. The events, in partnership with Forth and Tay Offshore and Deepwind, brought together key offshore wind developers and ambitious supply chain companies who are looking to grow in this rapidly expanding sector.

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



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