

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



Dear member,

[The Scottish Green Energy Awards](#) returned to Edinburgh on December 2 where more than 1,000 people saw winners in 13 categories receive trophies recognising their work in the clean energy sector, which supports 22,660 jobs in Scotland.



I was very sad to miss the event due to illness, but was delighted that among the winners were:

- [West Dunbartonshire Council and Vital Energi](#) who took home the Carbon Reduction Award for [The Queens Quay Water Source Heat Pump project](#) which harnesses heat from the River Clyde and distributes it via a 2.5km district heating network to significantly reduce carbon emissions and provide 82% of the heat demand on the development.
- [Bespoke Community Development Company](#) was announced as the winner of the Best Community Project Award for its 900kw Greencraig Community Wind Turbine which will over its lifetime, generate 55.4GWh of renewable electricity, offsetting more than 15K tonnes of CO2 and provide up to £1.2m in community benefit payments.
- [European Marine Energy Centre](#) scooped the Champion of Renewables Award for its world-first ocean energy test facility which continues to act as an advocate and exemplar for the marine renewables industry across the world.

Michael Matheson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport, gave a keynote address noting that the renewable energy industry is “absolutely critical to not only delivering the energy transition, but the just and fair transition

we need to ensure no person, organisation or community is left behind”.

Claire Mack
Chief Executive

GENERAL



Net-Zero Energy Conference & Dinner



We are delighted to announce our all new [Scottish Renewables' Net-Zero Energy Conference & Dinner](#) will take place in Edinburgh on March 22 & 23.

This first Scottish Renewables Net-Zero Energy event will bring together leading experts and decision-makers to define the policies required, examine the business opportunities and wholesale system changes needed to enable deployment at the pace and scale required to achieve our net-zero and carbon emissions reduction targets.

Beyond COP26 Roundtables

As part of our advocacy campaign '[Beyond COP26 - next steps for Scotland's clean energy revolution](#),' we held a roundtable with six SNP MSPs hosted by Paul McLennan, and a further with the nine Scottish Conservatives MSPs hosted by Liam Kerr.

Both events were lively discussions about how to implement our five 'Beyond COP' recommendations.

Media reaction: Scottish Government Budget 2022/23

Kate Forbes MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy set out [The Scottish Government's Budget 2022-2023](#) which prioritises tackling the climate emergency, cutting emissions and delivering green jobs.

[Responding](#), Morag Watson, Director of Policy at Scottish Renewables, said: "Today's Scottish Budget acknowledges the need to tackle the climate emergency and take key steps to deliver Scotland's clean energy revolution, with significant pledges made for heat, transport and the energy transition."

Engagement at Holyrood

We have continued to advance our advocacy programme at Holyrood this month. Morag Watson and Ben Walker met with Colin Smyth, Scottish Labour's Net Zero Energy and Transport spokesperson to discuss the key issues facing our sector. We also met with Daniel Johnson, Scottish Labour spokesperson for Finance and the Economy and Michael Marra, Labour Education and Skills spokesperson.



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PLANNING & CONSENTS



Draft National Planning Framework 4 Consultation

Scottish Renewables has prepared a [first draft consultation response](#) to The Scottish Government's [consultation on the draft NPF4](#).

As many of the issues with the NPF4 are in the detail of the text, we are calling for extensive redrafting of the policies that affect renewable energy. To support this call, we have also prepared a [detailed proposed redrafting of the NPF4 text](#).

In developing these drafts, there has been close collaboration with both the Planning and Onshore Wind Working Groups (respectively) within SR to ensure alignment between our responses to the consultations on the draft NPF4 and the Onshore Wind Policy Statement update. These drafts have been circulated to all members of our Planning & Consents Forum.

We would encourage all members wishing to be kept updated on our responses to the draft NPF4, and wishing to comment on them, to check their account on the [SR website](#) and ensure they are signed up to receive Planning & Consents Forum emails.

Onshore Wind & Planning and Consents Forum re-cap

Scottish Renewables held an Onshore Wind & Planning and Consents Forum meeting on December 8, 2021, to update members on the work we are doing on your behalf and are planning for the coming months. The [SR Onshore Wind & Planning and Consents Forum slide pack](#) is available to members on the SR website.



ONSHORE RENEWABLES



Onshore Wind Policy Statement Consultation

Scottish Renewables has prepared a [second draft of our response](#) to The Scottish Government's [consultation on the Onshore Wind Policy Statement Refresh 2021: Consultative Draft](#).

In developing this draft, there has been close collaboration with both the Onshore Wind and Planning Working Groups respectively to ensure alignment between our responses to the consultations on the Onshore Wind Policy Statement update and the draft NPF4. This draft has been circulated to all members of our Onshore Wind Forum.

We would encourage all members wishing to be kept updated on our response to the Onshore Wind Policy Statement consultation, and wishing to comment on it, to check their account on the [SR website](#) and ensure they are signed up to receive Onshore Wind Forum emails.



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Onshore Wind - Getting Your Project Through Seminar Re-cap

Scottish Renewables hosted an onshore wind seminar on December 14, 2021, for attendees to hear expert views from

successful projects and learn what it takes to improve the chances that consent is granted.

With a target of 12GW of additional onshore wind by 2030 on the table, a significant number of projects will need to be consented in the coming years. The [Onshore Wind - Getting Your Project Through information and slide pack](#) are available on the SR website.

OFFSHORE RENEWABLES



News release: ScotWind Leasing results bring next generation of offshore wind farms one step closer

Crown Estate Scotland has announced the results of ScotWind, the seabed leasing round that will enable the next generation of offshore wind farms in Scottish waters.

[Commenting](#) on the announcement Claire Mack, Chief Executive of Scottish Renewables, said: "Today's announcement on the outcome of the first ScotWind leasing round is an exciting and significant moment in Scotland's renewable energy story, with offshore wind set to make a major contribution to bringing about our net-zero future. The potential for 17 new projects creates huge ambition for our sector to deliver on, and will require strong collaboration to deliver maximum impact for our economy and environment. The scale of commitment to Scotland's supply chain outlined alongside today's announcement creates an incredible platform for industrial transformation and revitalisation."

Marine renewables financial support paper published

As part of our work supporting the Scottish Marine Energy Industry Working Group, Scottish Renewables worked with Brodies LLP to produce [a paper that considers possible support mechanisms for marine renewables](#) that could be established using the devolved powers of The Scottish Government.

Marine Scotland draft HRA guidance

Scottish Renewables is coordinating industry input to Marine Scotland on draft guidelines on IROPI and Compensatory

Measures.

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New Marine Scotland project: PrePARED

The Crown Estate [has announced](#) details of new partnerships funded as part of the Offshore Wind Evidence and Change Programme, including a 4-year project (co-funded by Crown Estate Scotland) looking at how seabirds, mammals and fish respond to offshore wind farms.

OTNR ScotWind roundtable

Scottish Renewables attended a roundtable organised by SSEN on the ScotWind impacts of the OTNR process. ESO presented an update to their [timescales](#) for publication of the Holistic Network Design, which will now allow the outcome of ScotWind leasing to be more fully incorporated.



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Offshore Wind Conference 2022 rescheduled to March

In line with The Scottish Government's restrictions on indoor events, we have taken the decision to reschedule our [Offshore Wind Conference, Exhibition & Dinner](#) which was due to take place on January 25 & 26, 2022. The decision has been made with the health and safety of our attendees and staff team as top priority, and we hope the rescheduling of this key networking event gives everyone some comfort and reassurance over our approach to ensure a safe and successful event.

The event will now take place in the Scottish Exhibition Campus (SEC) on **March 8 & 9, 2022**.

All delegate, exhibition and dinner bookings have automatically been transferred to those dates.



ECONOMICS & MARKETS



Feed-in Tariffs (FiT) scheme: Decision on replacement generating equipment

Positive news this month on Scottish Renewables' [response](#) to the consultation on the FiT Scheme. Ofgem has announced its [decision](#) to allow generators to replace and temporarily remove generating equipment and retain an installation's accreditation.

Ofgem has also confirmed that modifications to the total capacity installed (TIC) - extensions and reductions - may occur so long as the TIC of the accredited installation and any extensions do not exceed 5MW.

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

Contracts for Difference

The CfD application window for applicants to submit their CfD Application and accompanying evidence/documentation closed on January 14, 2022.

For the latest news and guidance on the Allocation Round 4, please visit the [CfD Allocation Round portal](#).

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GRID & SYSTEMS



Consultation on the proposal to take forward the reform of Distribution Use of System charges (DUoS) under a separate Significant Code Review on revised timescales

Scottish Renewables submitted a [response](#) to the [consultation on the proposal to take forward the reform of Distribution Use of System charges under a separate Significant Code Review on revised timescales](#).

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SSEN Transmission Whole Energy System Strategy Review Webinar

Scottish Renewables attended the SSEN Transmission Whole Energy System Strategy Review webinar on December 15, 2021. The webinar reviewed the Whole Energy System Strategy, including the progress and learnings over the last two years. SSEN also shared and discussed five case studies with stakeholders to provide insight on SSEN activities.

If you have any questions, please contact [Angeles](#).

Isle of Skye project - Initial Needs Case consultation

Ofgem has published a [consultation on the Isle of Skye project - Initial Needs Case](#). The consultation sets out Ofgem's Initial Needs Case assessment of the Isle of Skye project under the RII0-2 LOTI reopener.

Scottish Renewables is preparing a letter in response to this consultation. If members would like to input on this consultation, please get in touch with Angeles.

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LOW-CARBON HEAT

Draft Heat Networks Delivery Plan

We submitted a [response](#) to The Scottish Government consultation on a Draft Heat Networks Delivery Plan. The Plan sets out how the provisions of the Heat Networks (Scotland) Act 2021 will contribute to increased heat networks across Scotland.

To discuss our response or our work on heat networks, please [get in touch with Helen](#).

UK Heat Networks Announcements

BEIS [announced on November 29, 2021](#) that Ofgem will be the GB regulator for heat networks. The £19.1 million funding announced is part of the UK Government's £320 million Heat Networks Investment Project (HNIP), which supports the development of heat networks across England and Wales.

The UK Government has also announced [a public consultation](#) on a proposed approach for recovering the costs of heat networks regulation, closing February 22, 2022.



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National Public Energy Agency: Call for Evidence

The Scottish Government's plan is for the Agency to lead the transformational change that is needed to decarbonise heat.

We held a Policy Advisory Group on January 7, 2022 to collect members' views on [the call for evidence](#) and we are working on an initial draft. Once completed, this will be sent out to the Low-Carbon Heat Forum for comment.

Members can [change their forum preferences](#) by updating their account. Please [contact Helen](#) to discuss our response.

HYDROGEN



SR Policy Position Paper on Green Hydrogen

Scottish Renewables has developed a [policy position statement](#) on green hydrogen in consultation with our

members. This statement sets out the views of Scottish Renewables' membership on the significant role and economic opportunity presented by green hydrogen in the developing hydrogen economy and makes recommendations for Industry and Government in realising the potential.

Draft Hydrogen Action Plan

Scottish Renewables are working on our response to The Scottish Government's [draft Hydrogen Action Plan](#), after holding a Policy Advisory Group in December 2021. Many thanks to all our members who attended.

The draft will be sent out to the Hydrogen Forum for comment soon, members can [update their forum preferences](#) on our website to ensure they receive these emails.

SOLAR



Meetings with Solar Energy Scotland

We are now meeting regularly with the policy analyst at Solar Energy Scotland and intend to hold a joint Solar Forum soon.



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SUPPLY CHAIN



Media reaction: The UK's largest offshore wind tower factory to be built at Port of Nigg

Global Energy Group [announced](#) investment in the UK's largest offshore wind tower manufacturing facility to be built at Port of Nigg.

[Responding](#), Emma Harrick, Energy Transition and Supply Chain Manager at Scottish Renewables, said: "The renewable energy industry currently supports output of £5.2 billion a year in Scotland and the new tower manufacturing facility will contribute towards delivering de-carbonisation projects as well as maximising the enormous economic and export opportunities offshore wind presents. This industry is already employing around 4,700 people in Scotland and this facility will create many new green jobs with even more coming from the sub-supplier network."

Aberdeen Visit

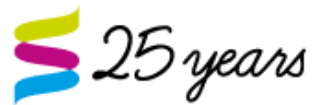
Ahead of the festive break Claire Mack and Emma Harrick headed north to Aberdeen to meet up with some key supply chain stakeholders. Meetings included Aberdeen Renewable Energy Group and Global Underwater Hub.

For further information on our work on the supply chain, please get in touch.



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