

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

 scottishrenewables
MONTHLY BRIEFING
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Dear member,

To ensure that Scotland has a net-zero-driven planning system which supports the level of renewable energy deployment needed to fight climate change, we have undertaken an active programme of engagement on NPF4.

I gave evidence at the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee this month, exploring with MSPs why the current NPF4 draft needs revision. We have also been meeting with MSPs to advance the need for revision of NPF4, and will be holding a series of briefing events for MSPs.



Our Senior Policy Manager for Onshore Wind & Consents, Mark Richardson, and I also met with the The Scottish Government's Chief Planner and Deputy Director for Onshore Electricity, Strategic Coordination and Energy Consents to discuss the revisions needed.

With planning reform a key concern from many of our members, [Scottish Renewables' Planning Conference](#) will bring together leading experts and decision-makers to map out the policy change required, examine the business opportunities - as well as the obstacles - which lie ahead and consider the system changes needed to enable deployment at the pace and scale required to achieve our net-zero target.

Morag Watson
Director of Policy

GENERAL



Scottish Renewables' Supply Chain Impact Statement



Scottish Renewables released its annual publication on the growth of the Scottish supply chain last week. [Scottish Renewables' Supply Chain Impact Statement 2021](#) was headline-sponsored by SSE Renewables and sponsored by EDF Renewables, Inch Cape Offshore Limited and Mainstream Renewable Power.

This year, the document's third, we have broadened its view to cover the full renewables supply chain and highlight successes including companies working right at the frontier of the hydrogen revolution and continuous improvement in processes which have seen installation times reduce by 70% as a result of innovation within our supply chain companies. We've also been able to document some of the multi-million pound investment our industry has made and attracted in Scotland supporting new jobs, apprenticeships and emissions reductions that will benefit Scotland for years to come.

The report was welcomed in a [motion](#) at Scottish Parliament, lodged by Kaukab Stewart MSP.

Read the [report](#) and full [press release](#) on our website.



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Scottish Green Energy Awards Outstanding Contributors Campaign

Scottish Renewables is committed to increasing the diversity of our industry, as well as highlighting the achievements of under-represented groups.

While we typically receive hundreds of nominations for The Scottish Green Energy Awards across more than a dozen categories, only a small proportion are for women.

That's why in 2022 the first year of our Outstanding Contributors campaign will be spotlighting successful women as part of the shortlisting process for the coveted Outstanding Contribution Award.

Keep an eye out for some inspirational renewable energy figures on our social media through the year, and if you want to get involved by nominating someone for the Outstanding Contribution Award (even before nominations officially open) take a look at [this page of our website](#).

THE SCOTTISH GREEN ENERGY AWARDS

OUTSTANDING Contributors

Patricia Hawthorn, Consultant, Shepherd + Wedderburn

Pat has more than 30 years' experience in legal practice and is a recognised expert on multiple renewable energy technologies. A former Scottish Renewables Chair, Pat has told of her pride in Scotland's renewable energy industry, particularly offshore, saying: "I am very proud of what has been achieved on Neart na Gaoithe and Moray East and the small part I played in the challenge of bringing the early Scottish offshore projects through to delivery, and to see a new wave of offshore development commence under ScotWind, building on these and other Scottish offshore energy successes."

SUPPORTED BY

Scottish Government's forthcoming plans on local energy

Our Director of Policy Morag Watson and Senior Policy Manager Helen Melone recently met with the Scottish Government's Local Energy Team to discuss its plans for the coming year.

Key developments that are of interest to our members:

- Updating the solar vision for Scotland as part of the Energy Strategy
- Updating the statement on small-scale hydro
- Working on a Bioenergy Action Plan for 2023
- Working on marine renewables, the Island Energy Strategy, community energy policy in general, and community benefits from onshore and offshore wind
- Updating the guidance for offshore
- Working on the CARES programme

Work on each of these is still at an early stage and we will keep members informed through the relevant Forum as more information becomes available.

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Blog: What 2022 may bring in politics

2021 was another year of politics dominated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Whilst governments at [Westminster](#) and [Holyrood](#) have been buoyed up by the success of the vaccine programme, public reaction to each administration has been pretty stark.

[This blog](#) from our Public Affairs Manager Ben Walker takes a look at what this year may bring at Holyrood and Westminster.

Net-Zero, Energy and Transport Committee Call for Views

Scottish Renewables provided [written evidence](#) to the Scottish Parliament's Net-Zero, Energy and Transport Committee call for views on the role of local government and its cross-sectoral partners in financing and delivering a net-zero Scotland.

Engagement at Holyrood

We have continued to advance our engagement at the Scottish Parliament this month. We met with Miles Briggs MSP, Scottish Conservative spokesperson for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government to discuss the NPF4 reforms, and also with Fiona Hyslop MSP, Deputy Convener of Net-Zero, Energy and Transport Committee to discuss ScotWind.

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PLANNING & CONSENTS



Draft National Planning Framework 4 Call for Views

Scottish Renewables has [submitted written evidence](#) to the Scottish Parliament's Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee [call for views on the draft NPF4](#), asking how space, land, and environments in Scotland should be designed and planned.

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.

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.

Draft NPF4 Consultation Events

Registration is now open for [The Scottish Government's Draft NPF4 online consultation events](#). The purpose of the sessions is to raise awareness and share views about the Draft NPF4, in order to inform and support the preparation of responses to the [consultation](#), which closes on March 31, 2022.



ONSHORE RENEWABLES



Onshore Wind Policy Statement Refresh 2021 Consultation

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

In developing this final response, there has been close collaboration with both the SR Onshore Wind and SR Planning Working Groups (respectively) to ensure alignment between our responses to the consultations on the Onshore Wind Policy Statement update and the draft NPF4.

A reminder of The Scottish Government process is set out below (subject to change):

- Monday, January 31, 2022: Consultation closed
- February - April / May, 2022: Consultation analysis
- February - June, 2022: OWPS Re-drafting
- July 2022: Cabinet Secretary to consider
- August 2022: Final OWPS to be published

The number of responses The Scottish Government receives will likely impact when the OWPS Consultation Analysis can be published, so the dates above may change.

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

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Police Scotland and Abnormal Loads Issue

Police Scotland are currently advising that it is only going to support escorting of components for one wind farm at a time across each Police Scotland geographic area (West/East/North). This is a short-term change in policy due to unprecedented resourcing issues related to the demands COP26 placed on Police Scotland and the impact of COVID on absence levels.

Scottish Renewables is continuing to work closely with our affected members and RenewableUK colleagues and is liaising with Police Scotland and The Scottish Government to find a solution to this issue.



ScotWind leasing outcome

The results of ScotWind dominated offshore discussions in January. You can read our full reaction statement [here](#) and a longer piece in The Scotsman [here](#). We have begun a process to reshape our working groups to build on the momentum generated, and you can see the details of this process [here](#).



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Media reaction: UK Government announces floating wind funding

The UK Government has announced £31 million of funding – matched by more than £30 million of industry funding – for the development of innovative floating offshore wind technology.

[Responding](#), Ben Miller, Senior Policy Manager at Scottish Renewables, said: “This funding adds to the momentum around floating offshore wind power after last week’s ScotWind outcome set out almost 15GW of new floating projects entering development in Scotland.”

Offshore Wind Conference 2022

The [Offshore Wind Conference 2022](#) is a must-attend for all those keen to play a role in offshore wind deployment in Scotland. From developers and Tier 1 suppliers to smaller businesses and innovators across the supply chain, this event is an opportunity to gain insights and intelligence from all parts of the sector. For all those working on the energy transition in the North Sea, and covering fixed-bottom as well as floating foundations, our programme and networking opportunities will work for a diverse energy audience. And for those working on research, ecology and energy policy, we will draw together all these essential themes in our review of barriers to ambition.

The event will take place at the Scottish Exhibition Campus (SEC) on March 8 & 9 2022, with a special Burns-themed dinner on the evening of March 8.



ECONOMICS & MARKETS



Scottish Renewables letter in response to the Net Zero Market Reform

Scottish Renewables on behalf of the UK Pumped Hydro Storage Working Group wrote a [letter](#) to National Grid ESO regarding the Net Zero Market Reform.

The letter included detailed information about Scottish Renewables view of phases 2 and 3 of the reform and describes how a cap and floor market mechanism for large scale and long duration electricity storage (LLES) could unlock many of the issues addressed in the Net Zero Market Reform report published on November 18, 2021.



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GRID & SYSTEMS



Network Options Assessment (NOA) Report Published

National Grid ESO published the [Network Option Assessment \(NOA\)](#) report on January 31, 2022. The report includes outputs of the ongoing Offshore Transmission Network Review (OTNR) and aims to enable progress for the next six months. It provides only the necessary recommendations for Transmission Owners to make progress with projects.

[Responding](#), Morag Watson, Director of Policy at Scottish Renewables, said: “With its abundance of renewable energy potential, the north of Scotland has an important role to play in achieving net-zero. We welcome this year’s NOA report and its reinforcement of the need for £5bn of investment in grid infrastructure in the north of Scotland. Today is the starting point for the next step in creating a Scottish electricity grid for net-zero, with this investment key to enabling the growth of the renewables industry, bringing skilled jobs and huge economic opportunities to the area.”

Later this year, as part of the OTNR, the ESO will produce a Holistic Network Design (HND). The NOA has strong links with the outcomes from the HND, therefore an update of this is expected to be published alongside the HND in June 2022.



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CMP308 – Minded-to decision and draft impact assessment

Scottish Renewables wrote a [letter](#) to Ofgem in response to the consultation on [CMP308-Minded-to decision and draft impact assessment](#).

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

Isle of Skye project - Initial Needs Case consultation

Scottish Renewables submitted a [response](#) to the [consultation](#) from Ofgem on the Isle of Skye project – Initial Needs Case consultation.



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Access and Forward-Looking Charges Significant Code Review – Updates to Ofgem's Minded-to Positions

Ofgem has published a [consultation](#) to update its minded-to positions on the Access and Forward-Looking Charges Significant Code Review. The consultation sets out updates to Ofgem's minded-to positions that respond to the feedback received from the [consultation](#) published in August last year.

Scottish Renewables will be responding to this consultation. If you would like to contribute to the response, please contact [Angeles](#).





BEIS Committee Report on Decarbonising Heat in Homes

We submitted a response to this BEIS inquiry back in December 2020. The committee has published [its final report](#) which recommends that further detail is needed in the UK Heat and Buildings Strategy for the UK to meet its targets of 600,000 heat pump installations a year by 2028.

It is encouraging to see that there are recommendations on, for example, a clear and specific end date to phase out gas boilers in the UK. The report also asks Ministers to publish a heat technology road map, to clearly set out the development, scale up and integration milestones of different low carbon heating technologies.

Heat Academy workshop on Decarbonising Heating in Scotland

The [Heat Academy](#) runs training courses on decarbonising heat, heat networks, mine water heat and other heat-related subjects. We attended one of these workshops recently and gained insight into market trends and business opportunities in Scotland, as well as costs and risks for setting up heat networks, the benefits of district heating and more.



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Recovering the costs of heat networks regulation consultation

This is a consultation on the UK Government's proposal that Ofgem and Citizens Advice's total ongoing costs of regulating and performing consumer advocacy functions in the heat networks, gas, and electricity markets should be spread evenly across heat network, gas, and electricity consumers.

This consultation closes February 16, 2022. Please [get in touch with Helen](#) if you have any comments on this.



Scottish Renewables has submitted [a response](#) to The Scottish Government's [consultation on its draft Hydrogen Action Plan](#).



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Enabling or requiring hydrogen-ready industrial boiler equipment: call for evidence

BEIS is [seeking views and evidence](#) to inform the development of possible options to enable or require hydrogen-ready industrial boiler equipment. Hydrogen-ready industrial boilers have the potential to help industry decarbonise and kick start the UK hydrogen economy.

This call for evidence closes March 14, 2022.

SOLAR



Solar Forums

We are currently collaborating with Solar Energy Scotland to develop the agendas for our Solar Forums this year and are keen to hear from our solar members to get their input.

If there are any issues or topics you'd like to see included in our Solar Forum discussions, please [contact Helen](#).

SUPPLY CHAIN



Green Freeports in Scotland

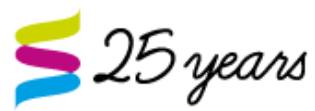
In September 2021, Scottish Renewables wrote to Ivan McKee, Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise, to highlight Scottish [green ports](#) as a priority for the renewable energy industry.

Scottish Renewables is pleased to see progress on this important initiative and welcomes The Scottish and UK Governments' [agreement](#) - announced on 14 February - to establish two green freeports in Scotland.



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