

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



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MONTHLY BRIEFING
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Dear member,

After a lengthy and collaborative process we have now submitted our [final consultation response](#) to The Scottish Government's [draft NPF4 consultation](#), with both RenewableUK and Energy UK both sending letters fully endorsing SR's position.

As planning is such a key enabler of our industry and as many of the issues with the draft 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, SR have also submitted a [final version proposed redrafting of the NPF4 text](#).



Read more about our final consultation response in the Monthly Briefing email below, and please do get in touch if you'd like to discuss our work in this area.

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GENERAL



Onshore wind: reputational risk managed

[This article](#) from the Herald on March 10 looked at community benefit payments. Our Communications team worked with the journalist in the weeks leading up to its publication and succeeded in achieving the removal of a misleading link between wholesale prices and community benefit funding.

Please [contact Nick](#) if you'd like to talk about the work of the Communications team, which often goes on behind the scenes, as in this case.

Holyrood Engagement

It's been a very busy month for our advocacy at the Scottish Parliament. Ben Walker and Mark Richardson delivered our exhibition 'Renewable Energy - Delivering Scotland's clean energy revolution' in the Scottish Parliament Garden Lobby, an event which was sponsored by Jenni Minto MSP. We met with over 50 MSPs including Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister of Scotland, Lorna Slater, Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity and Anas Sarwar, Leader of Scottish Labour.

We also ran an exhibition stand at the Scottish Conservative Conference in Aberdeen where we met with 11 MSPs and MPs, including Alister Jack, Secretary of State for Scotland. Claire Mack also joined a panel event on the Future of the North Sea alongside Greg Hands, Minister of State for Business, Energy and Clean Growth, and Liam Kerr, Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport.

We have been continuing to engage with opposition spokespeople for Net Zero, Energy and Transport and held two roundtables with Colin Smyth, Scottish Labour spokesperson and Liam Kerr, Scottish Conservative spokesperson respectively.




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Scottish Government Ministerial Engagement

This month we held meetings with Ivan McKee, Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise, and Tom Arthur, Minister for Public Finance, Planning and Community Wealth. Claire Mack met with Minister McKee to discuss the opportunities to develop the renewable energy supply chain through ScotWind leasing, whilst with Minister Arthur, Claire and Morag discussed our positions on the draft NPF4 and advanced the need for our priorities to be included in the final document. Minister Arthur praised the constructive approach taken by the SR membership in its response to NPF4 and welcomed our willingness to engage further on a workable solution.


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Westminster engagement

This month we held our first Westminster Parliamentary Reception since the pandemic, which was sponsored by Stephen Flynn, MP for Aberdeen South and SNP Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy spokesperson, and attended by 19 MPs.

We also held a roundtable with Stephen ahead of the reception on the key issues facing our sector with a range of our members. Claire Mack and Ben Walker also met with

Alistair Jack, Secretary of State for Scotland, to brief him on the key issues facing our sector.



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Young Professionals Green Energy Awards finalists announced



Thirty finalists for the 2022 Young Professionals Green Energy Awards have now been revealed.

The shortlist, across eight categories, sees a number of entrants who have transitioned to the green energy industry from oil and gas.

You can see the full [shortlist on our website](#), and [read the media release there too](#). Tickets for the event, to be held on April 28 in Glasgow, are available, and can be booked [through this link](#).

***NEW* Net-Zero Energy Transition Awards 2022**

For the first time, in August 2022, Scotland's renewable energy industry and its growing supply chain will come together to celebrate the achievements of the diverse Scottish supplier network at the [Net-Zero Energy Transition Awards](#). We'll showcase expertise and capabilities and honour the

tenacity of those playing a key role in supporting Scotland's journey to a new, net-zero energy system.

Nominate for the Net-Zero Energy Transition Awards no later than July 1, then come join the black-tie awards celebration on August 25 in Aberdeen.

[Contact Lisa](#) for details of sponsorship packages.



New SR factsheets launched

Renewable energy's benefits to Scotland's regions are highlighted in a series of factsheets launched by Scottish Renewables ahead of May's local government elections.

The documents, which are available for members and the public to download and use, set out how much renewable energy is located in each Scottish Parliamentary region, as well as the value of voluntary community benefit payments made to local causes there by the green energy industry.

Read them all in [the Publications section of our website](#), or through [the media release](#).

PLANNING & CONSENTS



SR Final Responses: Draft National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4)

As detailed in the introduction to this email, Scottish Renewables has submitted a [final consultation response](#) to The Scottish Government's [draft NPF4 consultation](#), as well as a [proposed redrafting of the NPF4 text](#). SR has worked collaboratively with RenewableUK and Energy UK and both have submitted letters fully endorsing SR's final consultation response.

Information on the forward timetable is available at the [Transforming Planning](#) webpage. Following the close of The Scottish Government's consultation on March 31 and Parliamentary scrutiny, The Scottish Government will analyse the responses and consider amendments to be made to the NPF4. An independent report analysing the responses will be published in due course. The Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee will debate NPF4 on Tuesday, April 19.

As set out in section 3CA(6) of the 1997 Act, a summary of representations received as part of the consultation will form part of an explanatory document to be laid before Parliament as part of the final adoption process for NPF4. The final adoption date, originally scheduled for Summer 2022, will depend on Parliamentary scrutiny and approval.



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Consultation on Proposed Changes to Fees Charged for Applications Under the Electricity Act 1989

The Scottish Government and Energy Consents Unit [launched a consultation](#) on March 30 seeking views on proposed changes to application fees under the Electricity Act 1989 as follows:

- An increase to existing fee categories of approximately 20%
- New bandings for larger scale applications for developments that exceed capacities of 500MW, 750MW and 1GW
- Changes to the fees and bandings for variation applications to reflect the increased resource needed where these applications require an environmental impact assessment.

Scottish Renewables will be responding to this consultation, which closes on June 23.



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Blog: NPF4

A [new blog](#) by Mark Richardson explains how proposed planning reforms in Scotland could actually hinder our transition to a renewables-led energy system.

In it Mark writes: "Scotland's planning system decides what gets built, where and, crucially, how quickly. While it may not be glamorous, it's a process which is a vital part of our economy, keeping the wheels of sustainable development turning."

[Read it all on our website.](#)

ONSHORE RENEWABLES



Police Scotland and abnormal loads issue

There has been a significant increase in Police Scotland's availability recently, resulting in some improvements in delivery capability. On March 14 Scottish Renewables, in collaboration with RenewableUK, held a constructive stakeholder meeting with representatives from OEMs, hauliers, Police Scotland and The Scottish Government to discuss operational issues and next steps.

Scottish Renewables is continuing to work closely with our affected members, RenewableUK and The Scottish Government to liaise with Police Scotland to find short, medium and long-term resolutions to this issue.



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Timeline reminder: Onshore Wind Policy Statement refresh

The Scottish Government advises that its goal is to have the final statement out to publication in the summer. It is aiming for August officially, but this is very much subject to change. The remainder of the process, for clarity, is as follows:

- January 31, 2022 – [OWPS consultation](#) closed
- February – April / May 2022 – OWPS consultation analysis
- February – June 2022 – OWPS redrafting
- July 2022 – Cabinet Secretary to consider
- August 2022 – OWPS Final to be published

SR's [consultation response](#), submitted in January, 2022, is available on the SR website. The number of responses The Scottish Government received to the consultation may affect when the OWPS consultation analysis can be published.



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OFFSHORE RENEWABLES



SR Marine Conference & Dinner 2022

With renewed interest in marine technologies, the potential to turn Scotland from an early innovator into a marine energy powerhouse is tantalisingly close. But significant barriers stand in the way of progress and further commercialisation. [Scottish Renewables' Marine Conference & Dinner](#) will bring together key industry players to discuss the cutting-edge developments happening here in Scotland and assess the opportunities and challenges the sector will face in the vital years ahead.

Sponsorship opportunities are available to help highlight your organisation at this pivotal moment for the sector. Please [contact Carol](#) to find out more. Members can reserve passes on [our website](#) at the member rate.

The banner features the Scottish Renewables logo on the left. In the center, the text reads "MARINE CONFERENCE & DINNER" in large white letters, with "25 MAY 2022 EDINBURGH" below it. On the right, it says "IN ASSOCIATION WITH" above the logos for H1E (Highlands and Islands Enterprise) and wave energy SCOTLAND.

Floating Offshore Wind 2022

Organised by Scottish Renewables and RenewableUK, [Floating Offshore Wind 2022](#) will be the meeting place for the entire industry, to come together and share best practice, discuss operational efficiencies, lessons learned, workshop technical challenges and showcase the best innovations which will drive FOW down the cost curve.

Sponsorship and exhibition opportunities are now available to help highlight your organisation at this key industry event. Please [contact Carol](#) to find out more.

ECONOMICS & MARKETS



Consultation on proposed amendments to supply chain plans and CfD delivery

Scottish Renewables submitted a [response](#) to the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy's consultation on proposed amendments to Supply Chain Plans and CfD Delivery.



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Call for evidence on proposed amendments to Supply Chain Plans

Our new Policy Manager for Economics & Markets, Andrew MacNish Porter, is currently working on the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy's [Contracts for Difference \(CfD\): call for evidence on proposed amendments to supply chain plans](#). The call for evidence asks for views on penalties for failure to meet supply chain commitments, negotiating supply chain plans and changing the 300MW threshold, as well as general suggestions for how the supply chain plan process could be improved.

Please [contact Andrew](#) to share your views.

GRID & SYSTEMS



ESO Net Zero Market Reform - roundtable event

Scottish Renewables attended a roundtable with NGENSO to discuss the possible outcomes of the Net Zero Market Reform. The main topic of discussion was the proposal of changing the current single national price market to a Locational Marginal Price (LMP) system. Scottish Renewables raised concerns about this approach and so did other stakeholders in the meeting - see the article below for more information.



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Enabling Britain's Clean Energy Future: Markets Forum and Roadmap

Scottish Renewables attended online the [NGESO market forum event](#) on March 22. In this event NGENSO made public its recommendation to change the current single national price market to a LMP system. NGENSO will publish a detailed report regarding this proposal at the end of April.

Scottish Renewables is developing a position on LMP, so if you have any questions and would like to contribute, please [contact Angeles](#).

Storage Behind Constraints Workshop

Scottish Renewables, in partnership with RenewableUK and NGENSO, facilitated an industry in-person workshop to discuss barriers and policy solutions for storage located behind constraints. This explored what improvements can be made to the management and operation of storage within a constraint area, market rules, roles and responsibilities.



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New report - Storage for Constraint Management

NGESO commissioned [research](#) with DNV to study the value of storage for constraint management. The results suggest

that the application of storage technologies for constraint management is a technically viable way to reduce network overloads between now and 2030. However, if storage is contracted for constraint management on an exclusive basis it would be uneconomic.



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Ofgem's Network Price Controls Open Hearings (RIIO-ED2)

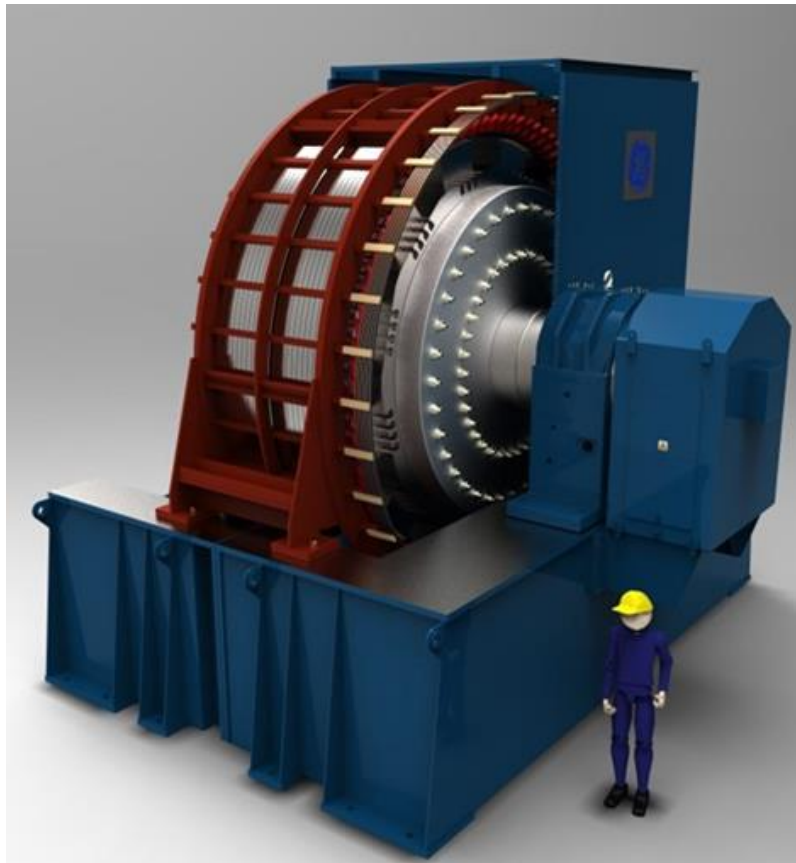
Scottish Renewables attended the Ofgem's Network Price Controls Open Hearings (RIIO-ED2) on March 22 and 25. The main topic of discussion in both events were the high costs of both SPEN and SSEN plans compared to the plans of other DNOs in the UK. The argument was around the need of net-zero and securing the reliability of the grid in northern areas of Scotland.

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

Keith Greener Grid Park launch event

Angeles attended the [Keith Greener Grid Park](#) launch event, held by Statkraft on March 16.

This innovative technology uses rotating stabilisers to mimic the effect of coal or gas-powered turbines by providing inertia and maintaining the right frequency to ensure stability in the electricity system. The technology aims to reduce the costs of generating more renewable electricity and assist NGENSO's target of being able to operate a zero-carbon electricity system.



LOW-CARBON HEAT



Heat Networks Delivery Plan published

The Scottish Government published its Heat Networks Delivery Plan at the end of last month. An [analysis of the responses](#) to the consultation was also published.

The Plan gives further detail on Scottish Government actions, such as announcing a First National Assessment of Potential Heat Network Zones, which will be published shortly. It also sets out future consultation details for the different sets of regulations identified in the Heat Networks Act.

Responding, Helen said: "We welcome the publication of The Scottish Government's Heat Networks Delivery Plan in which it sets out how it is going to meet very ambitious targets of 2.6TWh of output by 2027 and 6TWh by 2030 - 3% and 8% respectively of current heat supply."

[Read the full reaction on our website.](#)



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Low-Carbon Heat Conference 2022

Cutting the carbon from heating is a huge job - and one which presents unprecedented opportunity for Scottish businesses. Join us at our [Low-Carbon Heat Conference](#) on June 9 in Glasgow and hear from decision makers and senior industry figures on the areas for growth, the size of the prize, and how policy being developed now will set the tone for 2045 and beyond.

Sponsorship opportunities are available to help highlight your organisation at this pivotal moment for the sector, and members of Scottish Renewables receive a discounted rate on delegate passes. [Contact Lisa for more information.](#)



Heat in Buildings Development Funding Invitation

The Scottish Government launched Scotland's [Heat in Buildings Development Funding Invitation](#) recently. This funding invitation will make £1 million of support available to projects with viable feasibility studies which deploy low-carbon heat solutions for buildings.

Applications for development support must be completed and submitted to heatnetworkfund@gov.scot by 5pm on May 31.

Local and International Collaboration to harness waste heat and decarbonise heating event

Helen was pleased to attend a roundtable organised by the Royal Danish Embassy in London, the Danish Energy Agency and The Scottish Government discussing how waste heat, especially from distilleries, could be utilised to help power district heat networks.



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HYDROGEN



Low Carbon Fuel Strategy: call for ideas

Scottish Renewables and RenewableUK submitted a [joint letter](#) to the Low Carbon Fuels Division of the Department for Transport in response to its [call for ideas](#) on the Low Carbon Fuel Strategy. Our response focused mainly on additionality criteria within the Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation.



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Hydrogen working group

We will shortly be sending a request to the Hydrogen Forum asking for potential members for a working group to discuss green hydrogen issues and respond to consultations.

If you are not a member yet of the Hydrogen Forum, you can change your forum preferences by [logging into your account](#) on the SR website.



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SOLAR



Solar Energy Scotland working group and Forum

We were pleased to be asked to attend Solar Energy UK's Scotland working group, looking at issues around NPF4 and grid.

Speakers from Solar Energy Scotland will be attending our Solar Forum, which will take place on April 20. The Eventbrite link for this will be sent out to the Solar Forum shortly.



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Letter to the Chancellor of the Exchequer on VAT on domestic renewable and energy efficiency measures

Scottish Renewables and other trade associations [signed a letter](#), organised by Solar Energy UK, in support of reducing the rate of VAT on domestic renewable and energy efficiency technologies, including all solar and energy storage technologies, to 0% as part of the Spring Statement.

We were delighted to see that this campaign was successful.

SUPPLY CHAIN



SOWEC - PATEnT Meeting

As a member of the Scottish Offshore Wind Energy Council's (SOWEC) Supply Chain & Clusters workstream Emma recently attended a meeting with the PATEnT group. The Procurement and Tendering Enhancement Taskforce is a collaborative working group bringing together the Offshore Wind Industry Council and SOWEC as well as other stakeholders to look at joined-up solutions for the supply chain.



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INTOG workshop

Emma attended the DeepWind INTOG workshop in Aberdeen in March. The event provided an overview of Crown Estate Scotland's Innovation and Targeted Oil & Gas leasing round as well as some of the projects hoping to take part.



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Supply Chain Webpage

We have recently updated our website which now includes a dedicated [supply chain page](#). The page offers useful resources for suppliers looking to grow their business and make the most of the green energy project pipeline.

The page will grow in time with more information, so keep your eyes peeled for further updates.

And remember you can sign up for our Supply Chain Forum by amending your preferences in [the My Account section of our website](#).



SUPPLY CHAIN

The Oxford dictionary defines the "Supply Chain" as a series of processes involved in the production and supply of goods, from when they are first made until they are bought or used.

A huge variety of skills, products and knowledge are needed to develop a renewable energy project, from welders and lawyers to caterers and architects.

As we transition to a low-carbon economy there are opportunities for companies across many renewable technologies:



At Scottish Renewables we work to champion the diverse organisations making up the growing renewable energy supply chain in Scotland.

We represent and support suppliers, showcasing their exceptional skills, expertise and experience. From SMEs to original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) and large-scale contractors, Scottish Renewables guides and connects the stakeholders of Scotland's world-leading supplier network.

We do this by working collaboratively across the industry with project developers, government and other sector-specific industry bodies like enterprise agencies.

Our Supply Chain Impact Statement 2021 showcases the great work suppliers are delivering in Scotland for the energy transition. To learn about the positive impact renewables projects are having on the supply chain read the document in our [publication pages](#).





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