

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



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**MONTHLY BRIEFING**  
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**Dear member,**

You will be aware of media reports suggesting renewable electricity generators could be liable to pay a windfall tax imposed on companies which have benefitted from recent high wholesale prices.

Scottish Renewables acted quickly on this issue, speaking with HM Treasury and drafting [a letter to Chancellor Rishi Sunak](#) which was later co-signed by RenewableUK, Energy UK and the Nuclear Industry Association.



That letter set out the danger of rapid policy change on the investment climate as well as the benefits renewables are providing as a buffer against high gas prices.

While the imminent threat of a windfall tax has now lessened, we continue to act on this issue and will keep members informed as the Treasury lets us know of any next steps.

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**GENERAL**



## News release: New faces join Board of Scottish Renewables

We have welcomed three new Directors to our Board to help guide the organisation as we work to grow Scotland's renewable energy sector and sustain its position at the forefront of the global clean energy industry.

They are:

- Finley Becks-Phelps, UK Development Director at Fred. Olsen Renewables
- Jamie Maxton, Head of External Relations (Scotland) at SSE Renewables
- Iain Sinclair, Executive Director at Global Energy Group

Adam Morrison, Chair of Scottish Renewables, said: "Finley, Jamie and Iain bring significant expertise and experience to the Board across a range of sectors and technologies, which will be invaluable in the year ahead as renewable energy continues to play a key role at the heart of the Scottish economy."

[Read the news release on our website.](#)



## Roundtable with Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise

This month we held a roundtable with Ivan McKee, Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise with our members who are active in renewable energy exports. This roundtable will support The Scottish Government to deliver a Renewables Sector Export Plan.

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## Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee inquiry into Local Government

Our Director of Policy Morag Watson gave evidence at the Scottish Parliament's Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee inquiry into Local Government. Key topics of discussion included planning policy and the delivery of renewable heat.

## Holyrood engagement

This month we have met with Liam Kerr MSP, Scottish Conservative Shadow Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport to provide an industry update and discuss our new supply chain campaign. We also held a briefing with SNP MSPs on our recent supply chain campaign which was attended by 5 MSPs.

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## Call for Net-Zero Energy Transition Awards nominations

The inaugural Scottish Renewables' [Net-Zero Energy Transition Awards](#) (NZETA) recognises the passion, dedication and talent of the exceptional people and companies making up the energy transition supply chain - and we're looking for nominations by July 1.

NZETA, headline-sponsored by TotalEnergies, is open to entries from organisations, bodies and individuals contributing to the renewable energy industry supply chain in Scotland. This includes everyone from large-scale manufacturers and marine service providers to component part suppliers, law firms, consultants, catering providers and much more.

[Review the categories and submit a nomination.](#)



## PLANNING & CONSENTS



### **SR Final Response: The future for National Parks in Scotland**

The current Programme for Government contains a commitment to establish at least one new National Park in Scotland by Spring 2026. To do this The Scottish Government [launched a Challenge for Ideas](#) to assess any area which is put forward for designation against a set of agreed expectations for what National Parks will deliver for Scotland going forward.

Scottish Renewables has submitted a [response to The Scottish Government's Challenge for Ideas](#) Q4. What criteria should we use to decide where the next new National Parks in Scotland should be? [SR's online response](#) recommends only areas which fall within existing National Scenic Areas should be considered.

Following the closing of the Dialogue Challenge on June 6, all responses will be collated and analysed. The information gathered will form the basis of face-to-face stakeholder engagement led by NatureScot, supported by a consultation.



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### **SR Final Response: DPEA Review of Working Practices - Pre-examination Meetings, Hearings, and Inquiries: Options for a Future Operating Model**

Scottish Renewables has submitted a [final response](#) with thanks to SR members, as well as Marcus Trinick QC, Fraser Gillies, Robin Hutchison and Craig Whelton, to the DPEA seeking views on working practices for pre-examination

meetings, hearings and inquiries - options for a future operating model. The next DPEA stakeholder meeting will be held on June 7.

Get in touch with [Mark](#) for more information.

## Planning - permitted development rights review - phase 2: consultation

The Scottish Government has published the [phase 2 consultation of its PDR review](#). This consultation is examining the PDR for EV charging, changes of use in cities, towns and local centres and port development.

Please send initial comments to [Helen](#) by COP Friday, June 24.



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**ONSHORE RENEWABLES**



## News release: £106 million wind power rates windfall revealed

We recently released [new figures](#) which reveal that more than £106 million a year in business rates payments flows into Scotland's economy - enough to educate almost 14,000 secondary school children or build more than 750 council houses.

Claire Mack, Chief Executive of Scottish Renewables, said: "Onshore wind is the backbone of Scotland's electricity system, producing the equivalent of 60.2% of our electricity demand and employing almost 9,000 people.

"These new figures show just one part of the onshore wind industry's contribution to Scotland's economy – but one which is hidden from public view and often overlooked when the benefits of these developments are discussed."

## Police Scotland and abnormal loads issue

Scottish Renewables, in collaboration with RenewableUK, facilitated a productive practitioners meeting between Police Scotland, The Scottish Government, hauliers and members to discuss the current position with movement scheduling and ongoing work.

SR attended a further stakeholder meeting on behalf of members on May 23, with the focus on situational updates, concerns and actions. SR is continuing to work closely with our members, RUK, hauliers and The Scottish Government to liaise with Police Scotland to find solutions to this issue.



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## **Eskdalemuir Working Group Meeting Minutes**

Scottish Renewables, as key members of the Eskdalemuir Working Group (EWG), has offered to host the [formal meeting minutes and relevant documents](#) on behalf of EWG. The document shared on our website features meeting minutes from April 7 and the relevant materials that were provided to members for review and discussion.

Additionally, this includes the [final reports from Phases 1-4 of the seismic headroom study](#) conducted by Xi Engineering on behalf of The Scottish Government and EWG.

For all enquiries related to the EWG please contact [temeeka.dawson@gov.scot](mailto:temeeka.dawson@gov.scot), Onshore Wind Policy Manager, Energy and Climate Change Directorate, Scottish Government.

## **SR Onshore Wind + Planning & Consents Forum Meeting | June 15, 2022, 14:00 - 15:30**

SR members are invited to our latest Forum to celebrate Global Wind Day 2022 and discuss the issues that matter to you across our policy and communications work.

The Forum will give members the opportunity to hear about the work we have been doing on your behalf, and to discuss the key issues for onshore wind, planning and consenting coming over the horizon. There will also be an opportunity for members to ask questions and raise any additional issues.

Please note that this event is exclusively for SR members only held online via Microsoft Teams.

Register [here](#).



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## OFFSHORE RENEWABLES



### **Media interest in offshore wind community benefits**

Following discussions with a number of members SR was able to respond robustly to an enquiry from a journalist about community benefit payments from offshore wind farms in Scotland.

In that response, which appeared in an edited form in [the final report in The Herald](#), we said: "... to focus on [community benefit payments] when the prize is so much larger, more far-reaching and longer-lasting would be doing a disservice to an industry which is about to transform the fortunes of Scotland's coastal communities forever".

For more information, contact [Nick](#).

### **£160 million funding for floating wind manufacturing**

The UK Government has [announced a £160 million fund](#) to boost floating offshore wind capability around the UK and support the ambition announced in the British Energy Security Strategy to deliver up to 50GW of offshore wind by 2030, including up to 5GW of floating wind.

BEIS is now [requesting information](#) to understand the risks, constraints and opportunities available in the UK and how this capital investment can be most effectively used. The information gathered will be used to inform the feasibility and the design of the funding, as well as wider offshore wind policy.

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



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## Launch of the Scottish Marine Environmental Enhancement Fund

A ground-breaking green finance initiative has been launched with the aim of transforming the health of Scotland's coasts & seas. The [Scottish Marine Environmental Enhancement Fund \(SMEEF\)](#) has received £500,000 from The Scottish Government's Nature Restoration Fund to begin this vital work.

The fund, administered by NatureScot, accepts voluntary donations from a range of marine users and has been supported by a number of our members. It will award grants to marine environmental enhancement projects to ensure that our coasts and seas are healthy, productive and rich in nature.

## ORE Catapult training course: Offshore Wind Economics for Complete Beginners

The Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult has recently launched a new online course, Offshore Wind Economics for Complete Beginners, aimed at those who are new to and/or interested in offshore wind and commercial project modelling in MS Excel.

Scottish Renewables members are eligible for a £100 discount on the course fee. To claim this discount, members should email [offshorewindeconomics@ore.catapult.org.uk](mailto:offshorewindeconomics@ore.catapult.org.uk) quoting SR100 in the subject line and ORE Catapult will provide a £100 discount code.

The course is available on <https://ore-catapult-school.thinkific.com/>.

**ECONOMICS & MARKETS**





## Deferment of CfD

We are closely monitoring the reputational threat to industry arising from decisions taken by a number of generators to defer the start of their Contracts for Difference and trade power on the wholesale market.

Following media reports we have collected evidence on the issue and drafted reactive lines which can be shared should SR be approached for comment in future.



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## BEIS consultation on updating CfD AR5 Supply Chain Plan questionnaire

BEIS is currently consulting on [proposed updates to the AR5 Supply Chain Plan questionnaire](#). Specifically seeking views on:

- the clarity of the proposed questions;
- the extent to which the questions support the Supply Chain Plan objectives;
- other questions that should be included in the questionnaire;
- the scoring methodology;
- the weighting attributed to questions;
- a bespoke questionnaire for Floating Offshore Wind applicants.

We are convening a policy advisory group to gather member input on these questions. The PAG will be held on MS Teams from **14:00-15:30 on Tuesday, June 7**.

Please contact [Andrew](#) as soon as possible if you would like to attend and he will send you joining details for the meeting.

**GRID & SYSTEMS**



**Scottish Renewables response to the  
Consultation on CMP315 and 375**

Scottish Renewables submitted a [response](#) to the consultation on CMP315 and 375. This consultation referred to changes to the expansion constant of TNUoS.



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## **TNUoS expansion constant (CMP315/375) | Q&A and RUK/SR meeting**

Scottish Renewables and RenewableUK hosted a meeting to provide members the opportunity to ask questions about the expansion constant and proposed changes from the CMP315/375. Members of the ESO working group consultation were able to explain and address questions on the related matter.

If you would like to discuss further, please contact [Angeles](#).

## **Constrained Storage Industry Workshop**

Scottish Renewables, RenewableUK and NGESO will be hosting a second in-person workshop to discuss policy barriers and solutions for constrained storage. This workshop will take place on Tuesday, June 7, 14:00-17:00 at RenewableUK offices in London. You can [register](#) to attend in-person or virtually, using the code: RUKEvent03.



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## **ESO Net Zero Market Reform - report published**

NGESO published the [outcomes](#) of the Net Zero Market Reform project. In summary, NGESO is proposing to change the current single national price market to a Locational Marginal Pricing (LMP), also known as nodal pricing. They are specifically proposing the implementation of LMP combined with a central dispatch model with self-commitment and believe it would be implementable within five years.

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

## Future System Operator - Government and Ofgem's response to consultation

BEIS and Ofgem has published its [response to the Future System Operator \(FSO\) consultation](#). Government and Ofgem are committing to proceed with the creation of a new, independent FSO, which is expected to be a public corporation. The FSO will have a statutory advisory duty to provide expert advice, analysis and information to Ofgem and government.

This is great news as we advocated in our [consultation response](#) for the creation of an independent and public FSO, with enhanced roles and a statutory advisory duty in line with our transition to net-zero.

Read our reaction to this announcement [on our website](#).



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## OTNR: Ofgem's Minded-to Decision and further consultation on Pathway to 2030

Ofgem published its [Minded-to Decision and further consultation on Pathway to 2030](#). SR will be hosting a Policy Advisory Group to shape the first draft of this response. The meeting will take place on June 7 at 3pm.

If you would like to contribute with views in this meeting, please [get in touch](#).

## Ofgem Locational Marginal Pricing stakeholder workshop 1

Ofgem hosted the first workshop on the assessment they are developing on LMP. This focussed on: (i) project objectives and scope, (ii) overview of the modelling led by FTI Consulting, and (iii) potential policy interactions and impacts. This will be followed by subsequent workshops that will focus on the modelling outputs, implementation and transitional measures.



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## Grid & System Forum

Scottish Renewables hosted a Grid & System Forum on May 26. In the forum SR provided updates on the work that we have been doing on behalf of members during the last year. Main areas of discussion were TNUoS, OTNR, Access SCR, Future System Operator and Locational Marginal Pricing. Members can find the slides of the forum on our [website](#).

For more information, contact [Angeles](#).

## LOW-CARBON HEAT



### Scottish Renewables visit to AMIDS district heating site in Renfrewshire

Nick and Helen had a [fascinating visit](#) to the AMIDS (Advanced Manufacturing Innovation District Scotland) site in Renfrewshire with Scottish Renewables member FES Group to see the construction of its district heat network. The wastewater from a Scottish Water treatment site is directed to an energy centre where heat is extracted then distributed through pipes.

The heat network will warm the new National Manufacturing Institute Scotland and UK CPI buildings. This collaborative project is funded by Renfrewshire Council and The Scottish Government's Low Carbon Infrastructure Transition Programme.



### A market-based mechanism for low-carbon heat

The UK Government published its [response](#) to a consultation which planned to increase the amount of heat pumps by creating a market incentive to grow the number of heat pumps installed in existing buildings each year. SR had submitted a [letter](#) in response to this consultation.

Government plans to take forward the lead option in the consultation, which places an obligation on manufacturers of fossil fuel heating appliances. This obligation will be focused on hydronic (air-to-water) heat pumps and will be based upon a rising standard for the number of heat pump sales to end-consumers as a proportion of a firm's fossil fuel boiler sales. The UK Government intends to focus the scheme on retrofit installations of hydronic heat pumps under 45kWth, including in smaller non-domestic buildings where such 'domestic-scale' appliances are appropriate.

There will be a further consultation soon on a more detailed design of the mechanism.



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## Blog: The heat is on

Renewable heat is rising up the policy agenda as Scotland's climate change target of reducing 75% carbon emissions by 2030 is heading towards us.

Scotland has ambitious targets for heat but there are a few barriers to full scale rollout of renewable heat technologies which we discuss in [our latest blog](#).

## Financing Green Heat Policy Working Group

The Financing Green Heat Policy Working Group recently had its first meeting and considered general principles of how to finance renewable heat as well as discussing in detail a Scottish Government paper for the Green Heat Finance Taskforce.

Please [get in touch with Helen](#) if you are interested in these discussions.



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## Heat Networks: Actions Policy Working Group

The Policy Working Group has had its first meeting where we discussed the Heat Networks Delivery Plan and have produced a [draft briefing](#) for The Scottish Government on issues relating to it.

Please comment via tracked changes in Word and [email to Helen](#) by COP Friday, June 10.

## Low-Carbon Heat Conference 2022

The Low-Carbon Heat Conference has been postponed to later in the year. We will be in touch soon with the new date.

Please contact [Lisa](#) if you have any questions.



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## SOLAR



### Solar Forum briefing

We are working on a Solar Forum briefing which will encapsulate the issues discussed at our recent Solar Forum meeting. We had speakers from Solar Energy Scotland and members discuss what a Solar Strategy for Scotland should look like.

The briefing will be sent out to the Solar Forum soon.

Please [ensure you are signed up for the relevant Forums](#) on the SR website.

## HYDROGEN



### Production of renewable transport fuels – share of renewable electricity (requirements)

The EU has published its renewable power strategy [RePowerEU](#) and as part of this, its proposals for green hydrogen. [This consultation](#) on the production of renewable transport fuels is part of that initiative.

Please send any thoughts or comments on this issue to [Helen](#).



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## Green Hydrogen: Actions Policy Working Group

This PWG is in the process of being formed and will have its first meeting in June.

Please [get in touch with Helen](#) regarding any consultations or discussions you would like the group to cover.

## Hydrogen Forum meeting

We held a hydrogen forum meeting recently, updating members on the work we've carried out at SR on green hydrogen and had a look at what is upcoming regarding hydrogen consultations.

Please [get in touch](#) to discuss what the forum covered.



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## SUPPLY CHAIN



## News release: Renewables industry campaigns for supply chain growth

Scottish Renewables [launched a new campaign](#) calling on The Scottish Government to deliver crucial support for the country's low-carbon supply chain – or risk home-grown firms missing out on lucrative contracts.

The campaign, [Supporting Scotland's Renewable Energy Supply Chain](#), outlines recommendations to maximise the economic benefits of our renewable energy projects, grow the

renewable energy supply chain in Scotland and ensure a just transition for suppliers across all green energy technologies.



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## Media reaction: Signatories of offshore wind industry Collaborative Framework Charter announced

The First Minister Nicola Sturgeon MSP announced details of signatories to the Scottish Offshore Wind Energy Council's [Collaborative Framework Charter](#).

[Responding](#), Emma Harrick, Energy Transition and Supply Chain Manager at Scottish Renewables, said: "Today's announcement of the Scottish Offshore Wind Energy Council's (SOWEC) Collaborative Framework Charter signatories demonstrates the commitment of the ScotWind project developers in working collaboratively for the benefit of Scotland's ports and suppliers."

## SOWEC Supply Chain & Clusters Working Group

Scottish Renewables Energy Transition and Supply Chain Manager, Emma Harrick, attended this month's SOWEC Supply Chain and Clusters working group meeting at The Scottish Government in Glasgow. Ivan McKee, Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise was in attendance and the meeting centred around developing Scotland's offshore wind supply chain.



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## People & Skills Plan

Scottish Renewables supported the development of the newly published Integrated [People and Skills Strategy](#), led by OPITO, which aims to ensure a joined-up approach to people and skills across the offshore energy industry.



## Engagement with supply chain

Emma attended this year's Scottish Engineering Awards as a top table guest. The Awards took place in Glasgow and celebrated some of Scotland's most successful manufacturing and engineering companies. Many of the evening's winners demonstrated innovation and growth in delivering activity for renewable energy technologies. Also this month Emma attended All Energy and engaged with many industry supply chain stakeholders including: Crown Estate Scotland, Robert Gordon University, The Scottish Government, Balfour Beatty and the Port of Cromarty.

To find out more about our work on the renewable energy supply chain contact [Emma](#).



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