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Subject: FW: PROTECT: Change of Control Board paper

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Subject: RE: PROTECT: Change of Control Board paper

Many thanks [REDACTED] much appreciated. We will share with our finance colleagues, on the basis that they do not share any further.

Would there be folk at your end available to meet with our finance colleagues early next week?

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Subject: PROTECT: Change of Control Board paper

Hi Mike / [REDACTED]

Further to our discussion yesterday please find attached change of control paper that has today been circulated to Board. I've requested responses for Wed 31st March.

You will note point 10 in the paper highlighted that the paper will be shared with SG Finance (please note this is a live Board paper so would appreciate this not being circulated further than this) and we may have further engagement with them.

If you have any further queries on this please reply all as a number of us are on different days leave over the next few days.

Best regards

Colin

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From: Palmer MR (Mike)
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To: Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform
Cc: Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands; Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment; DG Economy; Director of Marine Scotland Mailbox; Berge K (Kersti); Hogg A (Andrew); [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Subject: IMMEDIATE: draft letter to CES Chair
Attachments: LetterChairCES.docx

Cabinet Secretary,

I attach for your clearance a draft letter for you to send to the Chair of Crown Estate Scotland (CES) with regard to the conclusion of the ScotWind rapid review, which we expect will be announced by CES at around 3pm this afternoon. This letter is for issue at or before the point of announcement.

I note comms colleagues have submitted a draft quote for insertion into the CES press release.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 March 2021 11:09
To: [REDACTED]; Palmer MR (Mike)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Read out from CES comms call today

Sponsorship/policy colleagues

Just a quick read-out from CES comms call there

Thanks [REDACTED]

- On **ScotWind** – a release has been drafted around the option, but they are awaiting for further advice as you flagged yesterday, and will redraft or circulate current draft dependent on that feedback. Alongside news release they would be publishing a one-pager on the website and updating the portal on Wednesday with the updated info, they will also work on a light touch Q&A for media queries depending on the decisions but suspect that questions on the detail would point to the need to update the post adoption addendum following the announcement.
- On the **oil and gas** innovation, CES comms expressed concerns about linking that at all to ScotWind, even in a Cab Sec quote – keen to make sure it's distinct, and not linked at all to oil and gas. (Drew can pick up – could this even be a separate post for social media or something like that if it needs to go/be out there? Or John/Alice sorry I cut out yesterday when you were talking about speeches, could a ref to that be added to a separate speech?)
- **Other things** over next week(s) – Orkney pilots tomorrow, Sustainable Communities Fund Monday, our MSS/CES non-lethal predation report Tuesday, and then they don't see an issue with publishing seaweed review report and boat based tourism info during the pre-election period as they see as BAU. And they are doing some filming with BBC on land reform at the end of the month – but won't be broadcast until September time. And are starting work on annual plan for later in year.

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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Renews enquiry

Importance: High

Hi all

I wanted to give you a heads up that I have had an enquiry from ReNews this morning regarding this week's cabinet discussion on the ScotWind Review. It was primarily a fishing exercise, but they have said that this week they are planning to run a story about what the options before the cabinet are and about what they describe as divisions within cabinet.

Obviously I will simply tell them that we will make an announcement on the review on the 24th as previously stated, but I wanted to let you know. Firstly because they may well come to you next, and secondly, if they are planning to run a story on both the options on the table and the views within cabinet, then they are clearly getting some type of inside knowledge shared with them. I thought it would be helpful to ensure we are all forewarned on this.

Just shout with any questions.

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Subject: Announcements

Hi all

Just a quick one from me as I know we are meeting later in the week. It seems now that we are likely to be able to announce the first Sustainable Communities Fund projects by next week (in time for Purdah) and also get our seaweed report out (this had looked unlikely but that has now changed).

Most other things are ScotWind related and I can update you then. Just wanted to give you a quick update while I thought of it.

Cheers

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Cc: Communications Net Zero & Rural Affairs; [REDACTED]
Subject: Read out from Crown Estate Scotland comms call today

Hi folks, just a quick overview from CES call today

ScotWind – board meeting this afternoon on options before going to Ministers. John has drafted a couple of versions of release dependent on scenario at the moment, and release pre-election expected to say next steps and general overview of expected timings. In the meantime they've had a whole load of PQs on ScotWind in this morning from [REDACTED]. On oil and gas electrification – John had received your note Drew and was hoping to discuss concerns around tying to Scotwind

[REDACTED] keen to understand who will be greener comms lead on Scotwind, our next catch up is 18th so should be ahead of the announcement if you or [REDACTED] can attend, or if there's a specific person to speak to about it or to cc you both into release/comms plans? I've asked him to keep MS comms sighted

[REDACTED] can you ping on the detail on the electrification stuff to me when you get a min? And also to note [REDACTED] was looking to discuss your email

Seaweed report –CES planning for seaweed report to issue before pre-election period, likely to say this is what public/private sector need to do to make it into a commercial scale sector

Other pre-election announcements – will update in our planner – Recipients of Sustainable Communities Fund grants expected to be announced on 15th/16th (Cab Sec was quoted in release launch last year). And Boat Based Tourism Challenge Fund expected to be launched pre-election too – more info to follow. Scottish Offshore Wind Energy Council update also expected next week.

Land reform documentary – update on this – [REDACTED] two-part series, CES taking part, expected to be broadcast in autumn

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Subject: Board Meeting - 4 March 2021

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As I expect you are aware, we have called a Board meeting for Thursday afternoon to discuss the ScotWind rapid review. The agenda and paper for the meeting are available in Virtual Boardroom.

[REDACTED] and Mike Palmer have been sent a copy of the paper.

Kind regards

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