

Draft Scottish Energy Strategy

Overview

- On 24 Jan the Scottish Government launched its consultation on the **draft Scottish Energy Strategy**. The Strategy is the first of its kind, providing a full explanation of the energy system in Scotland - covering both supply and use.
- It sets out a vision for the future of energy in Scotland which is consistent with our **draft Climate Change Plan** – published on 19 January - and its modelling.
- Driven by the same ambition, the publication of the draft Energy Strategy and the draft Climate Change Plan reinforce our position in the vanguard of the international move towards a low carbon future.
- The Scottish Government's vision for 2050 is for a **modern, integrated, low carbon energy system** that delivers reliable supplies of energy at affordable prices to consumers in all parts of Scotland - building upon the existing economic strengths of the energy sector in Scotland, whilst protecting energy security and tackling fuel poverty.

Content

- The draft Energy Strategy seeks views on a wide range of issues, including:
 - **An Ambitious new 2030 target of 50% of Scotland's energy consumption to be met by renewable energy** - demonstrating the Scottish Government's commitment to a renewable future.
 - **Getting the market right for renewables as the costs continue to fall**, to ensure the continued growth of the sector, in particular:
 - A new policy statement to address the factors influencing the next phase of **Onshore wind**;
 - Continued commitment to address the distinct barriers to the deployment of **remote island wind** projects that would underpin transmission links and unlock other forms of island generation.
 - Continued support for innovation and cost reduction of **marine renewables and fixed and floating offshore wind**;
 - Reinforce the Scottish Government's commitment to promote **hydro power and pumped hydro storage**.
 - **A renewed focus on energy efficiency** – taking a targeted approach to reducing demand and improving the energy efficiency of Scotland's homes and buildings through **Scotland's Energy Efficiency Programme**.
 - **A strategic, local approach to planning for energy** – working in partnership with Local Authorities and partners, building on existing Scottish Government support, and exploring the role of a **Government-Owned Energy Company** and the creation of a **Green Energy Bond** to support Scottish energy projects.

Consultation period

- The draft Energy Strategy is **open for consultation until 30 May 2017**.
- There are **four accompanying consultation documents** covering Scotland's Energy Efficiency Programme (30 May), Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategies and District Heating Regulation (18 April), Onshore Wind Policy (30 May), and Unconventional Oil and Gas (31 May).
- Throughout this consultation period the Scottish Government will **engage widely with a variety of stakeholders** – attracting interest and gaining insight from industry, academic, public sector and NGO representatives.