

SCOTTISH ISLAND RENEWABLES DELIVERY FORUM II

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Scottish Government, Victoria Quay

ACTIONS

Future of the Delivery Forum

- SG and DECC to convene the next Delivery Forum for December, and invite UK and Scottish Ministers to co-chair (subject to diaries).

Update: Ministerial offices still trying to identify date and venue for December or early January if all other options are exhausted

Development and support of needs cases

- Ofgem to write to Mr Ewing (within two weeks) to set out its detailed position on the timescale for assessing islands needs cases (indicated as being 6 to 8 months). Of particular interest is: (i) how Ofgem apply their "consumer interest" test; (ii) a general overview of how/which costs and benefits are assessed; and, (iii) a response to Viking Energy's suggestion that the needs case process should move in parallel as far as possible with other important issues (conditions precedent) such as the award of a CfD.

Update: See two letters attached

- Mr Ewing to meet [REDACTED] following receipt of the letter from Ofgem. Ofgem and SG to liaise on a suitable date.

Update: Meeting held 12 November Mr Ewing asked [REDACTED] to clarify what was said in letter of 11 November regarding the progress can be made with needs cases pending policy commitments on future support

- SG to coordinate a refresh of the enablers list, which has been adopted as the focal point of the Forum's activities, with a new column added to highlight progress. SG to circulate the list for updates from action holders.

Update: See attached

Renewables support

- DECC to copy expected letter from Ed Davey to Fergus Ewing – about visibility of support post 2018/19 and the potential for 'bespoke' contracts to be developed – to Forum participants once issued (expected within next two weeks).

Update: Letter dated 27 September circulated to Delivery Forum members 20 October

- DECC to consider the timetable for the submission of the State Aid notification and give thought to the most effective contribution the Scottish Government could make to accelerate and smooth its progress through the Commission. DECC will also respond to Mr Ewing's letter of 5 August on this matter and update the Forum by correspondence in due course.

Update: Scottish Government State Aids Unit energy specialist has approached DECC equivalents and stands ready to provide assistance. Indicative timeline for notification to be set out by DECC. Information has been requested from Viking Energy by DECC.

Securities and liabilities

- Viking Energy to provide an update at the next Delivery Forum about its work with ES Noble on a proposed 'market instrument'.
- SG and National Grid to convene the following meetings in the next few weeks: (i) Orkney around the grid queue, and (ii) Western Isles, on the same topic. Results to be brought back to the next Forum.

Update: Orkney teleconference held 23 October (see attached note). Western Isles TBC pending conclusion re Beinn Mhor project.

- National Grid to confirm if Viking Energy's understanding on the Shetland MITs connection point (i.e. moved to Spittal) is correct.

National Grid has indicated it has done so.

Further devolution proposals

- SG and DECC to give further consideration to Scottish Renewables' proposals around the delivery of the island links. Update to be given to the next Forum.
- All – Consider individual and collaborative submissions to Lord Smith's Commission.

Update: Smith Commission report published 27 November.

Marine R&D

- SG, DECC, HIE & OIC – To further develop and progress proposals for EU funding to support Orkney grid reinforcement. Update to be given at next Forum.