

Onshore Wind Industry Taskforce

Date and Time: 10.00-11.30, Tuesday 3 December 2024

Location: EDF Renewables UK Building, Westminster; Microsoft Teams

Chairs:

Minister Michael Shanks, Minister for Energy

Matthieu Hue, CEO EDF Renewables

Taskforce Delegates

Heather Donald (SSE Renewables)

Gillian Noble (Scottish Power
Renewables)

Lucy Whitford (RES)

Eleri Davies (RWE)

Lisa Christie (Vattenfall)

Joanna Ellis (Nadara)

Christine McGregor (BayWa R.E.)

Laure Fleming (Hitachi)

Dan McGrail (Renewable UK)

Morag Watson (Scottish Renewables)

Julian Leslie (National Energy
Systems Operator)

Steve Thomas (Prospect)

Sharon Graham (Unite)

Mike Smyth (Energy4All)

Jason Welch (Nordex)

Steve Adams (Hutchinson
Engineering)

Edward Sheriff (Welsh Government)

Jasmine Killen (Scottish Government)

With support from officials from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero and administrative support from Renewable UK and EDF.

Summary

- Minister Shanks updated taskforce members on wider DESNZ work and the policy landscape, including the Clean Power Mission.
- Matthieu Hue set out progress made since the last meeting, including data collection, evidence gathering, and policy prioritisation exercises.
- Taskforce members discussed the principles by which decisions should be made on policy options.
- Taskforce members discussed a proposed prioritisation of policy options for inclusion in the final report, split by policy theme. The themes included:
 - Planning, scoping and consenting
 - Grids and systems
 - Communities and public perception
 - Aviation and defence
 - Finances and routes to market
 - Supply chains, skills and workforce
- Taskforce members provided comment, challenge, and support to the policy options list and specific actions were noted where changes were required.
- Minister Shanks set out next steps:
 - Noted actions to be picked up to alter the policy options lists.

- Technical working groups to be reconvened in January/February to finalise the policy options for inclusion in the final report.
- Next Onshore Wind Industry Taskforce Executive Committee meeting to be scheduled in February/March.
- Minister Shanks called the meeting to a close.