

Onshore Wind Industry Taskforce: Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: 15:00 – 17:00, Monday 7th April 2025

Location: EDF Renewables UK Building, Westminster; Microsoft Teams

Chairs:

Secretary of State Ed Miliband

Minister Michael Shanks, Minister for Energy

Matthieu Hue, CEO EDF Renewables

Taskforce Delegates

Jane Cooper (Renewable UK)

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.)

Zoisa North-Bond (Octopus Energy
Generation)

Morag Watson (Scottish Renewables)

Mike Smyth (Energy4All)

Jason Welch (Nordex)

Laura Fleming (Hitachi)

Steve Adams (Hutchinson
Engineering)

Julian Leslie (National Energy
Systems Operator)

Steve Thomas (Prospect)

Simon Coop (Unite)

Andy Prendergast (GMB)

Edward Sheriff (Welsh Government)

Catherine Williams (Scottish
Government)

Adam Mackie (Scottish Government)

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

Summary

- Secretary of State thanked delegates for their engagement throughout the Onshore Wind Taskforce and discussed the importance of onshore wind in the current global context.
- Matthieu Hue summarised research on progressing ‘ready-to-go’ projects to investment decisions and Taskforce members provided comment.
- Taskforce members discussed the policy actions to be included in the Onshore Wind Strategy, 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 comments and support for the policy actions to be included in the Onshore Wind Strategy. Specific actions were noted where amendments were required.
- Officials presented analysis on onshore wind deployment and taskforce members provided feedback.
- Minister Shanks set out next steps:
 - Executive Committee to receive the Onshore Wind Strategy document ahead of publication.
 - Onshore Wind Strategy to be published at pace so actions can begin to be delivered.
 - Monitoring forum to be established post-publication to track and monitor actions, as well as ensuring the Onshore Wind Strategy takes account of emerging developments.
- Minister Shanks called the meeting to a close.