

Onshore Wind Council: Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: 14:00-15:30, Wednesday 15th October 2025

Location: 55 Whitehall Place; Microsoft Teams

Chairs: Minister Michael Shanks, Minister for Energy

Matthieu Hue, CEO EDF Power Solutions

Onshore Wind Council delegates:

Jane Cooper (RenewableUK)	Derek Hastings (Bute Energy)
James Robottom (RenewableUK)	Steve Adams (Hutchinson Engineering)
Claire Mack (Scottish Renewables)	David Willmot (NESO)
Morag Watson (Scottish Renewables)	Duncan Law (Community Energy England)
Richard Dunkley (OnPath Energy)	Mike Smyth (Energy4All)
Gillian Noble (Scottish Power Renewables)	Ed Bratt (UNISON)

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Summary

- Minister Shanks thanked Council members for their ongoing engagement with the Onshore Wind Strategy and associated actions.
- DESNZ provided updates on the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) of the Onshore Wind Strategy actions and presented a dashboard displaying the onshore wind pipeline, barriers to deployment, and action progress.
- Council members provided updates on priority Onshore Wind Strategy actions, including aviation and defence; progress on undertaking a Supply Chain Capability Assessment (SCCA); abnormal loads and supply chains; and grid constraints. The Council were invited for comment on each policy update.
- DESNZ presented a paper on skills and workforce evidence gaps within the onshore wind sector and facilitated a discussion on next steps to address identified evidence gaps.
- The Industry Delivery Group presented a paper on repowering, its potential use for onshore wind turbines, and the barriers to repowering that currently exist. The Council agreed further work should be undertaken to identify solutions to harness the potential of repowering and life extensions.
- Minister Shanks and Matthieu Hue brought the meeting to a close.