

Onshore Wind Council: Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: 13:00-15:00, Wednesday 15th July 2026

Location: 55 Whitehall Place; Microsoft Teams

Chairs: Minister Michael Shanks, Minister for Energy; Chris Stark, Head of Clean Power Unit; Matthieu Hue, CEO EDF Power Solutions.

Onshore Wind Council delegates:

Jane Cooper (RenewableUK)	David Willmot (NESO)
James Robottom (RenewableUK)	Rebecca Yang (NESO)
Colin Palmer (Scottish Renewables)	Duncan Law (Community Energy England)
Richard Dunkley (OnPath Energy)	Mike Smyth (Energy4All)
Lisa Christie (Vattenfall)	Jessica Norris (Prospect)
Finley Becks-Phelps (Nadara)	

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Summary

- The Chairs reflected on one year of Onshore Wind Council meetings and the progress made in supporting the deployment of onshore wind across the UK. They also discussed the upcoming AR8 Contracts for Difference auction.
- DESNZ provided updates on the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) of the Onshore Wind Strategy actions and presented a dashboard displaying the onshore wind pipeline.
- DESNZ presented a paper on the actions identified to help accelerate onshore wind repowering in the UK. The Council agreed that further work would be undertaken to develop the evidence base for repowering potential and to communicate strategy with wider industry.
- NESO provided an update on the implementation of grid connections reform. The Council welcomed future engagement from NESO.
- DESNZ presented initial proposals for a potential Radar Mitigation Fund to support civil airports who require radar upgrades. The Council welcomed the direction of work and agreed to continue engagement as proposals are developed further.
- Minister Shanks and Matthieu Hue brought the meeting to a close.