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Policy

Scottish Government to set 2045 net zero target

The Committee on Climate Change has recommended a net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045 target for Scotland in a new report published on 2 May. Subsequently, the Scottish Government has announced that it will be legislating to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to zero by 2045. Fuller coverage of this story can be found in the attached feature.

Industry

SFT recommends energy efficiency and EV investment in its 2019 report

The Scottish Futures Trust (SFT) published its 2019-2024 corporate plan assessing Scotland's infrastructure needs and priorities on 25 April. The SFT is an 'infrastructure centre of expertise' owned by the Scottish Government. It is responsible for production of infrastructure programmes in order to develop Scotland's economy.

In its latest report, it identified energy efficiency measures and better insulated buildings as a key area in which investment funds should be directed to cut carbon emissions. It also outlined the need for greater access to EV charge points in order to encourage increased adoption of the low emitters.

Michael Matheson, Infrastructure Secretary, said: "The Scottish Government's £5 billion commitment to infrastructure investment in 2019-20 will support 50,000 affordable new homes, delivery of the extension of early learning and childcare, new roads and railways, electric vehicles and delivery of superfast broadband across Scotland".

[Scottish Futures Trust](#)

Orkney Islands Council are set to consider two more community windfarms

The Orkney Islands Council has announced plans to investigate an additional two sites as part of the Orkney's Community Wind Farm Project.

Published on 26 April, the new developments would be in addition to the current 28MW project under investigation on Hoy. The site at Faray in the North Isles could reach up to 32MW and

include eight 150m blade tip turbines, while Quanterness in St Ola could reach up to 24MW, with the potential capacity for six 150m blade tip height turbines.

The developments will work to promote collaboration between the Council and local developers to contribute to a Needs Case for a new interconnector for Orkney, supporting future renewable energy developments.

[Orkney Islands Council](#)

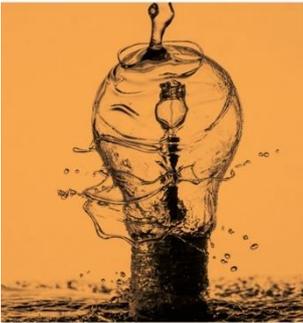
Crown Estate Scotland set to launch new offshore wind leasing round in October

Crown Estate Scotland has revealed plans to launch Scotland's new leasing round for offshore wind projects in October.

Announced on 29 April, a pre-launch in July will be held to provide further details prior to the event, with the deadline for applications to be between February and April 2020. The offer of option agreements to successful applicants following publication of the Final Sectoral Plan adopted by Scottish Ministers will also be between May and July 2020.

Senior Development Manager for Crown Estate Scotland John Robertson said: "We want to provide clarity around our leasing proposals. We'll continue to liaise closely with the industry and others in the coming months, and we'll confirm the exact launch date in due course."

[Crown Estate Scotland](#)



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