

FROM STRATEGY TO DELIVERY

26th and 27th April
Golden Lion Hotel
8-10 King Street
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Join us at this pivotal time in the local energy sector – we want to hear from you! Our two day event explores the Scottish Government's aims and ambitions of the current draft Energy Strategy, and how we can help achieve these at a local energy level. *We've designed the agenda to be as flexible as possible; you are welcome to attend just one or both days.*

Day one: Focusing on the Strategy.

We are delighted to be joined by **Paul Wheelhouse, Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy**, who will be delivering our keynote speech, and we will hear from a number of successful energy projects.

Our breakout sessions will give you the chance to consider issues, questions, challenges and opportunities laid out in the Strategy.

The day will close with our expert panel discussion, featuring a presentation from Chris Stark, the Scottish Government's Director of Energy and Climate Change.

We hope you can join us for the conference dinner, sponsored by SSEN, where you can mull over the day's discussions in an informal environment.

Day two: Delivering Projects

Day two focuses on the nitty gritty of projects, and discussing topics in depth. We've split workshops into three suggested streams, but you can select your workshops as you wish.

The first stream explores shared ownership; the support available to deliver, alignment with the planning system and how to make the most of funds received from revenue-generating community energy projects.

The second and third streams start with a session on Scottish Government support for local energy projects. You can then attend one of two workstreams:

- Starting a project – design and commercialisation, or
- Delivering a project already underway – managing contractors and communications.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Our thanks go to the Scottish Government and our sponsors for kindly supporting the CARES conference – SSEN and Friends of the Earth Scotland.



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CARES Conference 2017

9:30	Registration Tea and coffee		
10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Chris Morris, Local Energy Scotland • Keynote speech <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Paul Wheelhouse, Minister for Business, Innovation and Energy Project successes Hear about the project journey from those who have delivered successful schemes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donside hydro, urban share offer – <i>Sinclair Laing, Aberdeen Community Energy</i> • Dalavich hydro, sharing a grid connection – <i>Carole Thomas, Dalavich Improvement Group</i> • Coigach Community Wind, using refurbished turbines 		
11:15	Coffee break		
11:30	SHAPING THE FUTURE <i>Your chance to explore the Scottish Government's Draft Energy Strategy and consultation documents in detail. We will explore policy perspective, hear from live projects, sector experts and give you the chance to input. Local Energy Scotland will write a report of each breakout session to feed into the relevant consultations.</i>		
11:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Shared Ownership <i>How industry and communities can work together on large scale projects, to maximise mutual benefit.</i></p> <p>We look at the challenges in mainstreaming the shared ownership approach.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Laura Nicolson, Local Energy Scotland 	<p style="text-align: center;">Smart local energy systems <i>The Energy Strategy approach: a strategic, holistic energy system?</i></p> <p>We explore how to design and deliver these complex systems, and what this looks like in practice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jennifer Ramsay, Local Energy Scotland - Euan Dobson, Scottish Enterprise - Carole Thomas, Dalavich Improvement Group 	<p style="text-align: center;">1GW by 2020 <i>Scottish Government target for 1GW of community and locally owned energy by 2020.</i></p> <p>We ask how this will be achieved, exploring new approaches, market developments and technical ideas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Andrew Morton, Local Energy Scotland - Colin McNaught, Ricardo Energy & Environment - Sinclair Laing, Aberdeen Community Energy
13:00	Lunch		
14:00	Shared Ownership	Smart local energy systems	1GW by 2020
15:15	Coffee break		
15:30	Expert Panel Discussion: Local Energy in 2030 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Stark, the Scottish Government's Director of Energy and Climate Change, will share the Scottish Government aims and ambitions for our energy future. Our expert panel will respond and discuss this vision, with audience questions. The expert panel will feature: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Viv Cockburn, Director of Corporate Services and Low Carbon, Scottish Futures Trust - Emma Bridge, Chief Executive, Community Energy England - Rachel Searle-Mbullu, Head of Community Investment, Foundation Scotland 		
17:00	Close and networking		
18:00	Conference dinner held in the Golden Lion Hotel Delegates are invited to join us for a conference dinner to continue the day's discussions, sponsored by SSEN.		

DAY TWO – 27th APRIL



Day two is centred on sessions looking at how to plan, deliver and operate projects, enabled by appropriate Scottish Government support.

09:00	Registration		
09:30	Support to meet the 2020 targets: We will explore the support available to assist local energy project delivery and hear a review of sector status. Sue Kearns, Scottish Government – <i>an overview of Scottish Government support</i> Chris Morris, Local Energy Scotland – <i>CARES 2017-20: shaping support for local energy</i> Simon Robinson, Snell Bridge – <i>local energy market opportunities</i>		
10:15	Supporting local energy projects: Scottish Government support to achieve The Scottish Government wishes to empower communities and local areas to play a part in the transition towards a secure, low carbon energy future. Find out about the support and funding available for local energy systems and discuss the sector's funding needs. What support would help you to deliver local energy projects? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jennifer Ramsay, Local Energy Scotland - Scottish Government, LCITP - Ken Brady, District Heating Loan Fund 	Supporting shared ownership: Scottish Government support to achieve Explore the opportunities for shared ownership and discuss how the Scottish Government can support you to deliver. What innovative mechanisms could lead to step-change in the sector? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Karen Delaney, Local Energy Scotland - Laura Finlayson, REIF - Simon Robinson, Snell Bridge 	
11:30	Coffee break		
11:45	Starting a local energy project I: Strategic design The first step in considering a local energy project – taking a strategic approach to design and including the right components and partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ian Stewart, Local Energy Scotland - Hugh Muschamp, Resource Efficient Solutions - Simon Morris, Ricardo Energy & Environment 	Managing contracts and partners: Ensuring professional delivery Sound procurement, contracts, and supplier relationships are the backbone to successful delivery. Partnerships rely on clearly defined roles and mutual understanding.	Shared ownership and planning: Achieving net economic benefit The planning system recognises net economic benefit from shared ownership schemes as material consideration. We will discuss preparing successful planning applications for shared ownership projects. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Julia Frost, Planning Aid Scotland
13:00	Lunch		
14:00	Starting a local energy project II: Finance and technical We explore alternative models, new revenue streams and innovative thinking, local network management to designing successful projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Andrew Morton, Local Energy Scotland - Gavin Stewart, SSEN - Cameron Welsh, Flexitricity 	Sharing success: Project communications and promotions After all the hard work, it's time to celebrate successes! We explore how to share your message, engage with press and media, and inspire others. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rachelle Money, Scottish Renewables 	Community Benefits: Taking the Temperature We explore how community funds are being delivered in practice and the relationship with Scottish Government policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Foundation Scotland
15:15	Conference close		