

Energy Efficiency & Microgeneration Strategy Draft Response.

Questions

1. Do you agree with the overall approach taken in this draft strategy for improving energy efficiency and encouraging greater uptake of microgeneration? If not, why not?

2. Do you have any views on the key actions covered in the draft strategy summarised in Chapter 8 - Conclusions and Next Steps?

3. The draft Strategy states that we will consider targets to be included in the final Strategy and Action Plan:

a) Do you have any views on specific targets referred to within the draft?

b) Are there any other targets which you believe should be considered?

4. Are there any other comments you would like to offer on this strategy in relation to the promotion of energy efficiency and microgeneration in Scotland?

The draft strategy addresses the greater uptake of energy efficient and microgeneration technologies within the business community to reduce CO2 emissions and increase competitiveness. However we would suggest greater emphasis on encouraging the new business opportunities that this developing market could bring to Scottish industry.

We believe that effort should be made to help create a vibrant, indigenous industry to support the growing market for distributed and sustainable forms of energy conversion and use, which would align with the Green Jobs strategy. We also believe the action plan that results from this strategy should focus attention on encouraging and supporting companies to get involved in the supply chains growing around these technologies, and support the development and commercialisation of indigenous technologies.

5. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, how do you think your organisation will/can contribute to the success of the strategy?

The Scottish Enterprise Network is well placed to help understand the nature and scale of supply chain opportunities that will develop around this market and to help support Scottish businesses to diversify into them. Similar work is underway within the large scale wind power sector.

The SE Network can support the development and commercialisation of energy efficiency and microgeneration technologies through a number of support resources and initiatives such as the Proof of Concept (POC) fund, Enterprise Fellowship Scheme. SE Energy Team, Local Enterprise Companies and the SE Energy Technology Centre (ETC) in Lanarkshire.

