

Note of the meeting between CSEEP and National Grid Strategic Infrastructure projects team.

11/12/24, Ty Hywel

In attendance:

- Rebecca Evans, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning
- National Grid
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- External Affairs, Wales, National Grid

Officials attending:

- WG Energy Division
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Agenda items and key points discussed:

3) AC6 update (onshoring an interconnector from Scotland)

- National Grid are looking at Wales strategically, as well as the rest of the network, considering major reinforcement projects for Net Zero
- Currently looking at strategic options for bringing on to shore an offshore HVDC link between Scotland and Wales. This is a similar technology to interconnectors.
- National Grid have been asked to do detailed scoping work and submit business plan to Ofgem.
- Possible landing points have been reviewed for environmental measures etc. and N Wales is currently being explored as the potential onshoring point.
- Work considering any routing corridors for instance, not yet commenced, so very early stages of project
- The resulting strategic options appraisal report will be a public document later.
- It is challenging to pinpoint a timeframe for the project as it is in the early stages.
 - o The strategic options analysis will go to Ofgem in the new year who will assess it.
 - o This may be followed by a competitive tendering process to who takes forward the project.
 - o Supply chains have to be procured.
 - o An educated estimate of project arrival would be mid 2030s but nothing more specific is determinable at this stage.

- There is potential for Welsh businesses to be in the supply chain for project delivery – although National Grid may not deliver this project.