

Scottish Elections 2021



OGUK Manifesto

OGUK calls on the Parliament and Government to champion the role of oil and gas as part of the energy mix, providing reassurance to the 102,000 people whose jobs are supported by the oil and gas industry across Scotland and our investor community.

It is particularly important in this COP26 year that the revised Scottish Energy Strategy reflects this but also highlights future opportunities for our supply chain. Our Business Outlook report into activity and the supply chain show that in early 2020 around three quarters of companies were generating some of their revenue from non-oil and gas work.

In order to champion the role of oil and gas in the energy transition we ask that the next Parliament and Government:

Support the North Sea Transition Deal - We ask for political support for the NSTD, the first deal of its kind by a G7 country that recognises the oil and gas industry is key to achieving UK net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. The industry is moving at pace towards a lower carbon future, showing global leadership in supporting the UK to meet its net zero commitment. We want the Scottish Government to work with industry to ensure the benefits of this deal are felt across Scotland.

Share Cabinet responsibility for net zero - We ask that all Cabinet Secretaries take collective responsibility for supporting Scotland's effort to achieve its net zero targets and drive a fair transition for our energy communities.

Introduce competitive business taxation - We ask for a competitive business rates system to support our members who have offices, warehouses and facilities right across Scotland.

Work with industry to support our skilled workforce - We ask that Government works with industry to ensure that our schools, universities and colleges are geared towards training a skilled workforce now, but also for those highly technical and exciting roles of the future. We also need Government to champion the industry so that the next generation feels confident about choosing an energy career.

Vaccinate our workforce - We ask that if there is additional capacity after frontline health and care staff, the elderly and those deemed vulnerable have been vaccinated then vaccines should also be rolled out to the offshore workforce who are critical to delivering our energy supply.

Improve physical connectivity - We ask for a stronger focus on connectivity between oil and gas hubs in Scotland and overseas, for instance preserving landing slots at Heathrow airport for regional hub flights and regular and efficient rail and road connections between Scotland's cities.

Improve digital connectivity - We ask for better digital connectivity in Scotland. A report published in 2020 showed that although Aberdeen City is one of the best-connected cities in Scotland, 22,000 premises in Aberdeenshire still cannot access high speed broadband.

Trade support - We ask for continued support as the Trade Vision is implemented for the full range of activities that support decarbonisation overseas to ensure our world class supply chain is supported to export its products and expertise and drive the global effort to reduce emissions.

Regenerated city centres - We ask that our city centres are championed by government. Thriving city centres that drive commercial confidence are essential to encouraging our people to want to live in Scotland and our entrepreneurs and investors to base their businesses here.

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North Sea Transition Deal

- powering a cleaner UK



The UK's offshore oil and gas industry is changing. It remains a crucial part of the UK economy and we are committed to playing a positive role in the UK's energy future.

The UK offshore oil and gas industry has essential expertise to help the UK Government meet its climate ambitions of being 'net zero' by 2050.

At the same time, this industry has an important economic role to play across Scotland and the wider UK, supporting jobs and creating exciting energy careers of the future.

Through a managed transition, we can create a greener and cleaner future by:

- Ensuring that sustainable energy is affordable
- Supporting jobs and developing new careers and opportunities
- Meeting oil and gas needs with cleaner resources produced with fewer emissions
- Developing homegrown greener energy solutions and reducing reliance on imported oil and gas.

This means we are accountable for the associated emissions, rather than leaving it to other countries where emissions standards might be lower

Many oil and gas companies already produce energy from renewable sources. We are on track to reduce our emissions by 50% in 2030, and 90% by 2040 – we are committed to helping make net zero by 2050 happen on time.

01 SUPPLY DECARBONISATION

02 CARBON CAPTURE & STORAGE

03 HYDROGEN

04 SUPPLY CHAIN TRANSFORMATION

05 PEOPLE & SKILLS

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