



Isle of Man  
Chamber of Commerce

**Business Sustainability Forum  
Renewable Energy Policy**

**Foreword**

Isle of Man Chamber of Commerce recognises the Climate Change Act, 2021 'for the Island to reach New Zero in all sectors by 2050' and the Climate Change Action Plan, 2022-2027 'to reach 100% decarbonised electricity by 2030'.

We also understand that Manx Utilities has responsibility to 'retain a secure, reliable and economic supply of electricity, and will use renewable sources of energy, so far as reasonably practicable', as part of the Electricity Act, 1996.

Therefore, to align with DEFA Energy Strategy, 2023 Manx Utilities are expected to deliver an 'optimised level of onshore renewables, with greater focus on onshore wind'.

**Policy Statement**

Isle of Man Chamber of Commerce supports all opportunities which follow proper process and legal requirements, at a pace and urgency to meet the main call from the private sector which is for a secure supply of green energy on and/or to the Isle of Man at an affordable price.

**Background**

**Vision from BSG workshops:**

The main call from the private sector is for a secure supply of Manx green energy at an affordable price.

**The following will deliver significant progress towards a green economy on the Isle of Man:**

Support 100% Manx-sourced green electricity within 10 years & near 100% green power within 15 years through an integrated low-carbon electricity-heating-transport network.

While the IoM Government has the option to select sites on Government land, Chamber is supportive in the proper and unrestricted process to establish all the correct standards and permissions, without hindrance, to establish an evidence-based decision process.



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Supportive legislation & efficient planning process for reducing emissions & improving environmental impacts, including a fair carbon pricing system, commercial incentives for sustainable activities & a means of compensating carbon-intense industries during the transition to a low-carbon economy.

### **Practical steps to enable the generation of renewable energy on the Isle of Man**

Support the development of a mechanism by which the private sector can be proactive in proposing & instigating new infrastructure projects to decarbonise electricity, heating & transport.

#### Climate Change Act, 2021

- Isle of Man will reach Net Zero in all sectors by 2050
- 45% Reduction in emissions by 2035
- 35% Reduction in emissions by 2030

#### Climate Change Action Plan, 2022 – 2027

- 100% Decarbonised electricity by 2030
- At least 20MW onshore renewables by 2026

#### Electricity Act, 1996

- Manx Utilities will retain a secure, reliable and economic supply of electricity
- Manx Utilities will use renewable sources of energy, so far as reasonably practicable

#### DEFA Energy Strategy, 2023

- Optimised level of onshore renewables, with greater focus on onshore wind
- Government renewable projects will be in public ownership to deliver the lowest cost to the consumer

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