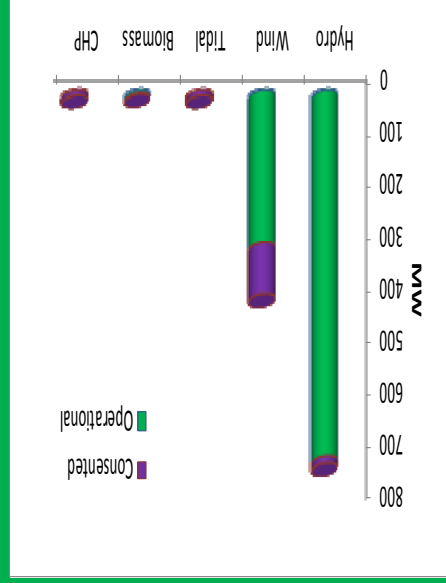


- Opportunities moving forward**
- In addition to existing activity within the renewables sector, the following offer important opportunities for future development across Argyll:
 - Short Term
 - Local Energy Economies
 - Local Heat Mapping
 - Grid improvements
 - Renewables manufacturing and supply chain
 - Medium/Long Term
 - Further development of offshore renewables



This Renewable Energy Action Plan has been developed to assist Argyll and Bute realise its vision for the development of renewable energy:

“Argyll and the Islands will be at the heart of renewable energy development in Scotland by taking full advantage of its unique and significant mix of indigenous renewable resources and maximising the opportunities for sustainable economic growth for the benefits of its communities and Scotland.”

Given the area’s distinguished track record of pioneering and delivering renewables and our renewable resources we are well placed to take advantage of the economic opportunities being offered from renewable energy .



Renewables in Argyll and Bute

With over 1GW of operational and consented renewables, both onshore and offshore, renewable energy is an important economic sector within Argyll and Bute and plays an important role in delivering renewables nationally.

Our existing supply chain businesses as well as key renewables sites, such as the National Renewables Infrastructure Plan (N-RIP) site of Campbeltown and the world class research facilities at the European Marine Science Park, mean that Argyll is well placed to benefit from future renewables all supported by a continually improving infrastructure and a growing skills base.

ABRA (Argyll and Bute Renewable Alliance) is a strategic public/private sector alliance led by Argyll & Bute Council with a vision and an action plan for working together and aligning partner resources to power Scot-



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Argyll and Bute recognises the importance of working together to optimise renewable energy assets in a manner that benefits our local communities, our economy and Scotland. ABRA has developed this Action Plan to guide our activities. The action plan is also available as a story app and can be accessed at <http://arcg.is/2cbzD6l>

ABRA's overarching vision:

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Ref.	Action	Partner(s)	Timescale
TC1	Ensure the grid is fit for purpose to meet renewable energy opportunities – Inveraray-Crossaig overhead line replacement, Northern Argyll substation and submarine cable replacement programme	ABC, HIE, SHEPD, SHETL	2021
TC2	Work with partners to examine opportunities for Local Energy Economies/alternatives to grid improvement e.g. ACCESS project	LES, CES, SHEPD, SHETL	Ongoing
TC3	Promote Campbeltown as an energy port with future potential for Operations and Maintenance (O&M) activities associated with offshore renewables in the Irish Sea and Malin areas and wider Argyll area	ABC, HIE, SDI	Ongoing
SC1	Local supply chain events associated with renewable sector developments and online supplier portals e.g. SSE Open 4 Business Portal	Renewables developers	Ad hoc as development occurs
SC2	Support to non-renewables sector businesses to expand into the renewables sector	ABC, HIE, SDS	2017
BL1	Promote European Marine Science Park as a location for renewables related development	HIE	Ongoing
BL2	Consider future renewables business accommodation and land requirements and feed into Local Development Plan preparation and any relevant national policies such as NPF	ABC, HIE, supply chain	2017
SR1	Work with developers and future investors to identify any skills shortages	HIE, SDS, renewables developers, supply chain	Ongoing
SR2	Maintain suitable courses to support renewables and energy skills	Argyll College, UHI	Ongoing
SR3	Consider opportunities for apprenticeship/work experience programmes	SHEPD, SHETL, renewables developers	Ad hoc as development occurs
SR4	Schools education and skills career days	SPR via ALI Energy, ABC, renewables developers	Ad hoc as development occurs
ABRA1	Investigate opportunities for share ownership of renewables	Renewable developers, LES	Ad hoc as development occurs
ABRA2	Support community benefits from renewables development	Renewable developers, LES	Ongoing
ABRA3	Support community based renewables through the Community Renewable Opportunity Portal (CROP), direct support and events	LES, ABC	Ongoing
ABRA4	Influence legislation and policy development to ensure delivery of overarching ABRA vision and to assist in securing a successful route to market	ABC, HIE, renewable developers, LES, CES, SDS	Ongoing

TC—Transport and Connectivity. SC—Supply Chain. BL— Business Land SR—Skills and Recruitment.