



# The Govan Heritage Trust SCIO

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## RIIO-T3 Draft Determination

I write on behalf of Govan Heritage Trust which has benefited as one of the projects in the first round of the RIIO-T2 Net Zero Fund. The funding we have received has been critical in allowing our social enterprise to become active participants and advocates in the field of renewal energy. It is highly unlikely that without SPEN's Net Zero Funding we could have made any progress at all in this area. As things stand, we are close to completion of a highly innovative River Source Heat Pump initiative which will allow us to heat the former Govan Old church, a Victorian building of cathedral proportions, using water from the River Clyde. We consider it an important pilot project that can demonstrate the extent to which the Clyde can be used as a source of energy.

### SPTQ1 in the RIIO-T3 Draft Determinations – SPT. 5.

I wish to respond to your current consultation exercise and to urge you to keep future funding open to community organisations such as ourselves which, we believe, embrace innovation in the renewable energy field and are well placed to deliver positive results. Ending funding to community projects, in our opinion and experience, would be a huge missed opportunity. We stress again that your funding is needed because it is unavailable from any other sources, public or private.

We disagree wholly with Ofgem's proposal to limit the scope of the fund and to exclude future bids from community organisations such as us. Communities have a desire and surely a right to be involved in taking forward progressive initiatives in the field of renewal energy.

Regards,

Pat Cassidy  
Trustee