

My comments are as follows;

The proposals are, in general, to be welcomed.

The suggested growth rate for renewables into the grid of abt 400KW is low, very low in my opinion. There is much demand to link in not only from community schemes but also from individuals like myself with 2.5/ 5 KW wind turbines. This should be encouraged and acceptance of renewables should be expanded.

There is no mention of tidal and wave renewables and their potential of supplying the Shetland grid. These may well be huge and are predictable.

The district heating scheme is only for Lerwick residents and there are no plans to expand the scheme in other large towns such as Brae which is ideal for ease of distribution as well as have schools, health centre, leisure centre, hotels in addition to housing. Population drift into Lerwick will be accelerated if more " cheap heating" is made available and is unfair to consumers living outwith Lerwick. Similar heating schemes should be encouraged in other Shetland towns.

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