

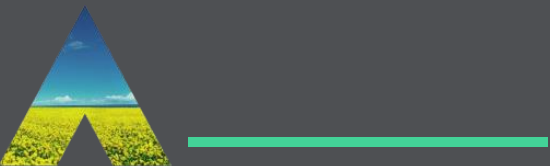
REA All-Members Meeting: General Election 2024, briefing for the Renewables & Clean Tech Sector

14th June 2024



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Welcome & REA Update (*Dr Nina Skorupska*)

Overview of Election Timescale and REA Actions to Date (*Rollo Maschietto*)

Overview of Party Manifestos on Energy, Environment and Climate (*Frank Gordon and Mark Sommerfeld*)

Member Engagement and Next Steps

Member Q&A

REA Upcoming Events



- **Friday 24 May** – Parliament was prorogued.
- “Purdah” – the pre-election period of sensitivity – begun. Government Ministers continue in their roles until the election. Major, new or controversial announcements cannot be made. Civil service withdraws from public engagement.
- **Thursday 30 May** – Parliament was officially dissolved. MPs, if standing, are now on the same level as other Prospective Parliamentary Candidates.



- **Thursday 20 June** – Question Time Leaders' special, with members of the panel facing topical questions from the audience.
- **Wednesday 26 June** – head-to-head debate between Rishi Sunak and Sir Keir Starmer. This is set to be the last TV debate of the election campaign.
- **Thursday 4 July** – Election day, followed by results and any coalition discussions if needed.
- **Tuesday 9 July** – the new Parliament convenes.
- **Wednesday 17 July** - the State Opening of Parliament and the King's Speech take place.



General Election: What has the REA done?

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- REA has already started engagement with politicians and candidates.
- Our [manifesto](#) is on our website.
- We have analysed and responded publicly to the main parties' manifestoes.
- We have published and circulated widely our [First 100 Days action plan](#), spanning our Strategic Pillars.
- We have published [messaging against common anti-Net Zero arguments](#).
- We will continue reaching out to PPCs – is this something you can help us with?



Constituencies where Prospective Parliamentary Candidates have expressed an interest in site visits:

- Swindon South
- Esher and Walton
- Monmouthshire
- Loughborough
- East Thanet
- Bury North
- Peterborough
- Chester South & Eddisbury



Conservatives	Labour	Liberal Democrats
“An Affordable and Pragmatic Transition to Net Zero”	“Cut bills for good and boost energy security, paid for by a windfall tax on oil and gas giants.”	“Liberal Democrats are committed to cutting greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2045 at the latest. We will take the bold, urgent action needed to tackle climate change, cut energy bills and create hundreds of thousands of secure, well-paid new jobs”



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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ruling out creating further green levies.• Ensure the annual policy costs and levies on household energy bills are lower in each year of the next Parliament than they were in 2023• UK Supply Chain Bonus on offshore wind contracts• Increase public spending on R&D to £22 billion a year, up from £20 billion this year• Guaranteeing a vote in the next Parliament on the next stage of net zero pathway• Committed to CBAM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Great British Energy - £8.3 bn over next parliament.• National Wealth Fund - £7.3 bn. Spending on Gigafactories, Carbon Capture and Green Hydrogen• Energy Independent Act to establish framework for energy and climate policies.• New Industrial Strategy informed by Industrial Strategy Council.• British Jobs Bonus – supporting business creating jobs.• Establishing Skills England• Regulatory Body Reforms – including in infrastructure• Committed to CBAM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Give a clearer zero-carbon remit to the UK Infrastructure Bank• Helping people with the cost of living and their energy bills by implementing a proper, one-off windfall tax• New Industrial Strategy informed by Industrial Strategy Council.• Developing National Colleges as national centres of expertise for key sectors inc. Renewables• Introduce a general duty of care for the environment and human rights in business operations and supply chains.• Establish a new Net Zero Delivery Authority• Appoint a Chief Secretary for Sustainability in the Treasury• Committed to CBAM



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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• support solar in the right places, not on 'our best agricultural land'• Democratic consent for onshore wind• Treble our offshore wind capacity• Scale up nuclear power, building on Great British Nuclear.• First two carbon capture and storage clusters• Introducing more efficient local markets for electricity• Annual licensing rounds for oil and gas production from our own North Sea and new gas power stations to maintain a safe and reliable energy• Implementing the recommendations of the Winser Review• Speed up the average time it takes to sign off major infrastructure projects from four years to one• Reform our planning system	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• zero-carbon electricity by 2030• Warm Homes Plan will offer grants and low interest loans for rooftop solar• Double onshore wind, triple solar power, and quadruple offshore wind by 2030.• Invest in carbon capture and storage, hydrogen and marine energy.• Support for new nuclear and £500 mn for Green Hydrogen• Labour will maintain a strategic reserve of gas power stations. Will not issue new licences to explore new oil/gas fields.• Local power plan to address distribution and work with industry to upgrade our national transmission infrastructure.• A ten-year infrastructure strategy, aligned with our industrial strategy and regional development priorities. Inform new national policy statements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invest in renewable power so that 90% of the UK's electricity is generated from renewables by 2030.• Drive a rooftop solar revolution by expanding incentives for households to install solar panels.• Remove unnecessary restrictions on new solar and wind power• supporting investment and innovation in tidal and wave power• Investing in energy storage, including green hydrogen, pumped storage and battery capability• Decoupling electricity prices from the wholesale gas price.• ban on new coal mines• Building the grid infrastructure required, facilitated by a strategic Land and Sea Use Framework



Conservatives	Labour	Liberal Democrats
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• £6 billion in energy efficiency over next three years• Energy efficiency voucher scheme, open to every household in England, to support the installation of energy efficiency measures and solar panels.• Never forcing people to rip out their existing boiler and replace it with a heat pump• Abolishing the legacy EU 'nutrient neutrality' rules to unlock the building of 100,000 new homes with local consent.• No mention of Future Homes and Building Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An extra £6.6 billion over the next parliament, to upgrade five million homes.• Warm Homes Plan will offer grants and low interest loans to support investment in insulation and other improvements such as solar panels, batteries and low carbon heating to cut bills.• Work with the private sector, to provide further private finance to accelerate home upgrades and low carbon heating.• Ensure homes in the private rented sector meet minimum energy efficiency standards by 2030• Will implement solutions to unlock the building of homes affected by nutrient neutrality without weakening environmental protections.• National Wealth Fund to support the most energy intensive sectors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emergency Home Energy Upgrade programme, with free insulation and heat pumps for low-income households.• Energy-Saving Homes scheme, with pilots to find the most effective combination of tax incentives, loans and grants, together with advice and support.• Incentives for installing heat pumps that cover the real costs.• Immediately requiring all new homes and non-domestic buildings to be built to a zero-carbon standard, inc. solar panels.• Reintroducing requirements for landlords to upgrade the energy efficiency of their properties to EPC C or above by 2028• Providing more advice to companies on cutting emissions, supporting the• development of regional industrial clusters for zero-carbon innovation and increasing the Industrial Energy Transformation Fund• Require large businesses to publish transition plans to become nature-positive across their activities and supply chains.



Conservatives	Labour	Liberal Democrats
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support people to choose electric cars by ensuring charging infrastructure is nationwide, including rapid charging and delivering the Zero Emission Vehicle Mandate.• Pumpwatch scheme that will force petrol retailers to share live information on their prices• Automated vehicles on British roads in the next Parliament• £4.7 billion for smaller cities, towns and rural areas in the North and Midlands to spend on their transport priorities• Sustainable Aviation Fuel mandate, an industry-backed revenue support mechanism and investment in future aviation technology.• Back our maritime sector as it decarbonises• Reverse ULEZ expansion in London.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restoring the phase-out date of 2030 for new cars with internal combustion engines• National Wealth Fund: £1.5 billion to new gigafactories.• Supporting buyers of second-hand electric cars by standardising the information supplied on the condition of batteries.• Accelerate the roll out of charge points• Give mayors the power to create unified and integrated transport systems.• Promoting sustainable aviation fuels.• Along-term strategy for transport, ensuring transport infrastructure can be delivered efficiently and on time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restoring the requirement that every new car and small van sold from 2030 is zero emission.• Rapidly rolling out far more charging points, reintroducing the plug-in car grant.• Requiring all charging points to be accessible with a bank card.• Cutting VAT on public charging to 5%.• Ten-year plan for rail electrification• Extend current programmes to encourage local authorities and bus operators to switch entirely to zero-emission buses.• National freight strategy to move from road to rail.• Research and development to make the UK the world leader in zero-carbon flight.• Banning short domestic flights where a direct rail option taking less than 2.5 hours is available for the same journey, unless planes are alternative-fuelled.



• Conservatives	• Labour	• Liberal Democrats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give Regulators, Natural England and Environment Agency, greater accountability and clearer objectives to focus on. • Enhanced penalties for fly tipping • Continue to develop a UK-wide Deposit Return Scheme • prevent new waste incinerators being built, including those with recent permit approvals, revoking those where substantial construction has not taken place • Working with the regulator to further Hold water companies to account • Deliver our tree planting and peatland commitments through our Nature for Climate funding • Introduce a legally binding target to enhance our food security. • Investment in R&D to prioritise cutting-edge technology in areas such as fertiliser and vertical farming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking action to meet our Environment Act targets, and will work in partnership with civil society, communities and business to restore and protect our natural world. • Committed to reducing waste by moving to a circular economy. • Put failing water companies under special measures to clean up our water • Establish three new National Forests in England, whilst planting millions of trees and creating new woodlands. • Introduce a land-use framework and make environment land management schemes work for farmers and nature. • Labour will expand nature-rich habitats such as wetlands, peat bogs and forests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen the Office for Environmental Protection and provide more funding to the Environment Agency and Natural England • Applying to join the European Environment Agency. • Accelerating the transition to a more circular economy • Introducing a deposit return scheme • Setting an ambition of ending plastic waste exports by 2030. • Transforming water companies into public benefit companies, • Set meaningful and binding targets to stop the decline of our natural environment and 'double nature' by 2050. • Plant at least 60 million trees a year • Ensuring new developments result in significant net gain for biodiversity, with up to a 100% net gain for large developments • Holistic and comprehensive National Food Strategy • Accelerate the rollout of the new Environmental Land Management Schemes • Working with and rewarding farmers to reduce the use of costly imported and environmentally harmful artificial fertilisers and pesticides • Banning the use of horticultural peat • Tackling 'greenwashing' by introducing new Blue Carbon and Soils Carbon Standards



- We will work with peer organisations to form a strong, unified voice where possible.
- We're preparing deeper dive technology / policy-specific paper(s) that will span across our Pillars and technologies.
- We are producing a template letter that you can send to the candidates in your constituency.
- We are producing a case study template that will strengthen our government briefings.
- We will ask PPCs to sign a pledge document affirming their support for our sector.
- Conduct a Townhall Discussion to engage directly with our members.



General Election: once the election has been decided.

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- Pick up on party conference plans following GE result.
- Reach out to civil servants, offering support in briefing new ministers.
- Prepare welcome letters to relevant ministers/shadow ministers/select committee chairs, following GE.
- Use our existing general election documents to touch base with newly elected MPs and build a network of Parliamentarians that believe in our industry and want to engage with us.

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Renewable Energy Action Pavilion

11th Nov - 22nd Dec in Baku, Azerbaijan

REA is the first UK renewable trade association to host a blue zone pavilion. We hosted 26 events and welcomed over 1,000 leading climate experts and high-level policymakers at COP28.

As the highest level of the climate conference organised by UNFCCC, COP is the ideal platform to network with world-leading climate experts and regulators, launch flagship initiatives and global partnerships, promote your company's decarbonisation action and engage with the latest developments for energy transition.

Please email George Li at gli@r-e-a.net if you would like to participate.

