

# Energy policy in 2017

With the Political agenda in 2017 likely to be dominated by the UK leaving the European Union, and increased energy policy rhetoric to reduce consumer bills, we look ahead at developments in Energy policy for 2017. Key developments include:

- The Emissions Reduction Plan, which is now expected in Q1, will set out how the Government intends to keep on track for meeting its carbon budget targets throughout the 2020s. Policies expect to include heating, transport, power and housing sectors.
- The “smarter energy systems” plan, expected in spring, examines the future of the electricity network and the development of technologies such as energy storage, smart meters and electric and low emission vehicles.
- The long term future of the Levy Control Framework will be set out, which the Government pledged in the 2017 Budget.
- Information on the Energy Company Obligation transition proposals (2017-2018) are expected early in the year along with a consultation on the long term framework for the scheme (2018-2022)
- Implementation will begin of recommendations in the ‘Each Home Counts’ review (Bonfield Review) dealing with standards and consumer protection in the energy efficiency and renewables sector.
- The Improving Air Quality consultation will seek views for how to reduce emissions from medium combustion plants and generators. The Medium Combustion Plant Directive (MCPD) is to be drafted with the aim to introduce cost effective emission controls on new plants from December 2018 and existing plants in 2025.
- Changes to Building regulations, in particular amendments to Part L 2016 which will focus on building controls and energy efficiency. This will also include the minimum boiler efficiency standards.



January

## January 2017

- **9:** House of Commons and House of Lords return from Christmas Recess
- **10:** Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Secretary Greg Clark appears before the [House of Lords Economic Affairs inquiry on the economics of UK energy policy](#)
- **12:** Consultation closes: [Call for evidence a smart, flexible energy system](#)
- **19 (Provisional):** Monthly Statistics: [RHI deployment: December 2016 & Q4 2016](#)
- **19:** Monthly Statistics: [Household Energy Efficiency Headline Release](#)
- **26:** Monthly Statistics: [Energy trends and prices: November 2016](#)
- **27:** Consultation closes: [Heat in Buildings: The Future of Heat - Non-domestic buildings](#)
- **27:** Consultation closes: [Heat in Buildings - The Future of Heat – Domestic buildings](#)
- **29:** Consultation closes: [UK bioeconomy: call for evidence](#)
- **31:** Government due to publish 2017 climate change risk assessment
- **31:** Consultation closes: [Treatment of non-mainland GB onshore wind projects](#)
- **TBC:** Capacity Market auction for 2017/18 delivery
- **TBC:** Upcoming consultation: Future of retail market regulation – Policy consultation on broad principles
- **TBC:** House of Commons Public Accounts Committee expected to publish report on the Levy Control Framework
- **TBC:** Publication of draft Scottish Climate Plan 2017-2032 and the Scottish Energy Strategy

February

## February 2017

- **1:** Committee on Climate Change publish a report on the impact of carbon budgets on energy bills
- **8:** Consultation closes: [Coal generation in Great Britain: The pathway to a low-carbon future](#)
- **8:** Consultation closes: [Improving air quality: reducing emissions from medium combustion plants and generators](#)
- **10:** Consultation closes: [Implementing midata in the energy sector](#)
- **9-20:** House of Commons and House of Lords Recess
- **22:** Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Secretary Greg Clark speaks at the EEF national manufacturing conference in London
- **23 (Provisional):** Monthly Statistics: [RHI deployment: January 2017](#)
- **23:** Monthly Statistics: [Household Energy Efficiency Headline Release](#)
- **23:** Monthly Statistics: [Energy trends and prices: December 2016](#)
- **TBC:** Consultation expected on a long term replacement for the Energy Company Obligation scheme

March

**March 2017**

- **8:** Spring Budget 2017
- **21-22:** Scottish Renewables annual conference and exhibition in Edinburgh
- **23:** Monthly Statistics : [RHI deployment: February 2017](#)
- **23:** Monthly Statistics : [Household Energy Efficiency Headline Release](#)
- **29-30:** The Future of Utilities forum in London
- **30:** Monthly Statistics: [Energy trends and prices: January 2017](#)
- **TBC:** Capacity Market Transitional Arrangement auction for 2017/18 delivery
- **TBC:** Government expected to set out future of the Levy Control Framework

April

**April 2017**

- **30 (March) – 18 (April):** House of Commons Easter Recess
- **20:** Monthly Statistics : [RHI deployment: March 2017 & Q1 2017](#)
- **20:** Monthly Statistics : [Household Energy Efficiency Headline Release](#)
- **6-24:** House of Lords Easter Recess
- **24:** Deadline for Government to publish a new draft air quality plan
- **27:** Monthly Statistics: [Energy trends and prices: February 2017](#)
- **TBC (Spring 2017):** Government expected to publish plan for a “Smarter Energy System”
- **TBC (Spring 2017):** Government expected to publish long term “emissions reduction plan”

May

**May 2017**

- **10-11:** All Energy exhibition and conference in Glasgow
- **18 :** Monthly statistics: [RHI deployment: April 2017](#)
- **18 :** Monthly statistics: [Household Energy Efficiency Headline Release](#)
- **25:** Monthly Statistics: [Energy trends and prices: March 2017](#)
- **25 (May) – 5 (June):** House of Commons Whitsun Recess
- **26 (May) – 5 (June):** House of Lords Whitsun Recess
- **TBC:** State opening of Parliament

June

**June 2017**

- **22:** Monthly statistics: [RHI deployment: May 2017](#)
- **22:** Monthly statistics: [Household Energy Efficiency Headline Release](#)
- **29:** Monthly Statistics: [Energy trends and prices: April 2017](#)
- **TBC (Early Summer 2017):** DCLG expected to consult on the proposed building regulation changes as set out in the Heat in Buildings consultation.

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