



## Union claims oil workers face green switch pay cuts

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## Wind firm's £370m loan to generate 100 new jobs



BY ANDREW DYKES

An offshore wind firm has landed a £370 million loan to expand its operations in the UK in a move that will create up to 100 new jobs in the north-east.

Westhill-based Seaway7 – which has a fleet of vessels

designed to tackle cable laying, heavy lifting, transportation and turbine installation – has secured work on a string of major projects in recent years.

It carried out installation on the Seagreen scheme off the Angus coast and has also undertaken contracts in Taiwan,

the US and Europe. The bulk of the huge loan has been guaranteed by the Westminster government's UK Export Finance department and the new jobs are expected to be created before the end of the decade.

The finance will support Seaway7 in winning and servicing

engineering, procurement construction and installation contracts for fixed offshore wind projects.

Exports Minister Lord Offord said: "This is a great development for Scotland's renewable energy industry."

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# 'Lawyer gave me cash every time he molested me'

### Witness tells trial former advocate paid him '£5 or £10' after abuse



Aberdeen Sheriff Court.

BY DAVID MCPHEE

A MAN has told a jury that a former lawyer he accuses of abusing him as a child paid him "£5 or £10" every time he was molested.

He was giving evidence at the trial of 64-year-old ex-advocate Mark Strachan who denies preying on two brothers in Aberdeen more than 20 years ago. His alleged victims were

teenagers at the time and at the city's sheriff court yesterday one of them told jurors he had been indecently assaulted by the former solicitor "several times".

The 38-year-old also claimed that Strachan, who had been working as his family's lawyer at the time, would give him cash afterwards.

The court has heard the two boys believed they were taking

part in a "teenage growth study" at the time of the alleged incidents.

The other brother, now aged 37, broke down as he told the court Strachan molested him in his bedroom.

He said that when he recalled the incident years later it felt like a "Pandora's box had been opened in my head".

The trial continues.

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## Youngster, 8 struck by car near school

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### STRACHAN FAMILY CONVENTION

Those with the Strachan surname, spelling broadly defined, are invited to attend the Strachan Family Convention on 31 July 2024 at the Feughside Guesthouse, Strachan, Aberdeenshire at 13:00. Attendance by web link will be possible.

The Lord Lyon is likely only to assign the Chiefly Arms (the mechanism by which a person becomes Chief) to a candidate who has the clear support of the Family Convention. A person who has not previously served as Commander may be required by the Lord Lyon to serve a five or ten year term as Commander before the Lord Lyon would be prepared to assign the Chiefly Arms to that person.

Individuals wishing to put themselves forward as a candidate for Commander or Chief of Clan Strachan are also encouraged to come forward. A candidate must bear the surname alone and must be proposed and seconded by a Strachan authorised to attend the Family Convention. Self-nomination is permitted. This does not mean a new candidate will be appointed Chief immediately. If a new candidate emerges, the Lord Lyon, may insist they serve for a period as Commander. The convention's decision is subject to the Lord Lyon's approval. The Clan Strachan Society cannot favour any candidate.

If interested in being a candidate or attending the Family Convention, please email jim@clanstrachan.org with proof of your use of the surname on or before 30 March 2024.

## Public Notices

### KINTORE BATTERY STORAGE FACILITY PUBLIC CONSULTATION

XRE Gamma Ltd hereby give notice of a consultation event to be held in relation to the following proposed development at land adjacent to Kintore Substation, Kintore, Aberdeenshire, AB51 OXY: "The construction of a 49.9MW Battery Storage Facility".

Following the application's submission to Aberdeenshire Council, a number of design changes have been made. A drop-in consultation event has been organised to inform members of the public of proposed amendments and why they are required. The event will be held on:

**Thursday 23rd November 2023 between 3pm and 7pm at Kintore Parish Church Hall, Castle Hill, Kintore, AB51 0UB**

The Project Team will be in attendance to discuss the proposals and answer questions. Feedback on the proposals should be submitted to XRE Gamma Ltd no later than 15th December 2023.

Further information can be obtained from SCALA Renewables, the Applicant's agent, by contacting Sharon Queeney on 07444 033 097 or by email at sharon.queeney@scalarenewables.com or via xrgamma.consultationonline.co.uk.

Please note that any comments made are to the Applicant, and not representations to the Planning Authority. Following the submission of the design amendments and associated reports to Aberdeenshire Council, neighbour notification and publicity will be undertaken and you will have the opportunity to make formal representations regarding the changes at that time.

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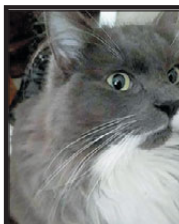
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