

NORTH SEA COMMISSION
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP – RENEWABLE ENERGY SUBGROUP

Members profile 2005

1. Name :

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2. Your e-mail address:

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3. Organisation :

Fife Council, Development Services

4. What is your job title?

(i.e. European adviser, councillor, executive secretary, project manager)

Team Leader-Economic development

5. What is your position within your organisation:

X

Officer

X

Politician

Other

6. Briefly describe your main tasks/responsibilities:

I am responsible for managing Fife Council's business land and property portfolio and all aspects of our business development activity, including financial assistance to businesses; overseas trade; inward investment and key sector initiatives(incl. Renewable energy.

Most of this work is undertaken in partnership with our partners at Scottish Enterprise Fife and Business Gateway Fife.

We are currently engage in the development of the Fife Energy Park in Methil which will focus on the fabrication of large scale renewable energy equipment.

7. Does your organisation have an official presence in Europe / EU?

No

8. What is your structure for representation on European issues?

This is led by a representative in Policy and Organisational development within the Council who represent us on the East of Scotland European Partnership and Commission.

The service is represented by Lis Drew, my Lead officer for external funding

9. How do you lobby Europe on economic development issues?

In a variety of ways through MEP's; MP's and MSP as well as through forums such as NSC.

10. Do you have position papers on:

X

Energy issues and Renewable energy

X

SME Innovation and Development

X

Rural Development

X

Food production, promotion and development (incl. tourism potential)

X

European funding

Academic and business knowledge exchange

Baltic Sea co-operation

Other

11. What other economic development activities are you currently involved with?