

NORTH SEA COMMISSION
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP – RENEWABLE ENERGY SUBGROUP

Members profile 2005

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3. Organisation :

Aberdeenshire Council

4. What is your job title?
 (i.e. European adviser, councillor, executive secretary, project manager)

Head of Economic Development

5. What is your position within your organisation:

Officer	X
Politician	x
Other	

6. Briefly describe your main tasks/responsibilities:

Provide leadership and manage Economic Development service
Develop strategy and policy
Contribution to National Policy
Delivery of Objectives through plans
Strategy on EU matters

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

No

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

We have EU unit and corporate/member groups
Also we employ a consultant

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

This is done via MEPs and direct to Seminar officers and to appropriate DG reps.

10. Do you have position papers on:

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	x
Academic and business knowledge exchange	
Baltic Sea co-operation	
Other	

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

ICT : Fishing : Forestry : International Trade
Economic Forums : Partnerships :