

Caithness and North Sutherland Regeneration Partnership
Inward Investment Progress Report - May 2009

Product Development

Energy The Crown Estate deadline to receive applications for seabed leases has passed. The Crown Estate will shortly release further information.

HIE are working closely with the Crown Estate working on various workstreams for the Pentland Firth.

Marketing Proposition document on offshore wind has been sent to a prospective inward investor.

Working on issue 3 of CNSRP newsletter.

Tourism proposition document in early planning.

Scottish Renewables Festival on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th June.
Various events including opening Forss windfarm to the public, film the Age of Stupid showing at Caithness Horizons, Pentland Firth Project team at John O' Groats vintage car rally. See posters at www.cnsrp.org.uk/downloads/

Attendance alongside the Chamber of Commerce and local businesses at All Energy. All-Energy combines a major renewable energy exhibition and conference covering all renewable sources and the challenges and opportunities facing the industry, with over 5500 attendees.

Prospects

Energy Ongoing discussions with tidal and wave device developers on investing in the area, and their specific requirements for infrastructure, supply chain and skills set going forward.

Leads

We are currently in discussion with 11 companies. These include companies involved in tourism, business services and renewable energy.