

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

Product Development

Energy        The Crown Estate has announced that they have received 42 applications from 20 individuals for seabed leases in the Pentland Firth. The Crown Estate will hold interviews at the end of July with these developers and the successful companies will be announced September - December this year.

HIE are working closely with the Crown Estate on developing eight workstreams for the Pentland Firth Project. These include; Supply Chain, Health & Safety, R&D, Grid, Planning & Consents, Stakeholder Communication, Developers Forum, Project Management.

Marketing    Working on issue 3 of CNSRP newsletter, due in July.  
Tourism proposition document in early planning, with a feasibility study about to be commissioned.  
We were involved in the Scottish Renewables Festival on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June and showed the film; 'The Age of Stupid' at Caithness Horizons and feedback forms from 40 attendees are being collected centrally. The Pentland Firth Project team were at Caithness Horizons and John O' Groats vintage car rally answering questions on renewables.

Prospects

Energy        Ongoing discussions with tidal, wave and offshore wind 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 18 companies. These include companies involved in tourism, business services and renewable energy.