

Learning from UK CfD Auctions

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UK Offshore Wind in 2030



TODAY

2030



7.9GW of generation capacity, providing c. 8.5% of the country's electricity 30GW of generation capacity, providing c. 35% of the country's electricity



c. 11,000 skilled jobs

c. 27,000 skilled jobs



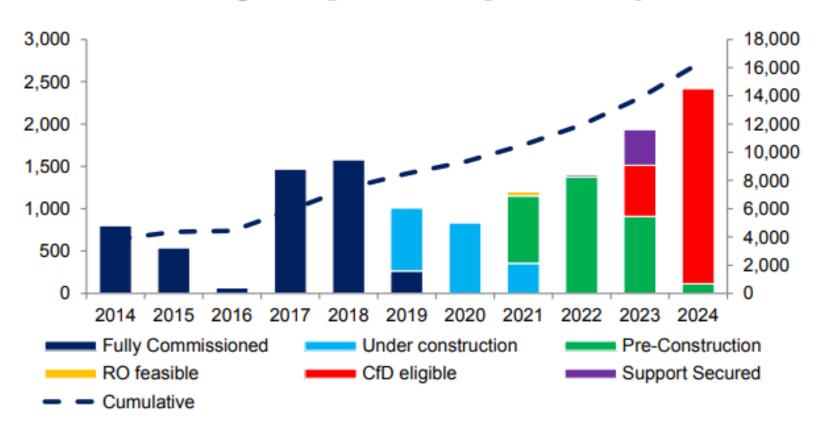
£0.5 billion / year in exports

£2.6 billion / year in exports

UK 5-Year Outlook



UK Commissioning Activity & Forecast by Status (MW p.a.)



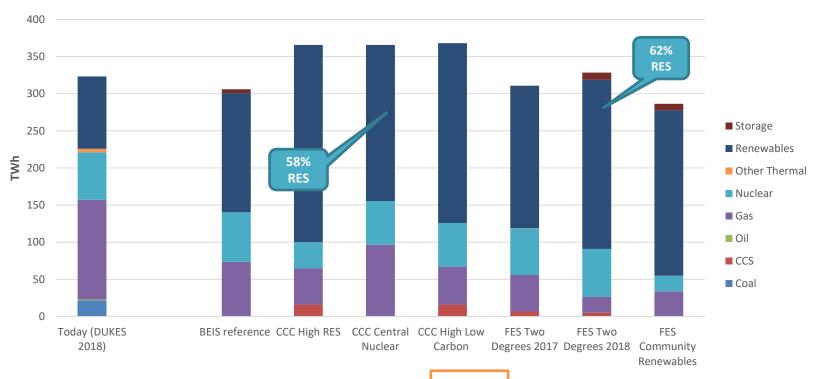


Policy Context



- UK Net Zero 2050 Four-fold increase in RES generation
- Renewables dominate c.60-80%
- Contracts for Difference is the main policy to deliver renewables

2030 Generation mix forecasts from different scenarios



Contracts for Difference



- Eligibility criteria: planning consent and grid connection agreement
- Competition on Price only. 15-year contract with Strike Price pay as cleared. Reference prices based on future wholesale price forecast.
- 12 Month Milestone Delivery Date for FID or 10% spend committed
- CfD allocation round every 2-years from 2019



AR1 & AR2



First CfD Allocation Round February 2015

- £325m Budget allocated £315m spend
- 100MW budget ringfence for wave and tidal stream technologies
- East Anglia 1, 714MW for delivery 2017/8
- Neart na Gaoithe, 448MW for delivery 2018/9
- Other technologies: Onshore Wind 749MW, Solar PV 72MW, Advanced Conversion Technologies Energy from Waste with CHP

1.2GW Offshore Wind at £115/MWh Strike Price

Second CfD Allocation Round September 2017

- £290m Budget allocated £148m spend
- 150MW maxima for fueled technologies
- Hornsea Two, 1386MW, and Moray East, 950MW, for delivery 2022/3
- Triton Knoll, 860MW, for delivery 2021/22
- Other technologies: ACT 65MW, Biomass CHP 86MW

3.2GW Offshore Wind at £74.45-£57.50/MWh Strike Price

AR 3: What is new this time?





Auction Rules

- RIW
- Delivery years 23/24 and 2024/25
- £65m budget
- No technology specific minima or maxima
- Whole auction capacity cap set at 6GW

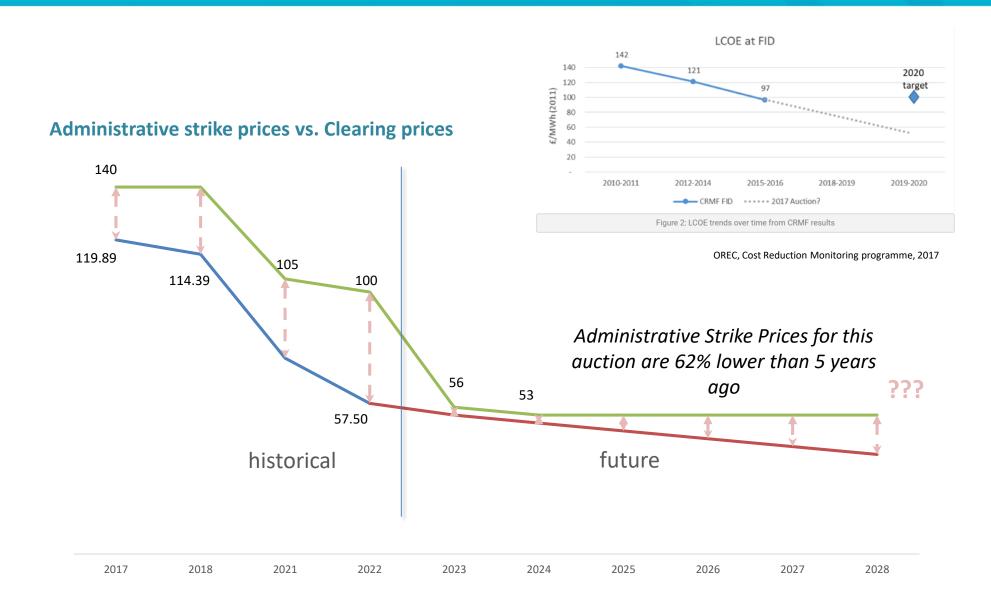


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- Increased load factor assumptions
- Different reference prices for baseload and variable technologies

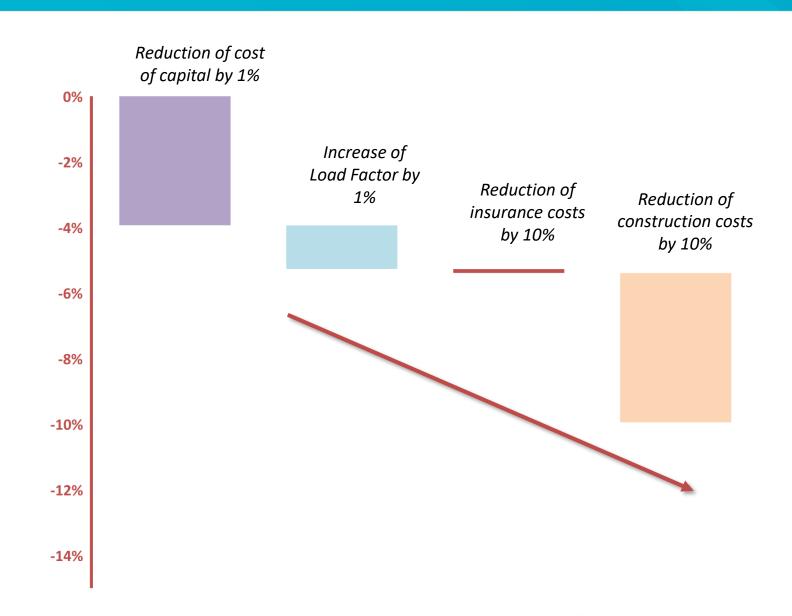
Unforeseen cost reductions





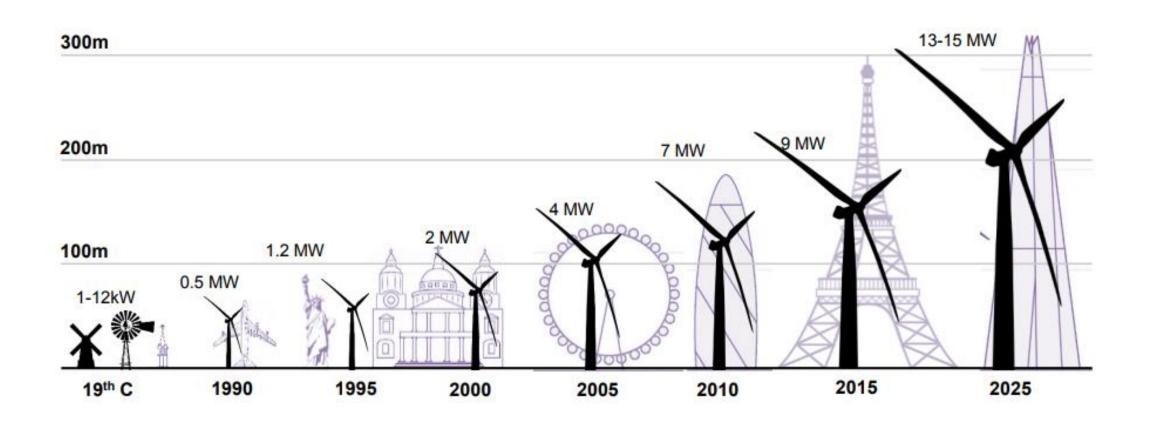
How low can they go?





Rapid Technology Innovation





CfD – Offshore Wind Scaling-up



First Last
2GW 2GW
11 Years 18 Months

2017-21 National Infrastructure Pipeline Top 10 (£bn)



Where Next?



The Future is Floating?



Where Next?



Zero Subsidy



