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Dear Heads of Planning

### **Save the Date – Renewable Energy Workshop, 11 March 2026**

As part of the Planning Improvement Programme, the Department in collaboration with local councils and Renewable NI will be hosting a series of workshops focused on capacity building and knowledge development in renewable energy technologies within the planning profession. The first workshop will take place on Wednesday, 11 March 2026. Further details of venue and agenda will be provided in due course.

These workshops will bring together colleagues from local and central government, alongside representatives from the renewable energy sector and other relevant stakeholders. The aim is that together, we will work through the processes involved in handling renewable energy proposals, explore new and emerging technologies, consider both opportunities and concerns, and share practical learning to strengthen assessment, decision-making, and professional confidence.

Our aim is to support planners and decision makers in developing the skills and understanding needed to deliver outcomes that reflect the **three pillars of sustainable development**:

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- **Environmental** - supporting the transition to clean energy and responding to climate commitments.
- **Economic** - enabling responsible investment and growth in the renewable sector.
- **Social** - ensuring communities benefit from well-designed, well-assessed proposals that contribute to long-term wellbeing.

A full agenda and further information will follow shortly, but for now, please **save the date**. Numbers will be limited to around **three attendees (including planners/committee members) per council**, and we would be grateful if you could nominate planners and committee members from your council to take part. We can then reach out to the individuals with further information.

Please send attendees names to: [legislation.planning@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk](mailto:legislation.planning@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely



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