

How will the Isle of Man generate electricity?

Plans to generate about 75% of the Isle of Man's electricity through solar and on-shore wind projects have been backed by the Council of Ministers. Manx Utilities (MU) will look to install solar panels on public car parks and government buildings. Wind turbines could also be built on public land to create 30MW of electricity by 2026.

How will the electricity sector change in the Isle of Man?

As the uptake for electric heating and electric vehicles increases, the electricity sector will have to grow to meet future demand. The majority of the Isle of Man's electricity is currently sourced from fossil fuels.

Does the Isle of Man need a new interconnector?

Balancing the Isle of Man's electricity network requires stabilising power; this cannot be provided from sources which are reliant on the weather to produce electricity as these sources cannot be guaranteed at all times. In all scenarios the most cost-effective solution of providing this stabilising power is a new interconnector to the UK.

How much electricity does the Isle of Man need?

While average electricity demand on the Isle of Man stands at 40MW, it can peak at 75MW during the winter and drop at night during summer to 25MW. MU chairman Tim Johnston said "detailed work" to determine the best approach to increase renewable energy was underway.

Does the Isle of Man import energy from the UK?

The Isle of Man currently imports all of its energy from the UK (with the exception of what is produced from Sulby). In all future models, the Isle of Man remains dependent on GB for the provision of baseload. This is the case even where capacity is increased by building excess renewables, as the stabilisation is still provided by interconnectors.

Will intermittent renewables be profitable for the Isle of Man?

It is unlikely that the export of intermittent renewables will be profitable for the Isle of Man given the reasons outlined in this document. The Isle of Man currently imports all of its energy from the UK (with the exception of what is produced from Sulby).

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Manx Utilities presented a high level overview of these future energy plans at the Isle of Man Government Conference in September 2023. Our Island Plan. The Chief Minister provided an update on the progress of the renewable projects in July 2023.

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The report identified the areas with the greatest strength for the connection of renewables to the power system and highlighted areas of the power system where 20MW could be accommodated. It also highlighted regions of the power system where there was a risk to the network from renewable connections.

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