

December 2018

Utility Capital Expenditure - UK

“The approach to infrastructure investment is in transition across the utility industry. Whereas spending in the past was mainly output-driven, investment is now more centred on innovation, higher efficiencies and long-term outcomes. The rising pressure from industry regulators to reduce costs for consumers is another challenge utility operators face.

Network ...

November 2018

Electricity Industry - UK

“A key focus for distribution network operators is the development and roll-out of innovative smart grid technologies to support the growing clean energy capacity coming onto the grid and to help the transition to a more flexible energy system. According to government estimates, smart grids could also reduce the cost ...

October 2018

Renewable Energy - UK

“Renewables are set to continue to play an increasingly important role in UK electricity supply, although the deployment of more mature technologies, such as onshore wind and solar PV, has slowed considerably amid reduced government support. However, with the costs of these technologies rapidly falling, together with the development of ...

September 2018

Solar Panels - UK

“The UK solar PV sector faces significant challenges as a result of government policy changes. However, the sector is expected to return to growth in a post-subsidy world as the cost of solar PV continues to fall, and more efficient and affordable battery storage solutions and more innovative finance and ...

August 2018

Energy Industry - UK

"As competition in the energy retail market continues to heat up, suppliers are branching out into other utility services, such as broadband and mobile phone contracts, and bundling their multi-utility offering to gain a competitive edge. This trend is set to continue, with more suppliers offering diversified services to broaden ...

Public Expenditure - UK

"The UK government's strategy remains focused on reducing the national deficit, with a desire to maintain public expenditure while reducing borrowing and boosting economic growth. The government further reduced borrowing in 2018, with this trend set to continue in the coming years, assuming no political change. However, the UK is ...

June 2018

Waste Management and Recycling - UK

"The UK continues to edge towards a more circular economy, marked by huge growth in energy-from-waste and the move away from landfill. However, energy-from-waste capacity remains someway off that required to ultimately replace landfill, while the UK continues to rely on EU exports to fulfill this deficit; a relationship that ...

April 2018

Potable Water and Sewerage - UK

"For the current asset management period AMP6, running from 2015 to 2020, Ofwat has introduced a move towards total expenditure (totex), combining capital and operational expenditure. Ofwat believes this will remove a bias toward capital programmes as capital expenditure has often been preferred over operational expenditure in delivery solutions due ...

March 2018

Gas Supply and Distribution - UK

"As competition in the energy retail market continues to heat up, suppliers are branching out into other utility services, such as broadband, and bundling their multi-utility offering to gain a competitive edge. The trend towards multi-utility brands is set to continue, with more suppliers offering diversified services to broaden their ...