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From the perspective of energy sector stakeholders, the onus for progressing the energy transition is on policymakers, and with a bumper election year for many major global economies in 2024, energy policy is likely to face some radical challenges and changes.

The UK is particularly noteworthy, having spent the last 14 years under a Conservative government, via a veritable smorgasbord of prime ministers. With the next UK general election now scheduled for 4 July, recent opinion polls indicate a shift to Labour is highly likely: in YouGov's 15-16 May poll, the Keir Starmer-led party polled at 47%, well ahead of the Conservatives' 20%.

Energy policy is set to be high on the agenda for all parties, as many questions within the UK's energy sector remain unanswered, particularly around the future of gas infrastructure and the potential for hydrogen to heating.

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