

Gas prices dropped this week by 5.1% while electricity prices increased by 6.5% compared to last week. The gas market weakened throughout most of this week due to a drop in demand, a strong LNG supply outlook and milder temperatures. Prices started to increase again later in the week due to unplanned Norwegian maintenance which reduced the gas flow into the UK.

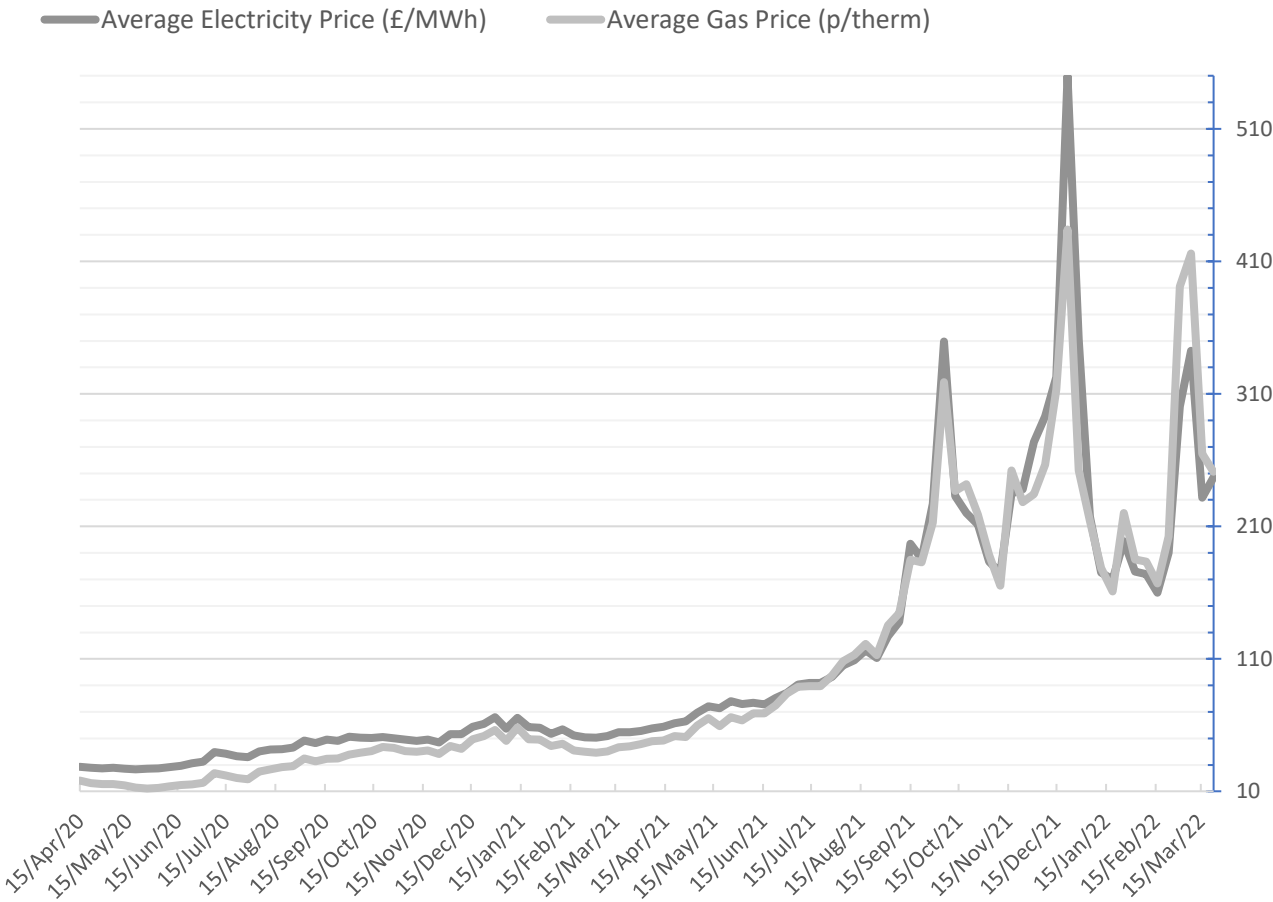
Electricity prices again followed the trend of the gas market as they initially dropped before increasing sharply later in the week. Increased wind generation initially pushed prices lower before a drop in generation reversed prices. Stronger trading with coal and carbon markets also pushed prices higher.

The price of Brent crude oil increased throughout this week from \$98.02/bbl to \$117.14/bbl. Prices increased as ceasefire talks between Russia and Ukraine stalled and supplies were expected to tighten further due to reduced Russian oil supplies. Attacks on Saudi oil fields by Yemeni rebels also pushed prices higher.

Coal prices initially dropped from \$170.00/t to \$158.00/t before rising back to \$187.00/t this week. Carbon prices increased throughout this week from €77.51/t to €80.86/t.

The Pound strengthened against both the Euro (€1.1896 to €1.2023) and the US Dollar (\$1.3097 to \$1.3237) this week.

YEAR AHEAD PRICING (ENERGY ONLY)



Electricity (£/MWh)		
Prompt Price	Future Price	Average Price
237.18	256.36	246.77

Gas (p/Therm)		
Prompt Price	Future Price	Average Price
250.73	251.82	251.27

