

Marine Planning Stakeholder Reference Group (MPSRG)

2 April 2019



Attendees

John Hamer (Welsh Government), **Phil Coates** (Welsh Government), **Rebecca Rees** (Welsh Government), **Eluned Jones** (Welsh Government), **Adrian Judd** (Cefas), **Rachel Mulholland** (Cefas), **Mark Russell** (Mineral Producers Association), **Peter Barham** (SUDG), **Emily Williams** (RSPB), **Kirsty Lindenbaum** (NRW), **Lucie Skates** (NRW), **Lee Murray** (NRW), **Lisa Phillips** (NRW), **Duncan Savage** (RYA), **Rachel McCall** (SUDG), **Alex Melling** (Wood Group), **Pete Davies** (Wood Group), **Neville Rookes** (WLGA), **Wendy Dodds** (MCS), **Jonathan Monk** (MHPA), **Mel Nicholls** (MMO), **Jillian Whyte** (JNCC), **David Jones** (Marine Energy Wales), **Stephen Jay** (Liverpool University), **Alice Collier** (Crown Estate).

1. At the last SRG in December and the follow up teleconference in January, members were supportive of progress made on the WNMP. Attendees were thanked again for their hard work in progressing the plan.
2. The planning team are now working with Welsh Government and UK policy leads (on non-devolved areas) to sign off their policies within the plan. Where there is a distinct Wales – UK policy approach this would be reflected in the plan. All policy areas were progressing well, with the Energy Low Carbon (ELC) policy developing through a technical working group.
3. Attendees were updated on the progress of the technical working group, which was being set up to consider the tidal lagoon policy which was included in the draft WNMP. An options paper was produced and the Minister is considering the position.
4. The need for Independent Investigation was being reviewed on an ongoing basis but it was felt that the representations made in the consultation would be addressed.
5. NRW discussed the Marine Area statement that is being developed. NRW have an obligation to produce Area Statements to support delivery of the Natural Resources Policy. The marine environment will have its own Marine Area statement. Thinking around the Marine Area theme is being formulated by four key questions, attendees were asked to provide feedback.
6. Work to support implementation of the plan was also progressing well with case studies, guidance and a Marine Planning decision maker's group ongoing. The group had met twice and the Implementation Guidance would be shared with MPSRG members in the coming weeks for their thoughts.
7. The group also had updates on the monitoring and reporting of the plan, the cross border project, SMNR project and round table sector updates.

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