

Ports and Maritime Working Group

Frequency of meetings: every 2-3 months

Purpose: *Developing and evolving the policies and regulations to enable the development, upgrading & decarbonisation of port infrastructure to make them the building blocks of the UK’s FLOW and CP2030 ambitions*

Key priorities (2025-2027)

Develop policy positions, consultation responses, messaging and thought leadership to:

- Maximise the catalytic role of govt investment at pace including NWF (£5.8bn-ports one of 5 “foundational industries” in Industrial Strategy)/TCE/GBE funding and ensure FLOWMIS works (budget, pace) for ports.
- Develop policy positions regarding funding mechanisms, namely a longer-term revenue support mechanism, to derisk port infrastructure investment and align port upgrades with sector demands
- Develop a facilitative planning regime and make Biodiversity Net Gain (currently disproportionately costly and prohibitive to development) work for ports
- Overcome challenges to deliver net zero port infrastructure: develop policy to ports decarbonise their own operations and shipping as part of wide UK Maritime Decarbonisation Strategy. Challenges include grid capacity and industrial power costs.

Engagement priorities

Rachel Armitage (Head, Offshore Wind Investment and Infrastructure, DESNZ), Chloe McCallum (Head of Offshore Wind Ports Team, DESNZ) William Greene (Supply Chains Investment Unit, DESNZ)

Lucy Parsons (DBT Ports Lead). Lucy Crabtree (NWF)

The Crown Estate (Albert Clark) , Great British Energy

Mike Alcock (Deputy Director for Ports, DfT), Liz English (Head of Ports, DfT) Philip Grindrod (Ports and Shipping, DfT), Theo Tindall (Investment Lead, DfT), Joshua McMullan

MCHLG (Moeez Khan), Transport Committee, APPG on Coastal Communities and Coastal Communities Taskforce

Structure

Wider governance/TA/industry interaction

Markets WG, Grid/Networks WG, BPA, Maritime UK

