

Scottish Offshore Wind Energy Council

Terms of Reference

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The Terms of Reference (ToR) have been prepared to inform discussion on the future role and purpose of the Scottish Offshore Wind Energy Council (SOWEC) (previously OWIG) to support the offshore wind industry in Scotland now the UK offshore wind industry has secured a Sector Deal with the UK Government.

Purpose

- Provide leadership to the industry in Scotland towards ensuring clean energy for the future with maximum economic benefit and growth potential.
- Set the vision and strategic objectives for the industry in Scotland.
- Explore relevant operating models / governance arrangements.
- Ensure that actions taken by the Council compliment the work of OWIC.
- Consider and mobilise action to address the OWIC/Sector Deal commitments and how they relate to Scotland and its differing policy landscape, including exploring the best mechanisms to maximise opportunities in the following areas:
 - Supply chain / Offshore Wind Growth Partnership
 - Skills
 - Barriers/Opportunities to growth
 - Innovation
 - Future leasing / technology
- Define any sub-committee/group structures and governance arrangements.
- Define the delivery timetable.
- Ensure where necessary resource support and funding (including from OWIC), including PMO and Secretariat.

Outcomes and Timing

- Establish vision and strategic objectives (and subsequently review and amend as necessary).
- Agree the optimal SOWEC operating model / governance, including roles, responsibility and accountability of attendees.

- Agree on mechanisms, including sub-committee structure, to maximise opportunity to Scotland.
- Agree on delivery timetable and monitor and challenge progress.
- Agenda to be established within the 1st quarter of the Council being established, with firm goals set to deliver to Ministers and industry.

Structure

- Attendees chaired by Industry with Scottish Government co-chair (or as deputised) – Council size approx. 10, to include representatives of developers, supply chain, ORE Catapult, enterprise agencies, skills agencies, Crown Estate Scotland and Scottish Renewables. The Council should envisage having theme lead persons that will engage with and act without prejudice for their stakeholder / colleague communities. NGOs to be engaged as necessary.
- Frequency – Initially every 6-8 weeks and then at least 3 times per year.

Additional note

- Once the initial components of the Council and how it will function to support the offshore wind industry in Scotland have been established an updated ToR will be agreed.