

Offshore Wind Programme Board Terms of Reference

Status

The Offshore Wind Programme Board (OWPB) was established on the recommendation of the Offshore Wind Cost Reduction Task Force. It initially reported to the OWDF but now reports to the OWIC. It was set up to bring together industry, Government and key stakeholders to drive forward the development of the UK's offshore wind sector as a programme.

Vision

Industry and Government work together to build a competitive and innovative UK offshore wind sector that delivers at scale and sustains jobs, exports and economic benefits for the UK, supporting offshore wind as a core and cost-effective part of the UK's long-term electricity mix.

Objectives

To enable industry to deliver offshore wind capacity in line with the EMR delivery plan with a levelised cost of £100/MWh by FID 2020 and £[X¹] billion GVA in 2020, consistent with offshore wind's role as part of the UK's long-term electricity mix.

Role

The OWPB acts as the executive of the OWIC responsible for delivering actions to:

- Drive deployment as set out in the [December 2013 EMR Delivery Plan](#);
- Bring down costs as set out in the [Offshore Wind Cost Reduction Task Force Report](#);
- Build a successful, competitive UK-based industry as set out in the [Offshore Wind Industrial Strategy](#).

It brings together government and industry to find and implement solutions to barriers which have the potential to impede the viability and deliverability of offshore wind in the UK.

Chair

DECC and the offshore wind industry will each provide a co-Chair who will serve for a period of two years, which term may be extended.

Membership

Membership will comprise of senior industry representatives drawn from developers investing in UK offshore wind projects, UK-based supply chain companies and representatives from the UK Government, the Scottish Government, statutory advisors and The Crown Estate. Changes in membership will be agreed by the Co-Chairs and appointed by the Minister of State for Business and Energy. Membership is unpaid.

Resourcing

The secretariat will be provided by The Crown Estate with support from DECC and BIS. When necessary, requests will be made to OWPB's sponsoring body OWIC for funding and other forms of support.

Reporting

The OWPB will report to the Offshore Wind Industry Council.

¹ Figure to be confirmed by BIS in Autumn 2014.

Conflicts of interest

Any real or perceived conflict of interest should be alerted to the industry co-chair or secretariat immediately; declaration will be a standing agenda item for each meeting. At all times members shall ensure that they act in accordance with competition laws and avoid any anti-competitive behaviour. In particular members should take care not to release or provide any commercially sensitive information.

Communication

The OWPB will have a dedicated [web page](#) on The Crown Estate's website. This will provide details of membership, terms of reference, minutes and other relevant information. It will agree its annual objectives each Spring, review them each Autumn, and report on progress in an Annual Statement at the beginning of each calendar year.

Review

The OWPB's membership and terms of reference will be reviewed annually in parallel with the OWIC review (each March).

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