



Offshore Wind Delivery Taskforce Meeting 1 Minutes

Attendees

Name	Initials	Organisation
Matt Collins	MC	DECC (Chair)
Garret Doocey	GD	D/Transport
David Hegarty	DH	DETE
Ken Cleary	KC	DPER
William Beausang	WB	DFHERIS
Maria Graham	MG	DHLGH
Jim Gannon	JG	CRU
Paul Moran	PM	EirGrid
Mark Christal	MC	Enterprise Ireland
Brendan Brady (for JP Mulherin)	BB	DRCD
Anne-Marie Clancy	AMC	DECC
Apologies		
JP Mulherin	JPM	DRCD

Agenda Item 1: Welcome

Opening the meeting, Matt Collins (MC) (Chair, DECC) welcomed members to the Taskforce. After a round of introductions, MC set out the rationale and context for the establishment of the Taskforce highlighting that there is significant work underway across departments and agencies in order to deliver on our offshore wind 2030 targets. The Taskforce represents an opportunity to ensure consistency of approach, early identification of risks and opportunities and a vehicle to manage issues as they arise.



Agenda Item 2: Draft Terms of Reference

AMC provided a high-level overview of the key points set out under the draft Terms of Reference, including the medium-term ORE outcomes which will guide the work of the Taskforce, the objectives of the Taskforce and key outputs.

Agenda Item 3: Overview of PMO Support

To support the work of the Taskforce, DECC will procure project management expertise to assist DECC and the Taskforce in creating a consolidated Offshore Wind Energy Project Plan, together with associated action/implementation plan as appropriate, and identifying mechanisms to drive the accelerated delivery of key offshore wind actions, bringing together all related activities across departments and agencies. It is anticipated that these services will be in place at end June.

Agenda Item 4: Discussion

The importance of looking at opportunities as well as risks within the context of the work of the Taskforce was highlighted. The value of obtaining insights from industry was flagged as something which the Taskforce should consider. The need to assess the scope of any offshore safety regime and the importance of ensuring a robust framework is in place was also raised. The critical need for a robust supply chain to be in place to support delivery of ORE ambitions was raised. The medium-term outcome set out under the draft Terms of Reference relating to plans beyond 2030 was discussed, including its appropriateness within the context of the proposed work of the Taskforce.

The importance of the transition to a plan led ORE regime was flagged together with the significant work underway in respect of Phase 1 and Phase 2 of ORE development and the interlinkages there.

Timelines for the system wide project plan can be more accurately gauged once the PMO services are in place.



The role of the Taskforce was discussed together with opportunities in respect of ensuring alignment across Departments and agencies while being mindful of constraints where they exist. The draft ToR are to be amended to remove the reference to Irish State and replace with alternative text referring to economic and societal benefits. The importance of exploring what has been done to date and what needs to be done with a particular focus on pinch points and constraints was discussed. The need to ensure skills supply and workforce preparedness in order to support the development of the sector was flagged. The question of where ORE fits within the overall hierarchy of national priorities was also raised.

Some of the wider regulatory areas which will need to be put in place to support ORE development and the work underway in respect of ports, navigational safety, vessel certification and skills development was discussed. The need to ensure that the international dimension is not neglected was flagged and again, the importance of engagement with industry was raised as being key to success.

Agenda Item 5: Next Steps

Members to further consider draft Terms of Reference and submit any proposed changes by cob Tuesday, 3rd May. DECC will circulate the updated Terms of Reference, to incorporate discussions today and proposed edits by cob Wednesday, 4th May with the aim of adopting the Terms of Reference on the 5th May.

Agenda Item 6: A.O.B

The next meeting of the Taskforce will be held on Thursday, 5th May. The Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications will attend and there will be an opportunity for members to outline key actions and priorities within each organisation.

David Hegarty (DETE) is not available on the 5th May and will nominate an alternate to attend.



Actions

Actions	Owner
Forward suggested ToR edits to DECC by COB 3 May	All
Update ToR to incorporate discussions and edits	DECC
Recirculate ToR by COB 4 May	DECC
Send calendar invite & agenda for 5 May 2022	DECC
Circulate note of meeting of 28 April	DECC