

Offshore Wind Evidence and Change Programme

Inaugural Programme Steering Group

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Welcome

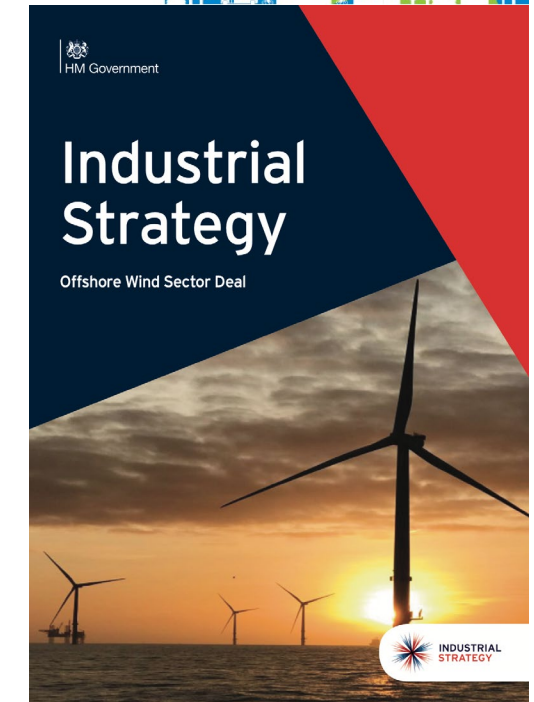
The Programme's Mission

To facilitate the sustainable and coordinated expansion of offshore wind helping the sector to meet the UK's commitments to the low carbon energy transition whilst supporting action to secure clean, healthy, productive and biologically diverse seas.

Programme Partners BEIS Commitment

For BEIS, strategic priorities are:

- 1) UK a global leader in deployment of OSW along with industrial benefits
- 2) Accelerating deployment by 2030 in a sustainable way;
- 3) Longer term - putting offshore wind in best possible place to contribute to achieving net zero by 2050.



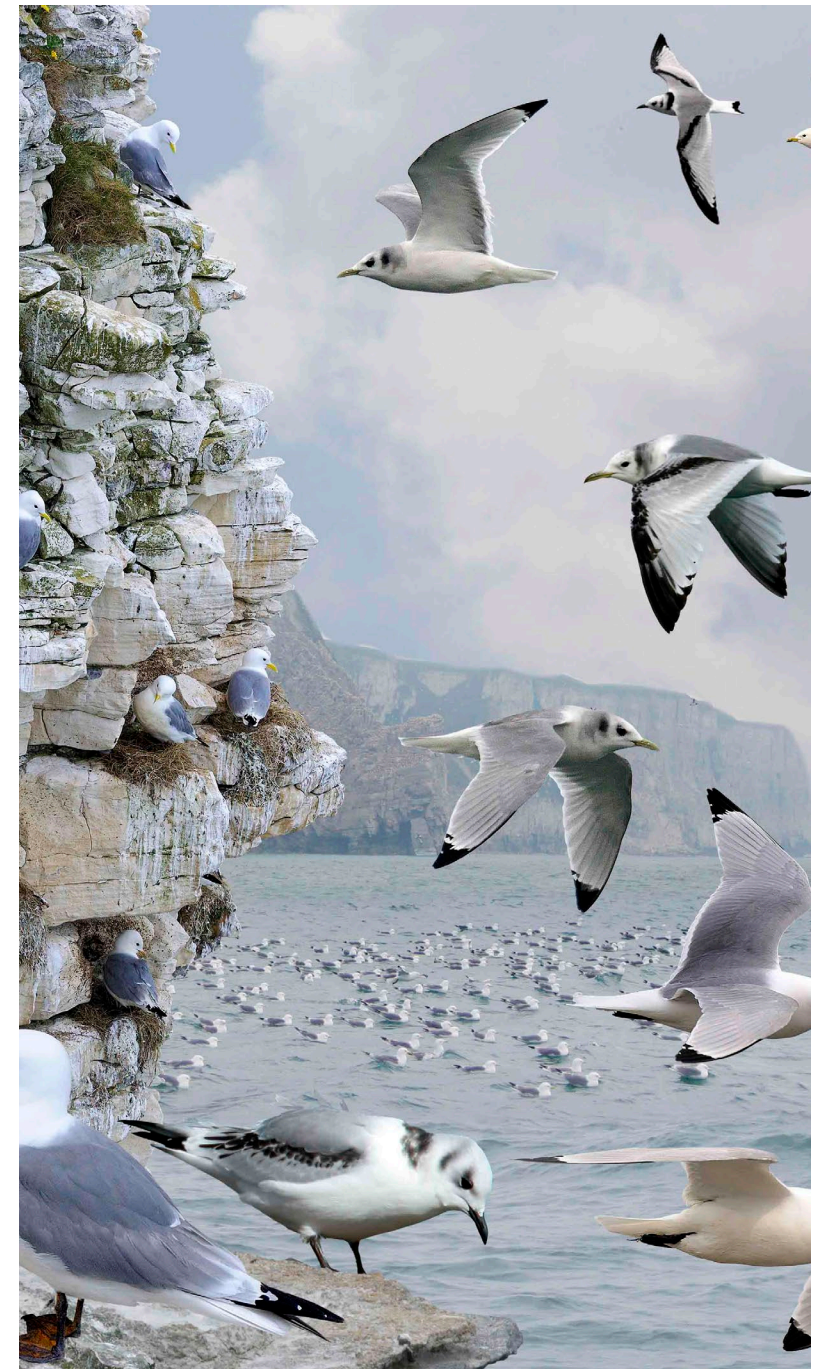
Programme Partners Defra Commitment

- Help drive the agenda for the programme steering group
- Engage with other government departments, to involve them, as required, for a joined up approach
- Lead on two of the projects and activity areas

DEFRA aims for the programme:

- Delivering the twin Government ambitions of 'green recovery' and marine protection.
- Lead two pathfinder projects on Compensatory Measures and Biodiversity Evidence projects.
- Ensure synergy between the Evidence and Change programme and Defra business e.g work undertaken as part of Project Speed commitments.

Defra will support this commitment through the new Shared Outcomes funding recently awarded by HMT to find ways to streamline the consenting process for offshore wind and maximise the social and environmental benefits of developments.



Programme themes

Spatial co-ordination and co-location

Improving the understanding of environmental impacts and benefits

Unlocking further deployment via the derogation process

Delivering net environmental gains

Overview – Enabling Outcomes

Through direct collaboration, informed by data and evidence where required

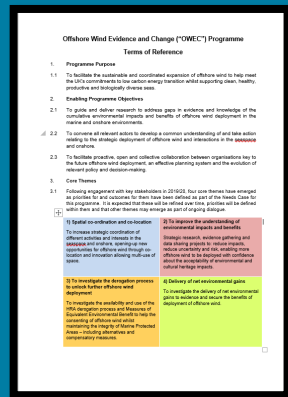
Purpose

Necessary outcomes identified

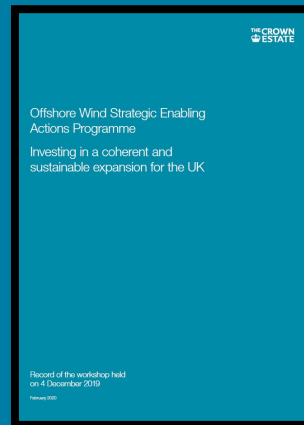
Data and evidence projects identified

Projects outputs disseminated

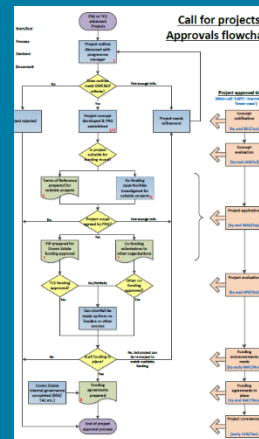
Outcomes enabled



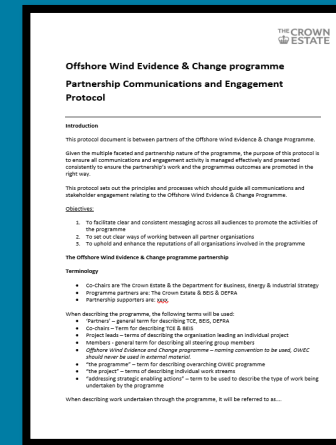
Terms of reference and themes



Collaborative workshop of December 2019



Project eligibility and application process



Communication Protocol and Marine Data Exchange



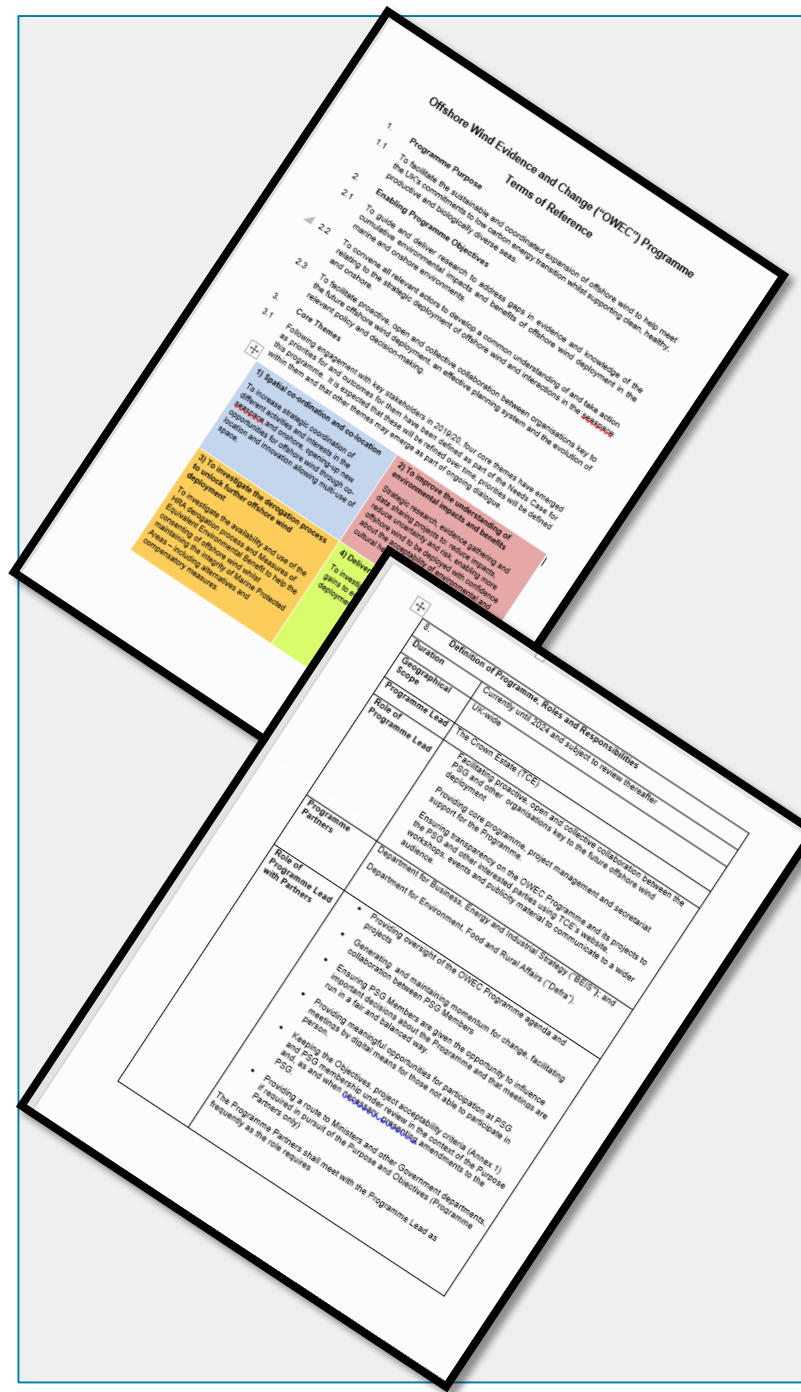
PSG and stakeholder activities
“enabling policy and decision making”

Offshore Wind Evidence and Change ("OWEC") Programme

1. To guide and deliver research to address gaps in evidence and knowledge of the cumulative environmental impacts and benefits of offshore wind deployment in the marine and onshore environments.
2. To convene all relevant actors to develop a common understanding of and take action relating to the strategic deployment of offshore wind and interactions in the seaspace and onshore.
3. To facilitate proactive, open and collective collaboration between organisations key to the future offshore wind deployment, an effective planning system and the evolution of relevant policy and decision-making.

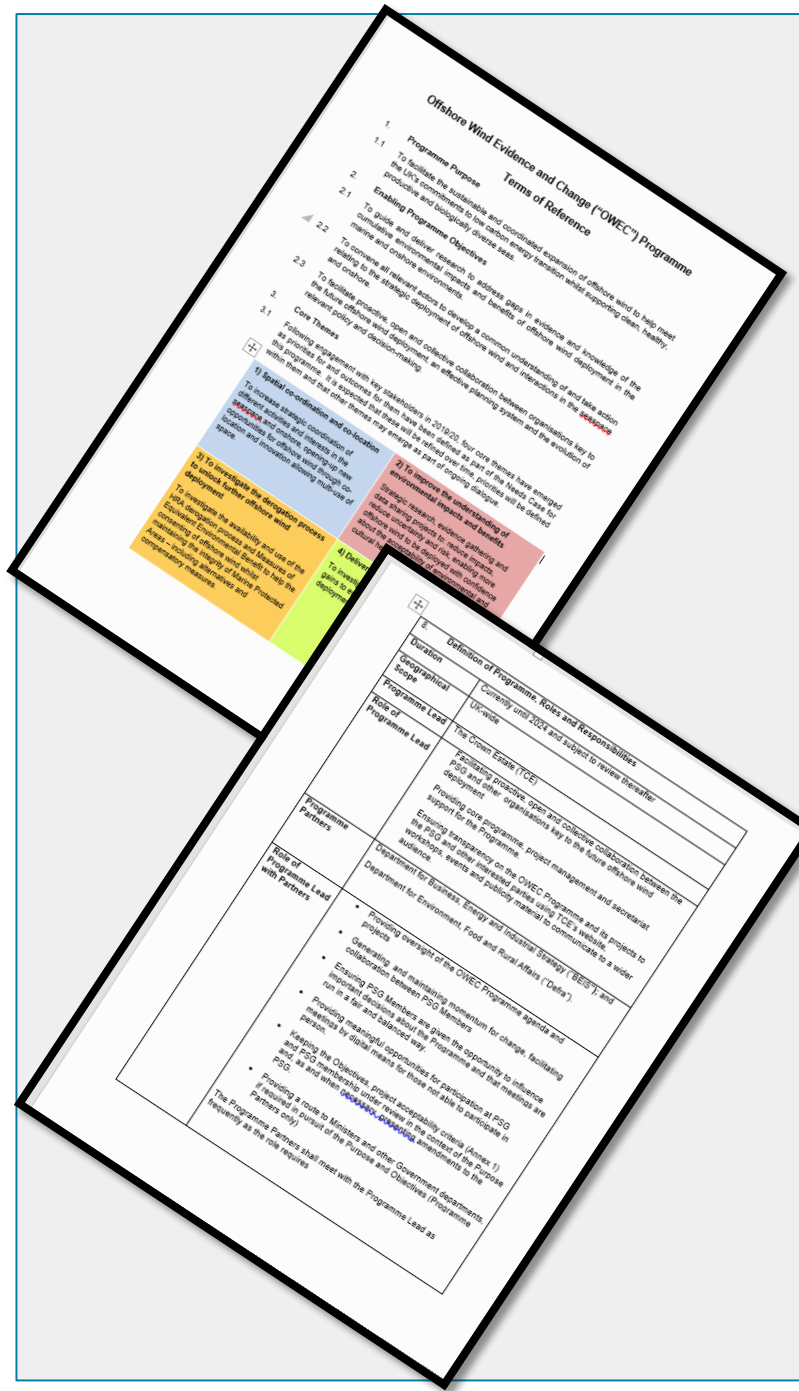
1. Terms of Reference – PSG role

- Ideas and expertise to help identify, shape and deliver meaningful projects.
- Help with broader collaboration e.g. identify project partners.
- Promote and share information, connecting the programme with other related activity and projects – avoid silos.
- Oversight of the Programme, keep on track and relevant
- **Agents for change** – responsive to findings, emerging issues.
- (para 8 p6)



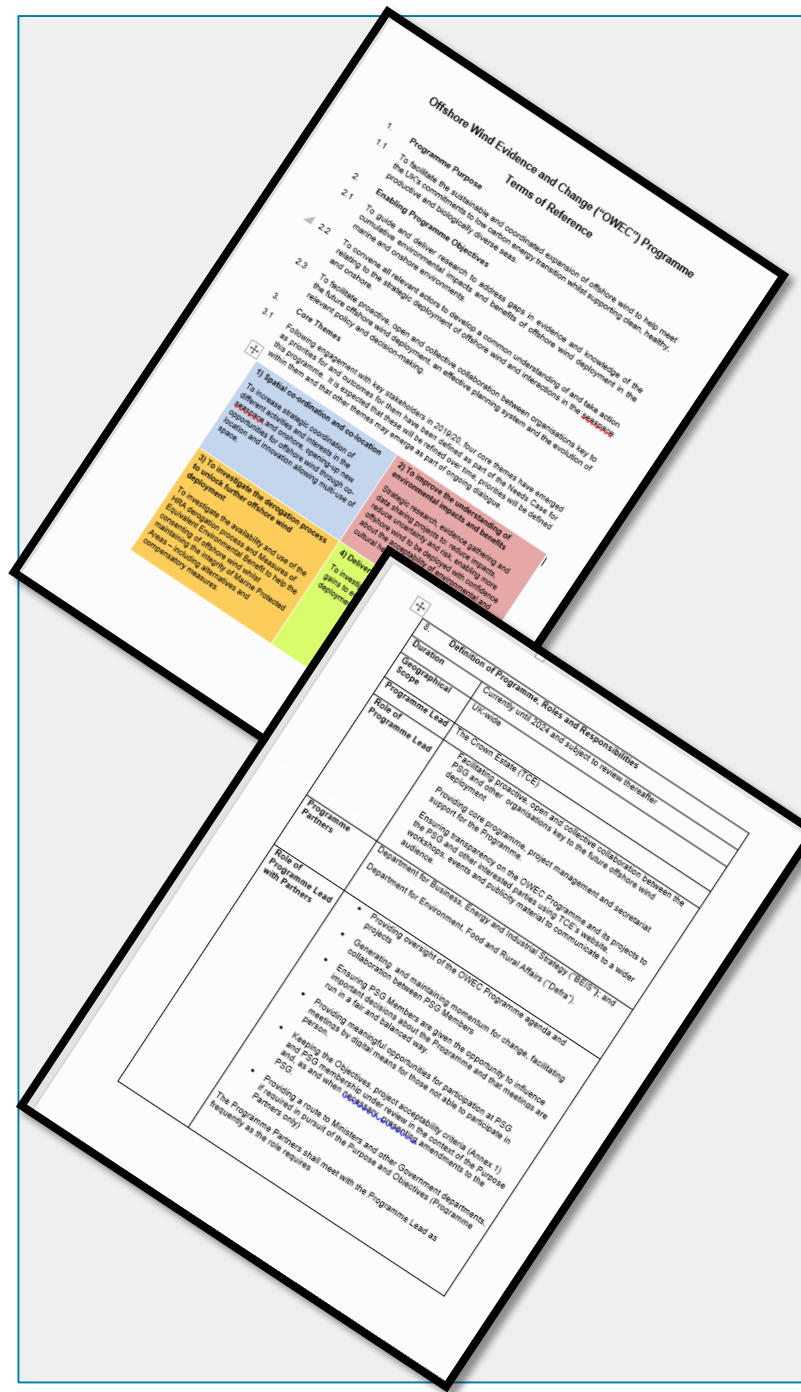
1. Terms of Reference – your feedback

- Vision and objectives
- Programme scope
- Remit of PSG members and meetings
- Ways of working
- Projects, governance and deliverables
- Membership of PSG



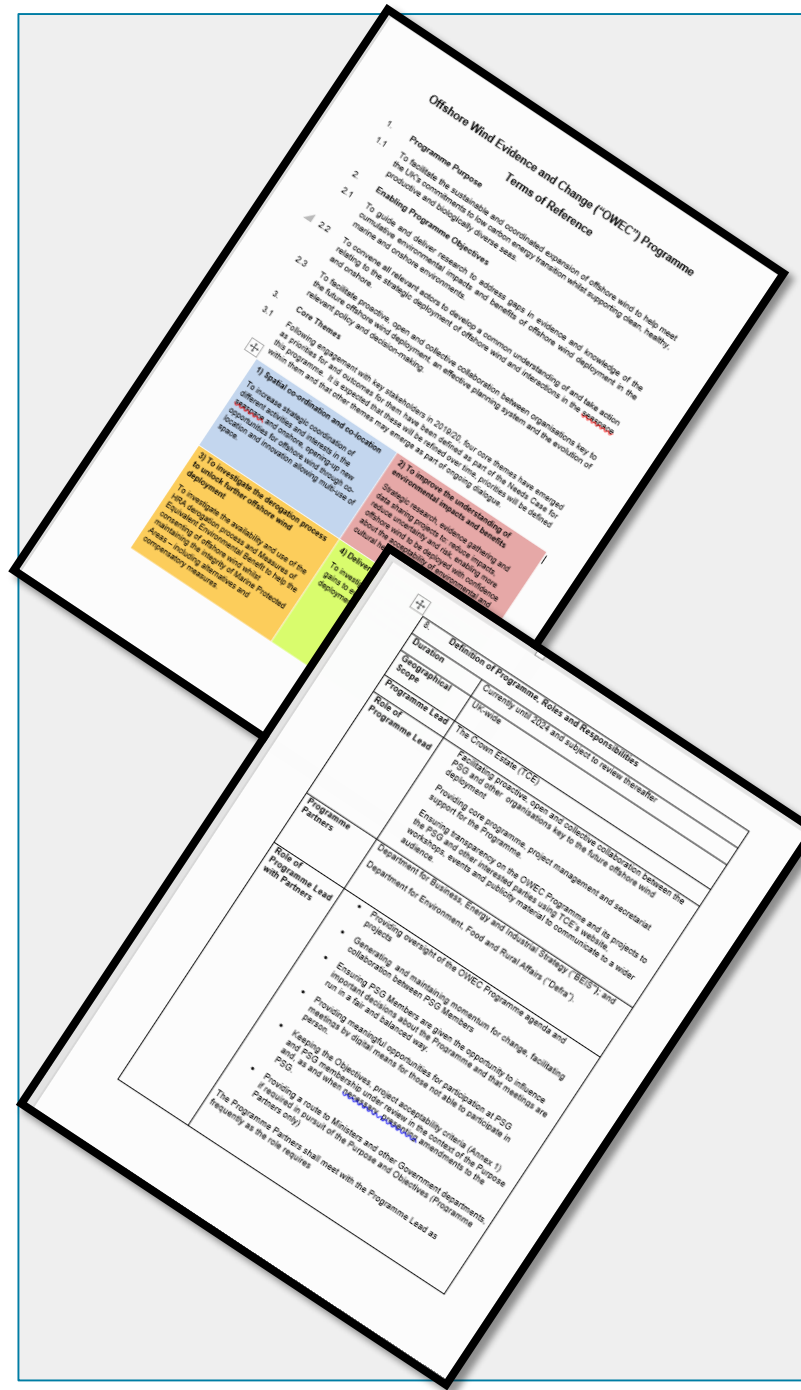
1. Terms of Reference - changes made

- **Balance** – offshore wind deployment vs environmental crisis / restoring nature
- **Clarity on purpose and remit of PSG** – project oversight vs opportunity to debate wider issues
- **Scope** – inclusion of cultural heritage/taking account of the context of devolved governments
- **Ways of working** – need for working groups e.g. for derogation, Covid virtual meetings
- **Duration** – 2024 – “*subject to review*”



1. Terms of Reference – next steps

- Programme Steering Group Members to sign (no later than 15 October 2020)
- Ready for launch end November 2020 (provisional)



2. Project Eligibility Criteria

- Contribute to programme mission, vision and objective
- Fit within one or more themes
- Innovative / collaborative / not duplicate
- Tackle areas of greatest risk
- Robust project management and q/a
- Communications plan for findings

Not

- BAU
- Open-ended research
- Commercial benefits to individual companies
- Political/religious

(p1,2 of Paper 2 Project Eligibility Criteria and application process)

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Project Eligibility Criteria and Application Process

Introduction

This paper has been prepared to give PSG members guidance on the eligibility criteria and application process for proposed projects under the Offshore Wind Evidence & Change Programme. This guidance will be incorporated into the overall Programme governance structures that are currently being developed in order to define how projects will be managed and administered to ensure delivery of the outcomes and benefits defined in the Programmes, vision, mission and objectives. It should be noted that this is effectively advance information and as such, it may be subject to change as the formal Programme governance structures are developed and refined.

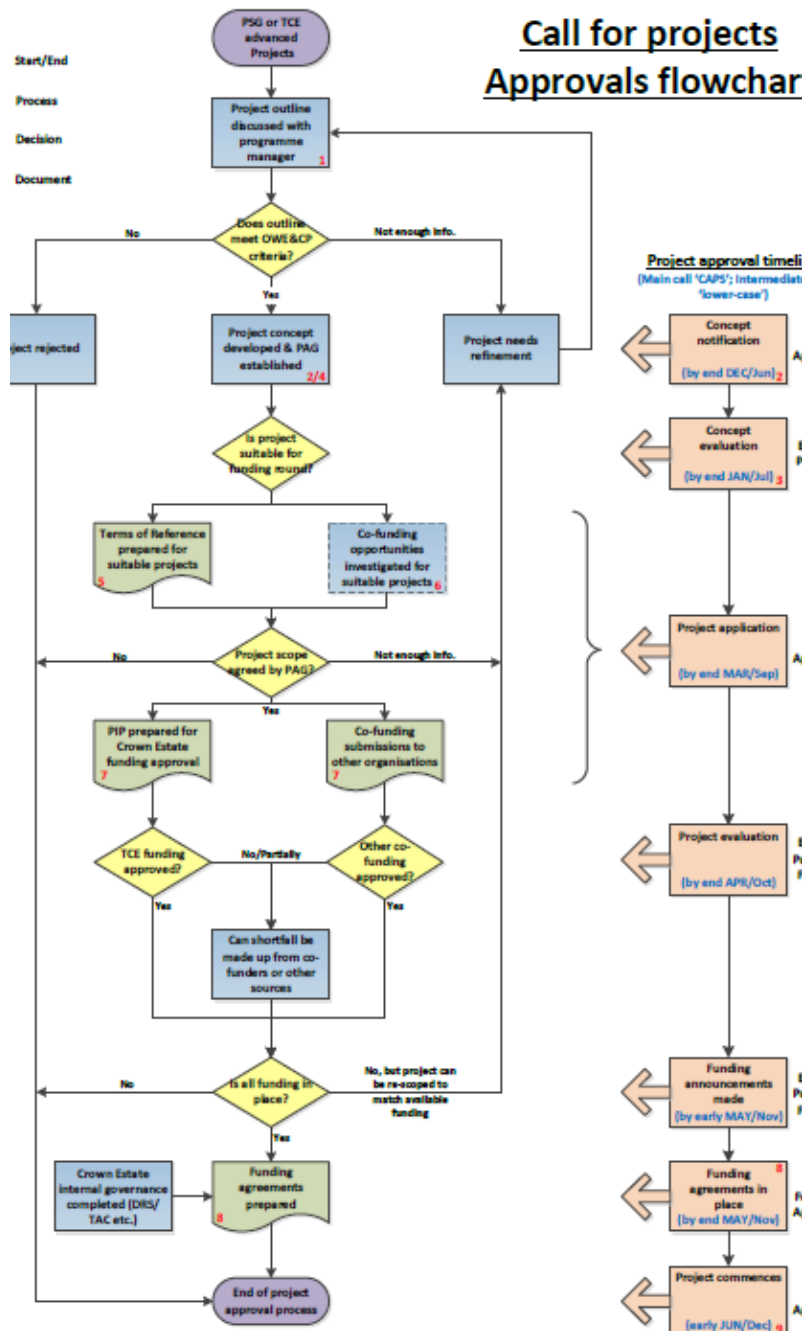
In this paper, the following abbreviations have been used:

B2G -	Barriers to Growth
BEIS -	Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy
DRS -	Decision Record Sheet (note: this is an internal Crown Estate document)
ORJIP -	Offshore Renewables Joint Industry Programme
OWE&CP -	Offshore Wind Evidence & Change Programme
NGO -	Non-Governmental Organisation
PAG -	Project Advisory Group
PIP -	Project Implementation Plan
PMO -	Project Management Office
PSG -	Programme Steering Group
ScotMer -	Scottish Marine Energy Research
TAC -	Transaction Authorisation Certificate (note: this is an internal Crown Estate document)
TCE -	The Crown Estate
ToR -	Terms of Reference

Eligibility

All projects will require a PSG member (or members) to act as a sponsor. Sponsored applications can be from The Crown Estate, Programme Partners, PSG members or other external organisations providing they can demonstrate that they make a significant contribution to the Programme's vision, mission and objectives. Projects should also fit within one or more of the four thematic workstreams, although The Crown Estate and Programme Partners also reserve the right to consider other relevant projects by exception.

The four thematic workstreams are focused on:



2. Application Process

- Calls to PSG for projects -All projects to be endorsed by at least two PSG Members (including sponsor).

3 stage process

1. Call for outline concepts - > is the project suitable?
2. Call for eligible projects - > are these the "best" projects?
3. Funding decision

Key requirements

1. Project Advisory Group (PAG)
2. Terms of Reference
3. Match funding / in kind resources
4. Project Initiation Plan (PIP)
5. Funding Agreement

(p5,6,7 of Paper 2 Project Eligibility Criteria and application process)

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Jan		1st 'main' call for projects. Strategic assessment
		PSG meeting
Feb		
Mar		1st 'main' call for projects. Project applications
Apr		1st 'main' call for projects. Application evaluation
May		1st 'main' call for projects. Grant awards announced
		PSG meeting
Jun		1st 'intermediate' call for projects. Project notification
Jul		1st 'intermediate' call for projects. Strategic assessment
Aug		
Sep		1st 'intermediate' call for projects. Project applications
	PSG meeting (7th Sept - 14:00 to 16:00)	PSG meeting
Oct		1st 'intermediate' call for projects. Application evaluation
	Project governance documents complete, ToR and Charter signed	
Nov		1st 'intermediate' call for projects. Grant awards announced
	Ministerial launch	1st annual review
Dec	1st 'main' call for projects. Project notification	2nd 'main' call for projects. Project notification

3. Project Applications - Key Dates

- Calls to PSG for projects – twice yearly during life of programme
 - Main call – first half of year (bigger £ projects)
 - Intermediate call – second half of year (smaller £ projects)

Two stage process

- Concept notification – 31 Dec* /30 June
- Project application – 31 Mar*/30 Sept

Ambition to fund @ 4/5 “significant” and strategic projects/year though these calls and to provide resource to engage and support PSG member organisations and PAGs through this process.

**dates provisional for 20/21*

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3. Key Dates

- Programme Launch – end Nov 2020
- Call for projects – Dec 2020
- PSG meetings 3 annually – Jan, May, Sept

4. Communications protocol

Objectives

- To facilitate clear and consistent messaging across all audiences to promote the activities of the programme
- To set out clear ways of working between all partner organisations
- To uphold and enhance the reputations of all organisations involved in the programme

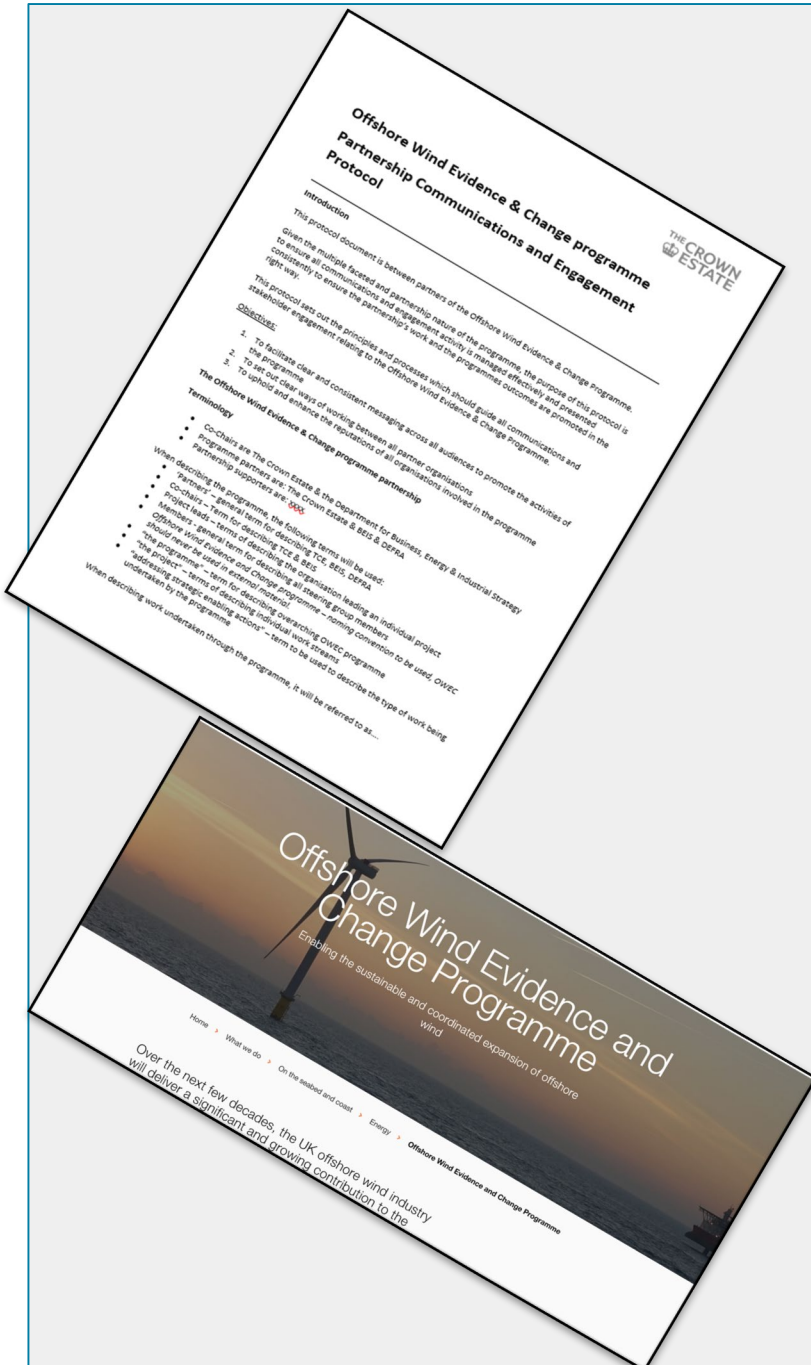
Programme Identity

The Crown Estate will be establishing a programme identity that will be in keeping with The Crown Estate's corporate brand guidelines, and will be used on all materials related to the programme. Once the identity has been established, we will issue guidance to all members and partners on how to use, alongside updating the communication protocol.

Communication Channels

The main channel of external communication for the programme will be the programme webpage on The Crown Estate's website, with key moments being complimented with media and social media communication. Content will be managed by The Crown Estate, with project leads providing content from individual projects. Webpage: www.thecrownestate.co.uk/OWEC

Stakeholders will be kept updated through existing channels managed by The Crown Estate including steering group meetings, a stakeholder newsletter, annual offshore wind operational report and social media.



4. Communications protocol - next steps

Programme steering group members are asked to sign no later than **15 October 2020** and provide contact details for their press offices.

Updates on communications and stakeholder engagement activity to be included as updates at PSG meetings.

