

# **Severn Estuary Commission meeting**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2024, 9:00 – 11:00 Teams meeting

# Attendees

- Commission: Andrew Garrad (Chair) (AG) Sue Barr (SB) Nigel Costley (NC) Peter Davies (PD) Madeleine Havard (MH) Chris Mills (CM)
- Secretariat: Will Mansfield, Head of Sustainable Energy (WM) Nicola Lomax, Project Support (NL)

## **Chair Update**

The Commission discussed the Chair's visits and engagements with key stakeholders over the last month and reviewed upcoming meetings.

## **Energy Systems work package**

The Secretariat have been working with the Crown Estate to identify the various organisations that are working in this area. A project team has been assembled and a proposal is being finalised by the consortia for review by the Secretariat and the Commission.

#### **Finance Commissioner**

AG has been in discussion with several potential candidates for the Finance Commissioner role and we anticipate appointing a Commissioner in due course.

## Environment work package update

The consultant team from WSP provided a written update on progress and next steps which was reviewed by the Commission.

#### Socio-economic work package update

Th Consultant team from HJA provided a written update on progress and next steps which was reviewed by the Commission.

## Stakeholder engagement framework

A Stakeholder Engagement Framework to guide the consultant teams' stakeholder engagement has been drafted and has been sent to both consultant teams. The Commission agreed to review the Framework and provide comments by the end of the week.



The next step in stakeholder engagement is 1-2-1 sessions with stakeholders. The objectives of the 1-2-1 sessions were discussed. The primary aim is to gather information from existing evidence bases and there will be opportunities for further engagement in the autumn.

## AOB

- The next Commission meeting will be held at the RSPB offices at Pye Corner on the Gwent Levels.
- The Severy Estuary Partnership Forum will be held at Blackfriars in Gloucester on 8<sup>th</sup> October. It was agreed that MH will present and WG, WM and NC will all attend.