



Channel Islands and South West Marine Energy Park Collaboration

Memorandum of Understanding

The South West Marine Energy Park and Channel Islands Marine Renewable Energy Group

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The South West England Marine Energy Park (SWMEP) was established by the UK Government in 2012, in order to support and accelerate the commercial development of the marine energy sector in the UK. The Marine Energy Park (MEP) designation recognises the significant natural and business resources, as well as the very close working partnership that has been established between industry, technology developers, academia and the public sector in the South West.

The Channel Islands Renewable Energy Group (CIMREG) was formed in 2012 under a Joint Statement of Intent between the governments of the Channel Islands (Alderney, Guernsey, Jersey and Sark) whereby the islands agreed to collaborate on representing and promoting their joint interests in marine renewable energy and to externally promote the joint interest of the islands in marine renewables.

It is intended that the SWMEP and CIMREG will work together to build relationships, address common issues and to encourage business and research collaboration. They will also provide a means to exchange knowledge and best practice to ensure that the UK and Channel islands continue to be at the forefront of the global marine energy industry.

2 Areas of collaboration

Overall, the commitment between the SWMEP and CIMREG is to work together to support and accelerate the growth of the marine energy sector across the UK and the Channel Islands.

In particular the two parties will work together to:

- a) Share information, data and provide policy input to the UK and Channel Islands governments, Marine Energy Programme Board and its working groups, and to other national and international bodies
- b) Identify common issues and barriers in key areas such as port infrastructure, grid, investment and funding
- c) Share best practice and support joint initiatives in the areas of community engagement, socio-economic and environmental impacts
- d) Encourage and provide input to regulatory bodies to streamline and harmonise consenting and planning processes



- e) Promote supply chain development by hosting joint networking events, building relationships and encouraging collaboration between businesses
- f) Work together and with the relevant authorities to promote the marine energy sector through inward investment
- g) Encourage collaborative research and technology development to leverage the capabilities and assets of the universities and demonstration facilities within the marine energy parks
- h) Support and enable collaboration with other UK & European regions including building on the established relationship between the Channel Islands and France
- i) Work together to support joint renewable energy projects in each other's waters
- j) Leverage regional expertise in financial services and access to investment for renewable energy technology and project development

This memorandum is intended to be non legally binding, but is entered into by the parties in good faith for the mutual benefit of the parties

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