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Severn Estuary
Commission
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Severn Estuary Commission meeting: 9th April 2024

The Bristol Port Company, St Andrew's House, St Andrew's Road, Avonmouth, Bristol

Commission Members:

- Andrew Garrad (Chair)
- Sue Barr
- Peter Davies
- Madeleine Havard
- Chris Mills

Secretariat:

- William Mansfield
- Steph Jary

Open Session Guests:

Representatives from The Bristol Port Company

Apologies:

- Nigel Costley (Commissioner)

Open Session

Item 1: Bristol Port

- The Commission was given a tour of Bristol Port's facilities and an overview of its history and current operations.
- Bristol Port gave a presentation on their priorities going forward and highlighted key considerations for the Commission in exploring tidal energy in the Severn Estuary.

Closed Session

Item 2: Update and Next Steps

- The Secretariat provided an update on the Call for Information going live on the website and the plan for distribution and tracking responses.
- Key visits planned for the Chair were discussed, such as those involved in previous studies.
- The Secretariat confirmed the environment and socio-economic work package request for proposals will be finalised shortly for distribution.
- Collaborations were highlighted such as with The Crown Estate, the Welsh Government Tidal Lagoon Challenge projects, and the Severn Estuary Partnership. Other key partners such as DESNZ and NESO were identified as integral to the energy work package.



- Ways of working were agreed, including the timing of meetings and agreeing for Commissioners to take leads on topics.
- The plan for stakeholder engagement was discussed, including the roles of the Secretariat, Consultants, and Commissioners. It was agreed that the responses from the Call for Information should inform the approach, and that it should involve clear communication, transparency, and consistent collaboration to build trust and ensure that a wide variety of views are heard and considered.
- The Commission recognised that there will be gaps in the work, and that it is their responsibility to identify these.

Item 3: Admin and Next Meeting

- It was agreed that the next meeting should be topic-specific and focused on reviewing submissions to the request for proposals.
- Several administrative documents were referred to for use by the Commission.

Item 4: AOB

- No other items were discussed.