

Marine Spatial Planning Stakeholder Advisory Group

Report of Second Meeting held 13th June 2018

Attendance List Attached

1. Welcome

Minister Damien English welcomed members to the second meeting of the Group and briefly outlined that discussions during this meeting would focus on draft High Level Objectives for Ireland's Marine Spatial Plan, to be articulated initially in the Baseline Report (due September 2018).

2. Report of First Meeting

The report of the first meeting of the group was adopted as circulated.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was agreed.

4 Preparation of Baseline Report – High Level Objectives for Ireland's Marine Spatial Plan

Members provided a broad range of comments on general MSP issues and the content of the Baseline Report.

Minister English welcomed the feedback from members and requested members to provide detailed drafting proposals in track changes by COB Wednesday 20th June following which an updated version of the document would be circulated for agreement by written procedure.

5. AOB

5.1 Transposing Legislation

Legislation to replace the 2016 regulations is currently before the Oireachtas and will provide a primary legislative basis for the plan-making process, including governance, public participation, review and Oireachtas involvement

in adoption of plans. Introduction of this legislation ensures that the processes for making Ireland's marine and terrestrial spatial plans are consistent and fully aligned.

5.2 Six Administrations

At Ireland's invitation, a meeting of the six marine planning authorities from Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, England, Wales and the Isle of Man will take place in Cork 20th – 21st June. It is intended that the group will meet every six months to discuss and consider issues of mutual concern or interest. The meetings will ensure that a forum exists for continuing engagement on planning issues in adjoining sea spaces.

5.3 Transboundary Consultations

Wales and Northern Ireland have consulted with Ireland on their draft marine plans and observations have been provided.

5.4 Stakeholder Engagement

DHPLG provided an update on engagement events held to date and those planned over the next period.

Peter Hynes offered the assistance of Local Authority Public Participation Networks (PPNs) in facilitating publicity and awareness for events. As Chair of the Land Use and Transport (LUTS) Committee of the County and City Management Association (CCMA) he would also be happy to facilitate a presentation on MSP to a plenary meeting of the group.

5.5 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Group is scheduled for Wednesday 19th September 10:30 – 12:30 at the Custom House.