

## **Terms of Reference – Marine Nitrates Development Taskforce**

### **Purpose/Scope:**

The Marine Nitrates Development Taskforce brings together senior officials from the Welsh Government, Local Authorities, Natural Resources Wales and Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water.

It provides a high-level forum to share information, identify potential shared solutions, and co-ordinate responses to the impact on development due to the poor condition in two Marine Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) as a result of nutrient issues arising from dissolved inorganic nitrogen: the Milford Haven Inner (Pembrokeshire Marine SAC) and the Burry Inlet Inner (Carmarthen Bay and Estuaries SAC).

The Taskforce has a specific focus on ensuring that development that is currently paused – including housing – resumes as quickly as possible. It will provide assurance to Ministers and Council leaders that officials have worked together at pace to identify and explore fully all reasonable possibilities that may enable Local Planning Authorities to resume issuing planning approvals whilst protecting our marine environment.

The remit of the Taskforce will be to identify short-term options and solutions that can be actioned quickly and that will contribute to more sustainable solutions in the medium term, as well as to surface and unblock issues.

### **Frequency and papers:**

The Taskforce will meet frequently over a 6-week period. Meeting frequency and discussions will be decided by the Chair, in consultation with members.

It is not expected that written papers will be required to accompany meetings unless requested by the Chair. A response to all agreed actions will be provided at each Taskforce meeting.

### **Membership:**

The Taskforce is a senior officials' group with nominated representatives as outlined in Annex 1. The membership will be kept under review in terms of both members and expertise. Members may delegate attendance to other officials but should notify the secretariat when doing so. Additional attendees may attend meetings with the permission of the Chair.

## **Annex 1: List of Nominated Representatives**

### **Welsh Government**

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### **Natural Resources Wales**

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### **Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water**

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### **Planning and Environment Decisions Wales**

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### **Local Authorities**

*[information redacted]* – Swansea

*[information redacted]* – Swansea

*[information redacted]* – Pembrokeshire

*[information redacted]* – Carmarthenshire

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