

# Delivering the Forth Green Freeport

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**GREEN FREEPORT**

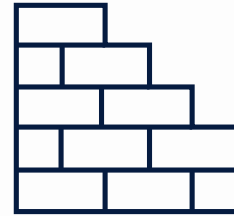
To achieve Scotland's 2045  
net zero target, **urgent action**  
**is needed** to decarbonise  
the Firth of Forth

# Scotland's Green Freeport package provides a suite of incentives to encourage investment and regeneration

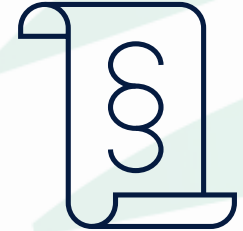
**Tax incentives**



**Investment and spending**



**Customs freedoms**



**Innovation and regulation**



**Planning support**



# Forth Green Freeport Investment Principles

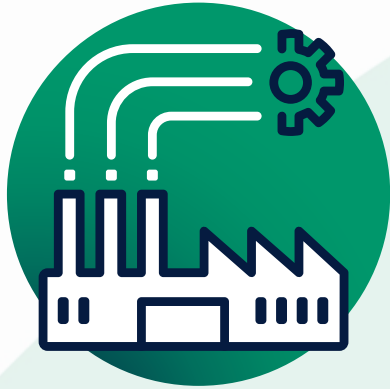
Align to the **four strategic** Green Freeport objectives

**Sector alignment** to support focused investment, clustering and supply chain development

**Bring additionality:** net new jobs, investment and accelerated growth

Commit to fair work practices and sign up to the **FGF Fair Work Charter**

Commit to transition to net zero and sign up to the **FGF Net Zero Charter**



**A catalyst for the re-industrialisation of Scotland**, attracting significant investment into key industrial infrastructure for the future economy, and growing an **innovation ecosystem for SMEs** across the Firth of Forth



**High quality, green jobs** in areas of local deprivation across the UK and support skill development for local communities



A major contribution to Scotland's Net Zero carbon emissions target, supporting innovation in net zero technologies including **offshore wind, hydrogen, and sustainable aviation fuels**, and building for Scotland an export base grounded in green growth

# Supply chain opportunities in diverse sectors key to Scotland's future growth



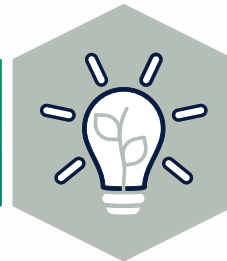
Offshore wind  
manufacture



Logistics and  
warehousing



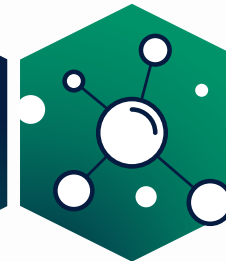
Shipbuilding  
and repair



Renewable and  
advanced modular  
energy systems



Hydrogen  
manufacture and  
carbon capture  
infrastructure



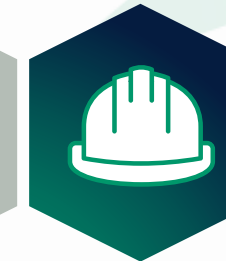
Biofuels  
innovation



Creative  
industries



Research and  
development



Construction



244  
ha



158  
ha



150  
ha



## Grangemouth

- Build on strengths as Scotland's largest port and principal export hub
- Regenerate the petrochemical cluster for a net zero transition
- Support an innovation cluster in clean chemicals such as CO<sub>2</sub> utilisation and industrial biotechnology

## Rosyth

- Support large scale digitally enabled manufacturing and shipbuilding
- Further develop the Arrol Gibb Innovation Campus
- Strengthen the nation's agribulks hub by expanding and creating new trade routes to continental Europe

## Mid Forth

- Create the nation's largest offshore renewable energy hub
- Deliver new manufacturing facilities, port infrastructure upgrades and green incubators
- Support the expansion of the existing creative cluster, driving SME and start-up business growth.



# Mid Forth

(Leith & Burntisland)

Creating Scotland's largest renewable energy hub



- 150ha+ renewable energy hub, as part of a multi-port strategy, with green manufacturing to support local content
- Initial £50m investment in the Port of Leith's new offshore wind berth, marshalling and consolidation yard
- SME supply chain development and green innovation incubator
- Lays the groundwork for emerging technologies such as floating offshore wind (FLOW) and green hydrogen
- Grow the existing creative industry cluster
- Rail capable site on Edinburgh's doorstep



# Investment in Edinburgh

The Council can retain any net increase in Non-Domestic Rates collected within the Port of Leith tax site for 25 years

- Investment of retained NDR should be used “To promote the Green Freeport’s objectives within the Green Freeport geography or wider Travel to Work Area”
- Investment can be Capital and/or Revenue

Key consideration that local communities can see benefits of investment

F&R Committee have agreed core principles for investment

Engagement on detailed funding will be held at later stage

# Fair Work and Skills

- Key element of the FGF
- Plan to reflect Scottish Government's Fair Work First principles
- Skills Plan

# Fair Work First principles...

- Payment of at least the real Living Wage;
- Provide appropriate channels for effective workers' voice, such as trade union recognition;
- Investment in workforce development;
- No inappropriate use of zero hours contracts;
- Action to tackle the gender pay gap and create a more diverse and inclusive workplace;
- Offer flexible and family friendly working practices for all workers from day one of employment; and,
- Oppose the use of fire and rehire practice.

# Translated into a Fair Work Charter

## Fair

- Real Living Wage
- No Zero Hours contracts

## Secure

- Voice for employees
- No fire & rehire

## Respectful

- Flexible & Family friendly
- Skills development

## Inclusive

- DEI policies in place
- Pay gap reporting

# It's a journey

- Aspiring
  - Achieving
  - Excelling
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- Action plan to move any Aspiring to Achieving
  - Support will be available from FGF
  - Achieving and Excelling businesses to share good practice



# Skills Plan

- Macro analysis
- Skills Gap analysis
- Assessment and actions
  - Skills Fund
  - Alignment with existing skills provision
  - Utilize existing employability support to ensure local jobs for local people
  - Closer engagement with Education sector

# Governance and social partnership

- Delivering the Forth Green Freeport is linked to **strong governance**
- Appointment of **independent chair**, Dame Susan Rice
- Trade Union representation on the Governing Board
- Set up of **sub-committee structure**, including a Fair Work and Skills Sub-Committee
- Established an **Operating Company**
  - CEO Sarah Murray just recruited
  - Recruitment for Fair Work & Skills Manager about to commence
  - LAs will have Employer Engagement Officers

**Outline  
Business  
Case (OBC)  
submitted**

**November  
2023**

**Addressing  
OBC actions**

**January/  
February  
2024**

**Winter/  
Spring  
2024**

**Spring  
2024**

**Final Business  
Case (FBC)  
submitted**

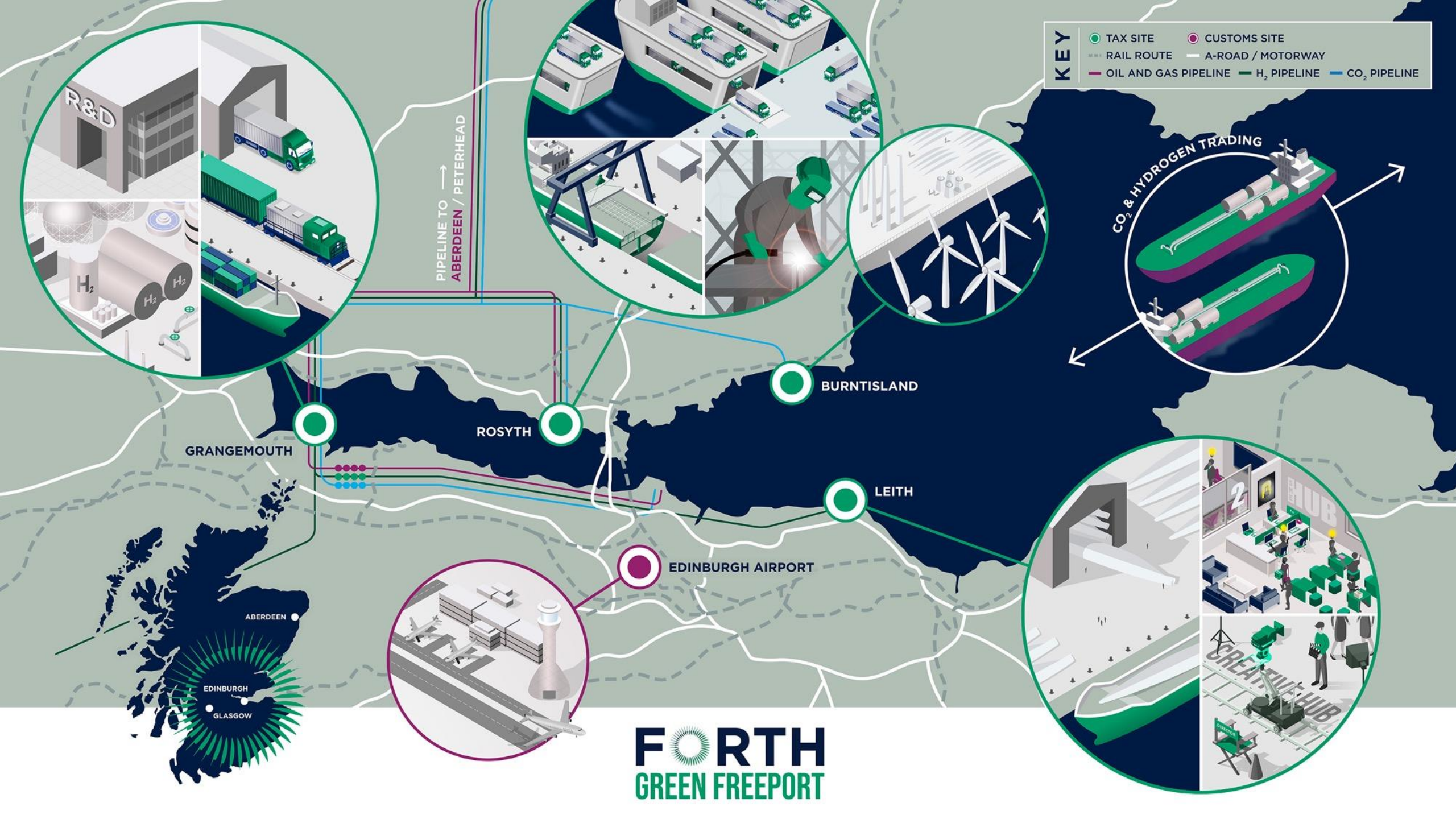
**Summer  
2024**

**Summer/  
Autumn  
2024**

**Feedback on  
OBC from the  
UK / Scottish  
Governments**

**Statutory  
Instrument laid  
and approved,  
tax sites live**

**FBC approved  
& Forth Green  
Freeport  
operational**



- KEY**
- TAX SITE
  - CUSTOMS SITE
  - - - RAIL ROUTE
  - A-ROAD / MOTORWAY
  - OIL AND GAS PIPELINE
  - H<sub>2</sub> PIPELINE
  - CO<sub>2</sub> PIPELINE

PIPELINE TO  
ABERDEEN / PETERHEAD

GRANGEMOUTH

ROSYTH

BURNTISLAND

LEITH

EDINBURGH AIRPORT

ABERDEEN

EDINBURGH

GLASGOW

# FORTH GREEN FREEPORT

CO<sub>2</sub> & HYDROGEN TRADING

CREATIVE HUB