

Councils in Partnership:

A local authority perspective on Marine Spatial Planning

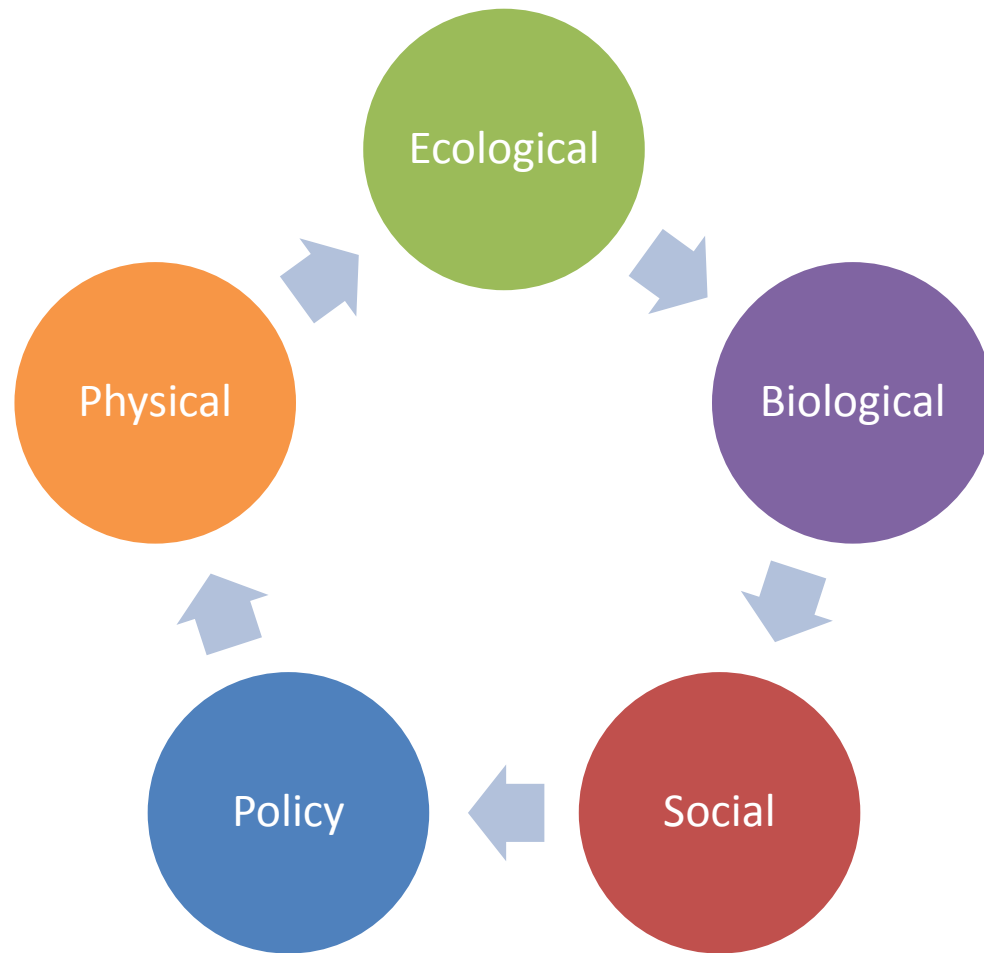
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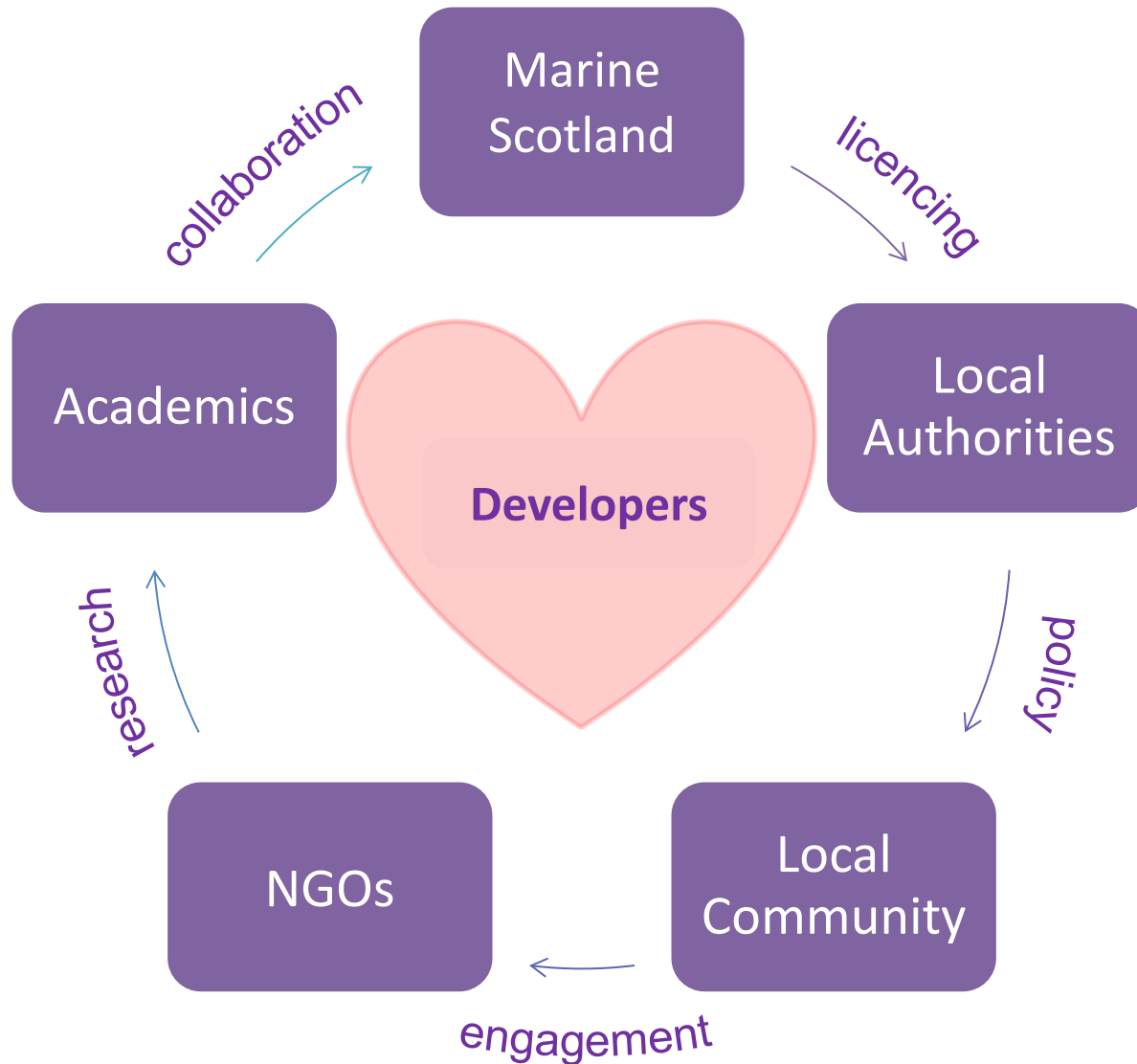
Overview

- Which environment?
- MSP = Interdisciplinary approach
- How two Scottish councils advocate MSP:
 - Support
 - Enable
 - Engage
- Conclusions

Which environment?



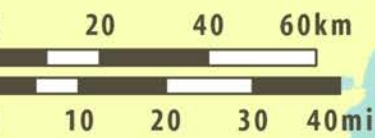
MSP = Interdisciplinary Approach



Highland

Coastline.... 4,900km

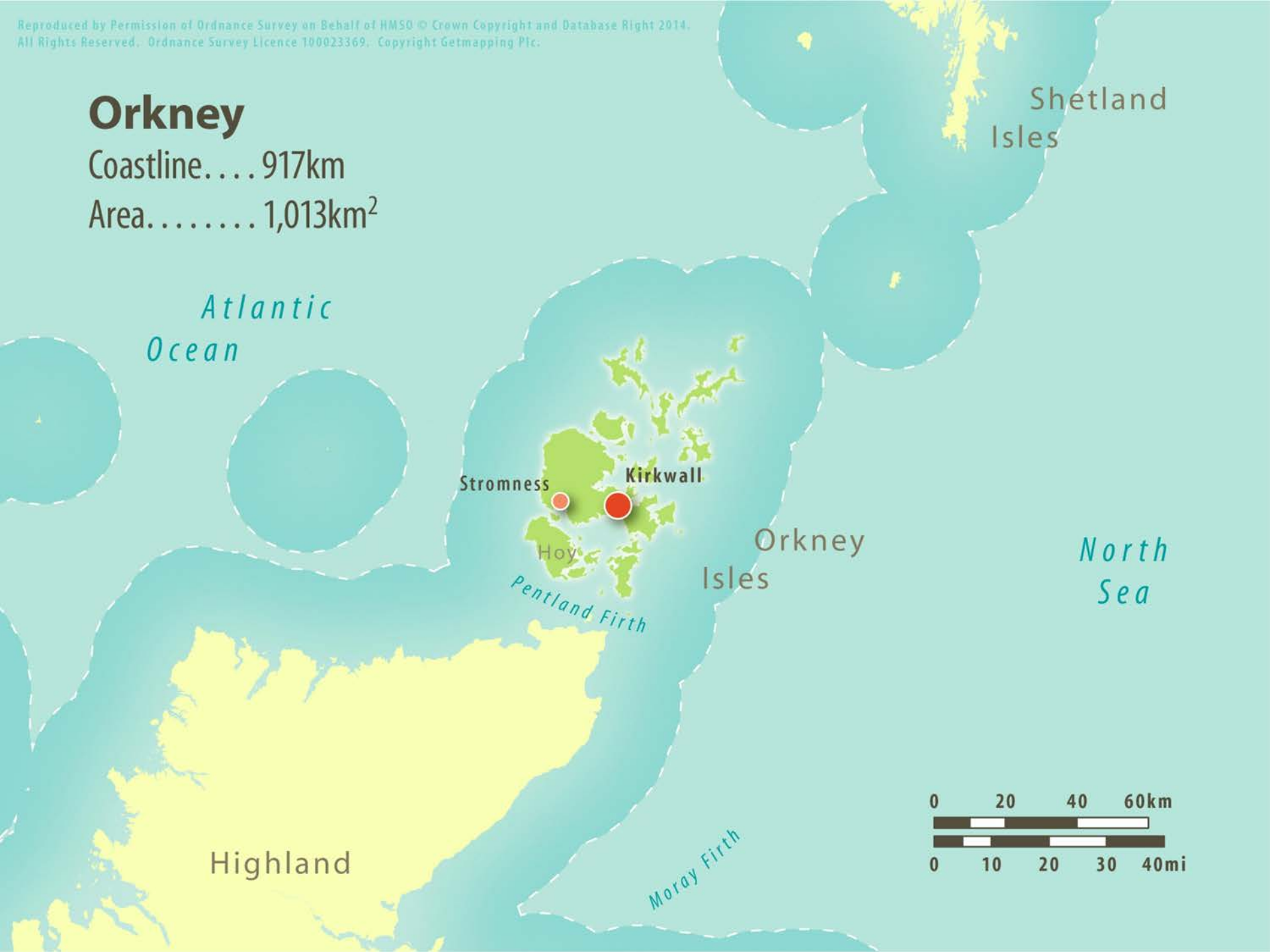
Area..... 26,171km²



Orkney

Coastline.... 917km

Area..... 1,013km²



Shetland
Isles

*Atlantic
Ocean*

Stromness Kirkwall

Hoy

Pentland Firth

Orkney
Isles

*North
Sea*

Highland

Moray Firth



Our council marine planning roles

Support

- EMEC
- Local/Master-planning
- Key consultees
- PFOW Marine Energy Park
- Enterprise Areas

Enable

- Harbour upgrades
- On-shore sub-station applications
- Marine Spatial Plans
- Land purchase

Engage

- Workshops
- Info Days
- Plan Consultations
- Leadership Fora & working groups
- Lobbying

Support: Planning Guidance



EMEC
The European Marine Energy Centre

planning
protocol of

LOW CARBON & RENEWABLES
SGIRE IOMAIRT CARBON

**NORTH HIGHLAND
ONSHORE VISION**

Growth Strategy for the Marine Renewables Sector

The Highland Council
Comhairle na Gàidhealtachd

The marine renewables sector – covering wave, tidal and offshore wind energy – is expected to expand significantly in the Caithness and North Sutherland area over the next 20 years. The Highland Council wants to maximise the potential economic benefits and employment opportunities that this could bring to the area. This is reflected as a key priority for the Caithness & North Sutherland Regeneration Partnership, of which the Highland Council is a key partner. The recent designation of the Pentland Firth and Orkney Waters as Scotland's first Marine Energy Park should provide further stimulus to the sector and make the area more attractive inward investment.

An adequate supply of available sites for development will be central to enabling the expansion of the onshore element of the marine renewables industry in North Highland. In order to identify and promote onshore development land opportunities the Council is undertaking a 'Call for Sites exercise from 8th August to 3rd October 2012'. This provides the opportunity for local communities, landowners and businesses to suggest sites which may be suitable to support the marine renewables sector. The suggestions made will help the Council to prepare a Framework Document which will identify a portfolio of sites where the Council is likely to support planning applications for employment uses.

Sites that are in close proximity to harbours, railways or major roads may be particularly suitable. However, we are happy to consider any suggestions put forward which satisfy the following set of criteria:

- within Caithness or located along the northern Coast of Sutherland to Bettyhill;
- considered to be suitable for employment uses to support the marine renewables sector;
- greater than 0.1 ha in size; and
- believed likely to be available for development within the next 10 years.

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Enable: Infrastructure Investment

In Support of the Oil, Gas
& Renewable Energy Industries

Orkney's Three Port Strategy



Lyness



Hatston



Stromness



A NEW VISION FOR THURSO ILLUSTRATIVE MASTERPLAN

ILLUSTRATIVE WIDER TOWN MASTERPLAN



Enable: PFOW MSP process

Pilot Pentland Firth and Orkney Waters Marine Spatial Plan

Planning Issues and Options Paper
May 2013

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Engage: Talk to People



The Thurso Charrette
It's your chance to shape the future of your town - come along and share your ideas.
www.highland.gov.uk/thursocharrette

The Pentland Hotel
A vision for Thurso
Friday 22 Feb: 2pm-8pm
Saturday 23 Feb: 11am-4pm
The emerging options
Monday 25 Feb: 6.30-7.30pm
Report back on Thurso's future
Wednesday 27 Feb: 2pm

Drop in for a few minutes, a few hours or come along to every session and share your ideas.

Hands-on Planning

Report Back

THURSO WESTERN EXPANSION

KEY:

- IMPROVED CLIFFTOP WALKWAY
- POTENTIAL ROUTE FOR A3
- EXISTING BIEN & POTENTIAL PLANNING POLICY & QUALITY
- RESIDENTIAL EXPANSION / POTENTIAL
- PREPARED BUSINESS & MARITIME
- OPTIONS FOR HOTEL
- POTENTIAL FOR RETAIL & COMMUNITY
- WATER AVAILABILITY CLASSIFIED

Engage: Provide Opportunities

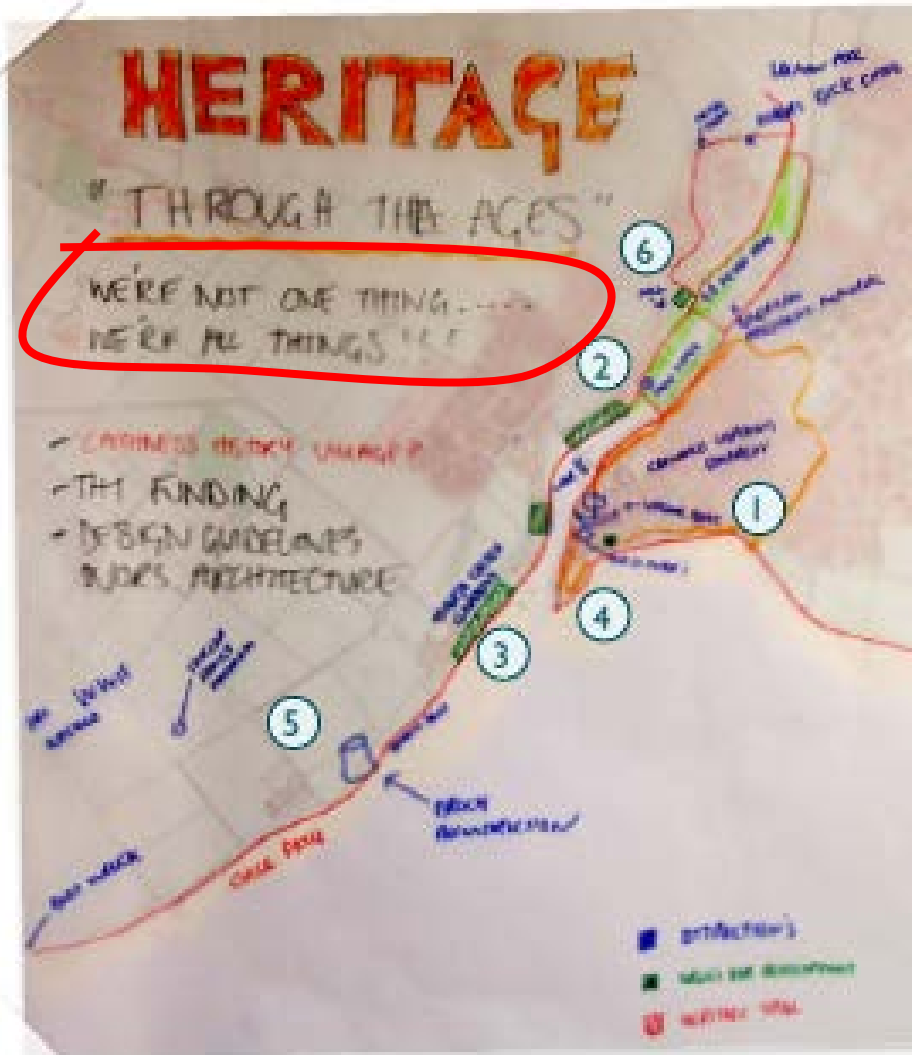


Call for sites
& Harbour
Masterplans

Public
Consultation

Draft Local
Plans

Engage: Policy versus Practice



“... analysis indicates that benefits may be gained from **testing** government **renewable energy policies** against the different worldviews....**that move away from homogenised views of public opinion**”

West et al, (2010)

How we can help each other...

- Provide concise summaries of key research/policy work, highlighting main implications
- Sign up to be a stakeholder in the PFOW marine spatial plan process
- Come and talk to us, phone us or email us

Summary

- Highland and Orkney Islands Council are playing a key role in **supporting** Marine Spatial Planning in Scotland.
- Significant investment in harbour upgrades and land provision is **enabling** development and economic growth.
- By **engaging** with a wide variety of stakeholders, we are the key link between developers, academics, SG agencies and the local communities we serve.

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