

Marine Directorate

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Dear Chief Executive/Director of Finance,

SCOTTISH CROWN ESTATE NET REVENUE ALLOCATIONS FOR DISTRIBUTION IN 2024-25

I am writing to provide you with the detail of the above allocations.

This is the sixth tranche of payments to local authorities to ensure that coastal communities benefit from net revenue generated by the Scottish Crown Estate's marine assets out to 12 nautical miles. Payments are made in arrears following the finalisation of Crown Estate Scotland's annual accounts. This year's allocation amounts to £12.42 million and relates to revenue generated in 2022-2023. This means, that since 2019, £62.87 million will have been distributed to coastal local authorities through this mechanism. The table attached at Annex A provides details of payments due to each relevant local authority based on the distribution method agreed by the Settlement and Distribution Group. We will endeavour to make payments as soon as possible. We are set up to issue payments to those accounts we paid the 2023/24 allocations into. Please confirm ASAP if the details have changed.

Conditions of spend

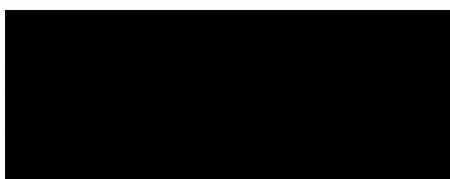
Allocations should be used to deliver coastal community benefit. As with previous years, local authorities should ensure that use of net revenues is documented and accounted for, and that there is due transparency of funding decisions to ensure accountability both to communities and those representing community interests at local and national levels (including local authority members and members of the Scottish Parliament). It is for local authorities to follow their own processes to ensure that monies spent deliver value for money, however you may wish to consider how your local authority is contributing towards realising Scotland's Blue Economy Vision and other priorities around tackling the twin crises of climate and biodiversity.

I appreciate that there has been delay in confirming this year's allocations and that this may have impacted on your ability to plan and deliver within this financial year. Please accept my apologies that it has not been possible to confirm allocations before now and please note that there is no expectation that these monies must be spent within this financial year.

Reporting of net revenue expenditure in 2023-24

In line with the Verity House Agreement and efforts to reducing bureaucracy, we have revised the requirements around reporting on spend. Rather than complete a full template setting out all spend, we are asking that you provide a short summary of projects you have funded, how much and what the key deliverable was. With that in mind, please submit, by 31 March 2025, information for your local authority regarding spend made from net revenues distributed in 2023-24 using the attached template at Annex B. Feel free to amend the template as appropriate or submit in a different format if easier. There is no requirement to complete this for authorities who received an allocation under £25,000. These returns will provide an overview on how these revenues are delivering benefits for coastal communities. Please send your completed return to cesu@gov.scot

Yours faithfully,



Malcolm Pentland
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ANNEX A – SHARE OF 2022-23 NET REVENUE TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN 2024-25

Local Authority	Share of total net rev generated in 2022-23
Aberdeen City	£132,964.86
Aberdeenshire	£803,064.43
Angus	£137,131.79
Argyll and Bute	£1,818,714.93
City of Edinburgh	£88,150.03
Clackmannanshire	£1,000.00
Dumfries and Galloway	£717,303.02
Dundee City	£13,599.96
East Lothian	£53,845.31
Falkirk	£10,084.84
Fife	£189,053.87
Glasgow City	£1,673.87
Highland	£3,176,089.84
Inverclyde	£50,324.97
Moray	£133,180.78
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar	£1,865,365.43
North Ayrshire	£197,255.27
Orkney Islands	£989,081.92
Perth and Kinross	£5,230.57
Renfrewshire	£1,424.46
Scottish Borders	£50,993.79
Shetland Islands	£1,829,861.92
South Ayrshire	£140,623.46
Stirling	£3,329.64
West Dunbartonshire	£5,767.57
West Lothian	£1,197.89
Total	£12,416,314.43

ANNEX B – TEMPLATE FOR REPORTING ON EXPENDITURE FROM NET REVENUES DISTRIBUTED IN 2023-24

Local Authority:				
Project title	Project period	Total amount (£)	Brief summary	Benefits to Blue Economy (select all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Enhancement <input type="checkbox"/> Emissions Reduction Or Removal Of Waste <input type="checkbox"/> Jobs <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism <input type="checkbox"/> Skills Development <input type="checkbox"/> Diversification Projects <input type="checkbox"/> Investment For Community Purpose <input type="checkbox"/> Climate Change Adaptation
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Please add extra rows as appropriate.

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Completed forms should be emailed to Crown Estate Sponsor team CESU@gov.scot. In submitting this return, you give consent for the information supplied to be used to produce a summary report for publication on the Scottish Government website.