



**PURPOSE:** To revitalise exploration in the UKCS in order to add reserves to replace production and secure longevity of the North Sea

**REPORTS TO:** The MER UK Forum

**RELEVANT SUBGROUPS:** Licensing Sub-group, Seismic Group Shoot Sub-group, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Exploration Roadmap

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nick Terrell (Azinor Petroleum), Nick Richardson (OGA), Andy Alexander (Siccar Point), Jenny Morris (Statoil), Jon Parry (Ineos Energy), Katy Heidenreich (O&GUK rep), Dave Lewis (Chevron) Marian Bruce, (OGA Secretariat)

**GUESTS:** Steve Roberts (OGTC), Jo Bagguley (OGA), Paul Herrington (OGA)

### Actions arising from meeting

Priority	Actions	Who	When
Yet to find	Paul Herrington shared slides outlining the work OGA has carried out on 'Yet-to-Find'. Paul to provide a narrative for the slide pack and share with XTF	Paul Herrington	
Petroleum Systems Project	Steering committee to meet and outline project in clear terms, produce a detailed plan with scope, objectives, deliverables and timing. This should be reviewed by XTF before going out to 60% non-respondents.	Jo Bagguley	
General	<p><u>XTF Projects</u> XTF members to consider getting involved in task force projects. Inform Nick T/Nick R if interested in any projects.</p> <p><u>Communications</u> The task force members agreed that there should be a more proactive and open communication strategy and agreed that a communication lead should be appointed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Task force members to let Nick T/Nick R know if they are interested in taking up the role of communication lead. OGA and O&amp;GUK can provide support. Marian Bruce to share copies of TLB and Decommissioning Task Force communication plans.</li> </ul> <p><u>XTF Membership</u> XTF need another industry representative to join the task force. Nomination form has been issued with meeting pre-reads</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• XTF members to consider suitable nominations.</li> </ul>		
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**Actions status from previous meeting** **Not yet commenced** / **In progress** / **Complete**

<b>Priority</b>	<b>Actions arising</b>	<b>Progress</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>
	<u>£5mm HM Treasury Funding Proposals and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Roadmap</u> OGA highlighted that HMT had made £5mm available (£4mm after VAT) to promote exploration and enhance data access and OGA intends to award projects by 1 April 2018. The OGA had considered projects under the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Roadmap where this funding would be beneficial – recognising that industry match-funding would also be required. It was agreed OGA would send all proposals to all licensees including highlighting what the benefits and deliverables of the projects would be	OGA sent letter and carried out survey results shared at meeting	NR	complete
	<u>Guidance on management of offshore licence work programme commitments</u> OGA highlighted that guidance will be published in 2018, before the award of 30 <sup>th</sup> round licences		NR	complete
	<u>Geophysical Technologies</u> It was agreed that it would be worthwhile to hold further workshops and a 'show and tell' on some of the new techniques. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These are to be arranged for September/October.</li> <li>• Phil to investigate what data can be found and what can be released for sharing</li> </ul>	Workshop now potentially late in 2018 following SPE Seismic Conference (May 2018)	NT/KH	ongoing
	<u>Yet to Find Study and Methodology</u> It was agreed that this was a valuable project and there were several offers of help from the ETF members.	Work progressing in OGA and BGS with input on methodology from Task Force subject matter experts – aim to	NR	

		publish high level numbers Q4 2018 and full report Q1 2019		
Revitalise exploration: Promote exploration and incentivise investment	<u>Communication of activities:</u> To aid transparency and to effectively communicate the work of the Board with the wider industry, including potential overseas investors, the Board agreed they would continue to use the Exploration Managers Forum (for UK based industry), and also strongly encourage and support OGA attendance at key industry events, both in the UK and overseas, such as the forthcoming PROSPEX conference, NAPE, AAPG and EAGE. It was noted that an Exploration Managers Forum will take place at PROSPEX 2017 and it was highlighted it would be good if as many Board members as possible could attend.	Exploration Managers Forum meetings held in July and December, tied to licence round cycle	All	Ongoing
Seismic Technology Seminar	Katy Heidenreich to explore	O&GUK aiming to organise seminar towards end of 2018. O&GUK and OGA to discuss content	KH and NR	Ongoing
Machine Learning	Exploration Task Force to sponsor this activity and support further OGTC Task-Finish Group workshops. Need for quick-wins.	Technical workshop held and OGTC Call for ideas issued for NNS Missed Pay project (kick off in March 2018). OGA to send list of participants at the workshop earlier in 2017 to other members	NR IE SR/SA	Ongoing

### **CONTACT**

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