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# 00. INTRODUCTION

*Forth Ports has an unmissable opportunity to support the delivery of the country's net zero ambitions.*

Ports are a force for good and we all want to share the benefits of trade with our local communities around the country.

Lucy Harris joined us in a new role as the group's Community Engagement Manager to deliver a strong set of values connecting Port, People and Place. These values focus on developing sustainable opportunities that help cultivate individual's potential and connect with our communities in a genuine and responsive way.

In Scotland, our bid for a Forth Green Freeport sets out how we will spread the benefits of trade widely into the communities that need it the most. Through the establishment of a green growth investment corridor supported by new innovation and training centres we hope to create a strong local pathway as we deliver 50,000 green jobs in renewable energy, manufacturing and alternative fuels.

In Tilbury, the partners of the Thames Freeport have come together to offer a global platform that will turbocharge advanced manufacturing, processing and low carbon distribution to boost the region's green energy credentials – creating jobs and career opportunities for local people.

This summer we have been delighted to welcome people back into our ports at open days and during National Windrush Day, alongside supporting local events and many sports teams in the areas around our ports.

This month, we welcome another group of talented graduates into the business in roles across our ports from hydrography to corporate social responsibility. Our graduates – and our many apprentices – will get every chance to find out about our business and the opportunities they have ahead of them as they start their career in this fantastic and varied industry.

This edition of RE:PORT captures the breadth of activity our ports are involved with up-and-down the country.



Charles Hammond OBE  
Chief Executive Officer



# 01. FORTH GREEN FREEPORT

## Vision unveiled for a Forth Green Freeport to deliver Scotland's green growth ambitions

A visionary bid for a Forth Green Freeport for Scotland which will re-industrialise the nation and create large scale economic development has been submitted by a public and private sector consortium led by Forth Ports. The bid has the potential to generate 50,000 new green jobs and act as a catalyst for new green technologies and renewable energy manufacturing, unlocking £6 billion of private and public investment for Scotland.

A Forth Green Freeport will encourage global companies to continue to choose Scotland as a place to invest at scale through the economic incentives offered to businesses within the Green Freeport. The bid encompasses three key ports on the Forth (Grangemouth, Leith and Rosyth); industrial facilities and logistics centres along the north and south shores of the Firth of Forth; and Edinburgh Airport. Together they create an ambitious and attractive green investment zone which is focused on the Forth but will have a much broader impact across Scotland.

- Forth Green Freeport will act as a catalyst for the re-industrialisation of Scotland, creating economic development for the whole of the country
- Delivering a just transition to Scotland's net zero targets
- Potential to create 50,000 new green jobs
- 550 hectares of development land
- Local jobs in communities of high deprivation will support levelling up
- A Skills Accelerator Fund focused on skills development for young people and harder to reach communities
- Unlocking £6 billion of private and public investment into productive and resilient industries
- Generating a £4 billion boost in GVA (Gross Value Add)
- Built on a collaboration by committed partners who share the vision for a green growth corridor in the Forth Estuary. All partners are committed to the Fair Work principles and pay the real Living Wage.

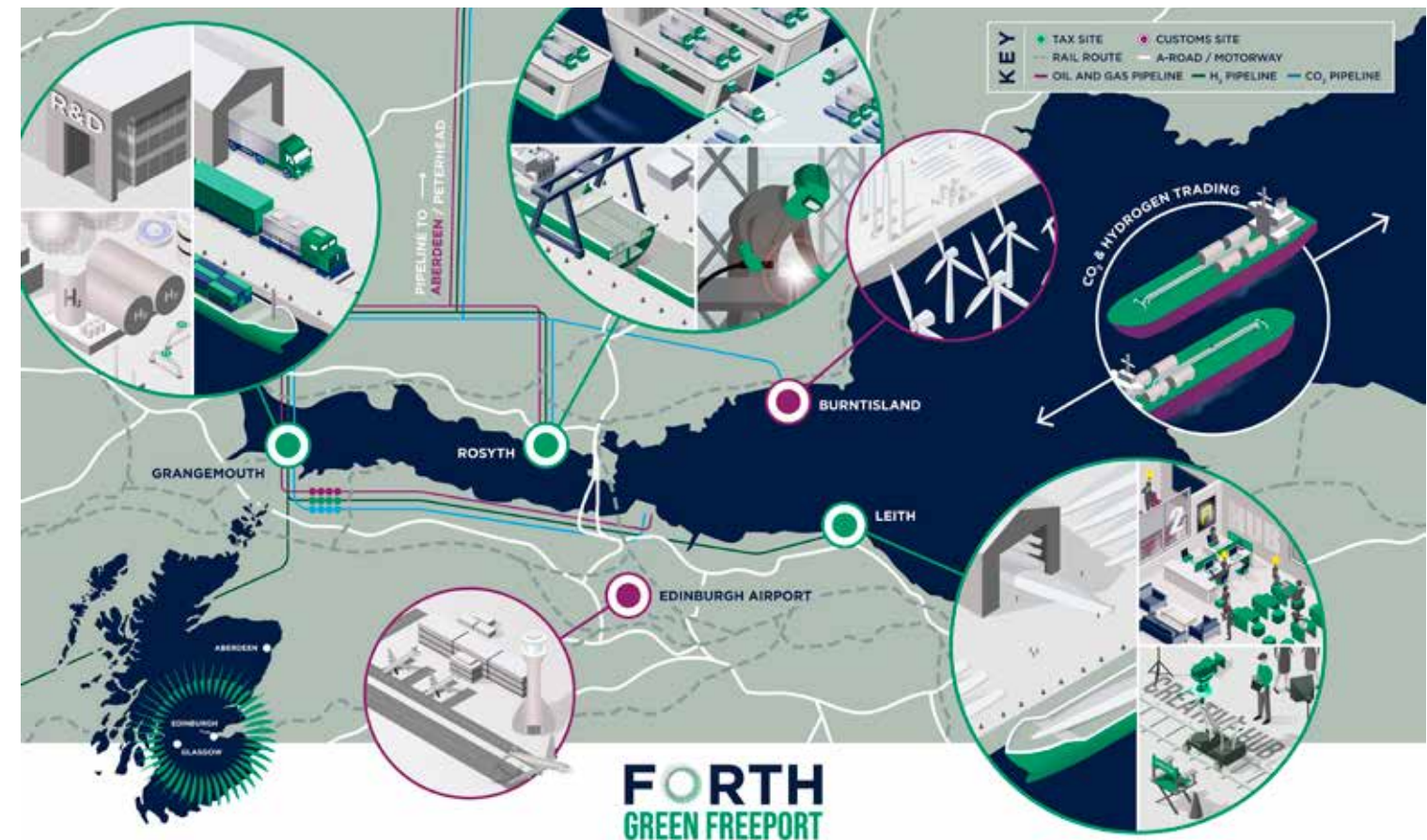
*Charles Hammond OBE, Chief Executive of Forth Ports Group, said:*

*"The Forth is Scotland's most prized trading and industrial asset and a Forth Green Freeport enables Scotland to reduce emissions while creating technologies and jobs for the future.*

*It will attract billions of investment for renewable offshore wind and hydrogen manufacture, enabling industrial decarbonisation and a reliable, clean energy supply with rapid distribution and export potential. Scotland has just over 20 years to deliver national decarbonisation and our bid provides an unmissable opportunity to deliver this in support of the country's net zero ambitions.*

*Our vision is for the Forth Green Freeport to reindustrialise Scotland and spread the benefits of trade widely into the communities that need it the most, through the establishment of a green growth investment corridor creating 50,000 jobs in renewable energy, green manufacturing and alternative fuels.*

*These jobs will not just be in Grangemouth, Leith and Rosyth, but in Glasgow and Edinburgh; the Lothians, Stirling and Falkirk; and Dunfermline and Kirkcaldy."*





## 02. LATEST NEWS



Commercial Director, Peter Ward, was interviewed as part of The Times Radio Series discussing his role, how the Port of Tilbury operates and the importance of identifying local employment and social opportunities for young people in the area.

Interviewed by Sophie Ryan and Hunter Charlton, Peter also had a chat about his upbringing, his history with Tilbury and Forth Ports plans for an Onside Youth Zone as part of the Town Fund, helping provide the young people in Tilbury with improved employment and training opportunities.

### INEOS at Grangemouth endorses the bid to establish the Forth Green Freeport

The Forth Green Freeport will sustain a prosperous industrial and manufacturing sector, provide high quality employment and deliver economic benefit to the country.

Andrew Gardner, CEO and Chairman at INEOS Grangemouth:

*"We are proud to be part of the bid consortium that brings together key public and private sector organisations with a shared goal, to deliver a just and fair transition to net zero in the region, along with the vision to reindustrialise and create economic development for the whole country."*



### Capital Cruising

August is a big month for cruise in Scotland with so much going on and it was great to welcome the Azamara Quest into Newhaven Anchorage and Leith.

The weather was beautiful and the flat calm water allowed guests easy access to enjoy the Military Tattoo and Edinburgh Fringe festival.

In Tilbury, with the sunshine and direct access into the heart of the capital city on a Uber Boat by Thames Clipper the passengers on the Viking Venus (pictured) arriving in Greenwich were treated to this beautiful sunset on the city skyline.

Ambassadors ship the Ambience home ports from Tilbury and it is so nice to see the hustle and bustle of the London International Cruise Terminal as people are getting back to cruising.



Local schools across Tayside took part in a competition run in partnership between the Port of Dundee and the Courier newspaper to name the new £40million purpose-built renewables quayside. The winning name, DunEco Quay, was created by a class of 10 students aged between 16-17 from Kingspark School.

## 03. TESCO RAIL

### Rail Minister visits Tesco's rail operations in Tilbury

Rail Minister, Wendy Morton MP and Thurrock MP Jackie Doyle-Price visited Tesco's UK-Europe rail hub at the Port of Tilbury following the retailer's £5million investment in new rail freight services.

Tesco's new investment, building on £2.5m of investment in recent years, includes the introduction of a new temperature-controlled rail freight service. This will support Tesco in delivering fresh produce from suppliers in Europe, through the Port of Tilbury, and on across the UK to our distribution centres, like Thurrock DC, and on to stores.

The increased rail service will not only boost resilience in the supply chain, but also be considerably greener, with each train removing around 40 trucks from the road saving approximately 9,000 tonnes of CO2 each year.

Tesco was the first major retailer to set science-based targets to meet the Paris Climate Commitments.

### Rail Minister, Wendy Morton MP said:

*"Rail freight plays a vital role in safeguarding the resilience of our supply chains whilst taking traffic off our roads, offering a cleaner, greener alternative for businesses nationwide. It's fantastic to see a major company wholeheartedly backing our railways by investing in new equipment. This Government has committed to net zero by 2050, and so, I welcome Tesco's £5million investment as they work towards becoming a zero-carbon business."*

### Ross McKissock, Unitised Director at the Port of Tilbury, said:

*"Forth Ports' rail freight strategy is focused on streamlining the path of fast-moving goods to the heart of the country's key markets. Tesco's new refrigerated trains are a perfect fit for the UK's newest port, Tilbury2, which is a growing hub for European trade and intermodal connections. With daily rail services running to the UK's largest retailer hubs and capacity to take the longest 775-meter trains on the network, we offer market-leading low carbon distribution solutions, enabling clean, green and sustainable supply chains."*





# 04. THAMES FREEPORT OPPORTUNITIES

*Transport Minister visits Port of Tilbury to see scale of investment and Thames Freeport opportunities.*

*Maritime Minister, Robert Courts MP said,*

*"Investment in the Port of Tilbury is investing in the local economy. With the new freight ferry terminal at Tilbury2 now in operation, more services can be added to the port, which will result in the creation of more jobs. We are committed to boosting global trade and supporting the port's growth will help to build and strengthen our economy.*

*"This is just one of the ways we're building back better – and we owe a big debt of gratitude to the hardworking team at the port who worked tirelessly during the pandemic, ensuring the movement of goods continued and who showed great resilience and dedication throughout."*

The Port of Tilbury welcomed the Transport Minister, Robert Courts MP to the port for a briefing and tour of the UK's fastest growing port which has, through a multimillion-pound investment programme and by achieving freeport status, created an unrivalled operation for the rapidly growing logistics sector.

The Minister was given an in-dock boat tour accompanied by the Port of Tilbury's Asset and Site Director, Paul Dale, and Commercial Director, Peter Ward; Thurrock MP Jackie Doyle-Price; Thurrock Council's Leader Cllr Rob Gledhill and Deputy Leader, Cllr Mark Coxshall allowing the Minister

to see for himself the impacts of the significant investment across the port and the diverse onsite activities. The Minister met company apprentices and was given a demonstration of the Port's state-of-the-art simulator suite.

Mr Courts stopped at the country's largest unaccompanied freight ferry terminal, Tilbury2, a £250m investment spanning 160 acres, which was officially opened by the Prime Minister on 31 January 2022. The site is also home to new border infrastructure; the UK's largest construction materials processing hub operated by Tarmac; and Tesco's domestic rail operations.



# 05. RE:CRUITMENT TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

- 12 Conventional apprentices have now completed and successfully passed their Tug training as part of their 2 year Apprenticeship.
- This summer we have 6 new graduates joining the business and as part of their onboarding process Forth Ports hosted a welcome event at our head office in Leith.
- Since the start of the year 80 people in the Port of Tilbury and 59 people in Scottish Ports have been inducted into the business.
- The London Container Terminal has held 3 successful recruitment days where people can come along and find out a bit more about the jobs being offered. This has proved to be an excellent way to give people the opportunity to get up close and have a better understanding of our operations and the plant machinery involved.
- A warm welcome to Matt Bass who is our new Chief of Police. He takes over from James Poulain who is retiring. We all wish James well on his travels.
- The Port of Grangemouth held a celebration event as part of apprenticeship week for our apprentices in the Port that work hard in a wide variety of positions from a Procurement Administrator to a Mechanical Engineer.
- Louise Logan started work at the Port of Grangemouth as part of the governments Kickstart work programme and we are delighted that she now has a full time position as an operations administrator.

A photograph of a person wearing a yellow high-visibility vest and a yellow hard hat. They are working on a large, complex industrial machine with many pipes and valves. The person is looking down at the machine. The background is a bright, overexposed outdoor area.

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# 06. TILBURY OPEN DAY

The Port of Tilbury’s community Open Day, held on Saturday 25 June was a big success with hundreds of people coming along to the London Cruise Terminal for a day of celebration.

The programme of events which were free for all the family, proved very popular throughout the day including the vintage bus tours of the port which were fully booked and the heritage walks were also very busy. The family activities of crafts and football practice with Tilbury Football Club had very busy stands. Lots of people tried out the straddle carrier simulator with some of them amazing themselves at their capabilities of handling these specialist container moving machines.

## Port of Tilbury welcomes hundreds to its community Open Day celebrations

There were some local characters arriving on the day too with a group of Mods arriving with their scooters which created a fantastic spectacle in the old railway station. The wonderful Together Productions lifted the roof off the terminal with their voices and had everyone singing along together in their grande finale. The final of the Thank you Dance procession held its spectacular finale outside the Cruise Terminal.



## Paul Dale, Asset and Site Director from The Port of Tilbury said:

“It was a brilliant day as the port opened its doors to the local community, our port teams and their families for a day full of activities and events. We were very pleased to see so many people on the day and we enjoyed giving the community a tour of the port. Some of the people who tried the straddle carrier simulator showed some real skills! I want to personally thank the community for coming along.”



## Jackie Doyle-Price MP and Board member of Tilbury on the Thames Trust said:

“The local community here know how to put on a celebration! The events were a pleasure to be part of and I know that many of the people attending the day had a brilliant time. The team at the port did a great job hosting the Open Day and my thanks to everyone who came along.”





# 07. HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND

*Tilbury's historic riverside railway station to be transformed for the community as major heritage fund secured*

Tilbury on the Thames Trust in Partnership with Forth Ports has secured major funding from The National Lottery Heritage Fund to deliver its ambitious plans to fully refurbish Tilbury's Grade II listed historic Riverside Railway Station.

The £340,050 development grant was awarded to the Trust to develop its 'Back on Track' proposal which will reinvigorate the important, well-known building to restore and celebrate the built heritage and social and cultural heritage of the community. Over the next 18 months or so, this will enable detailed plans to be developed to unlock a further £3.4M from The National Lottery Heritage Fund. The Port of Tilbury as the owners of the building have supported Tilbury on The Thames Trust with the development of this application.

The historic railway building and cruise terminal was designed by Sir Edwin Cooper in the 1920s and formed an integral part of the historic Port's development and growth. It is a well-used building today with regular cruise ship calls and community events taking place in parts of the building. The exciting plans include the creation of heritage, creative and event spaces, as well as a new community café and refurbishing the building interior. The plans will draw on the building's Windrush heritage and following completion of the work, the building will be accessible all year round as a public space.

The work on the building will also benefit from Tilbury's Town Funding. Tilbury has been given a once in a generation opportunity through £22 million of Town Funding which seeks to reconnect the town station gateway with the town centre and the riverside to create a thriving and vibrant community and local economy.



# 08. WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT AT LEITH

*Forth Ports unveils plans for new waterfront development at Leith*

Forth Ports has submitted a Proposal of Application Notice (PAN) to The City of Edinburgh Council for Harbour 31, for an exciting mixed-use development on a 10-acre waterfront site at Leith.

The development has the aspiration to create a vibrant new neighbourhood for Leith. The plans for the waterside location include: 700 - 800 residential apartments, a hotel, local retail, flexible workspaces and offices and leisure facilities. The site sits on a dockside location and fits well with the Council's Local Development Plan as being housing-led, mixed use development.

The development will see the regeneration of land adjacent to the newly opened FirstStage Studios, providing a place to live

and work, for both creative and green jobs, as the Port of Leith transitions to become Scotland's premier renewables hub. The site will also benefit from the new tram extension due to open in mid-2023.

Carole Cran, Chief Financial Officer of landowners Forth Ports Group, said:

*"At Harbour 31 we plan to create a vibrant new quarter to live and work, as new creative and green jobs come to Leith. With the option to walk to work or an easy tram ride into the city centre, this new neighbourhood will be a focal point of Leith's continued regeneration."*





# 09. OFFSHORE WIND PROJECT

*Port of Leith signs reservation agreement for multi-billion pound Morven offshore wind project*

## **Forth Green Freeport renewables development platform takes shape with £50m port infrastructure investment**

Scotland's largest offshore wind renewables hub, at the Port of Leith, has signed a reservation and collaboration agreement with bp and EnBW, as the marshalling port for the 2.9GW Morven offshore wind project.

Forth Ports' £50 million investment will see the facility in operation by the end of 2023, providing a bespoke offshore wind berth and a significant land bank for laydown and marshalling of offshore wind farm components. With the capacity for local content manufacturing, as well as a base for SMEs in the offshore wind supply chain, the nation's largest renewables hub will create employment of up to 1,000 high quality, long term direct jobs and around 2,000 indirect jobs.



*Left to right: Carole Cran, CFO, Forth Ports; Richard Haydock, Project Director, Offshore Wind, bp; Céline Combé, EnBW Project Director; David Webster, Director of Energy, Forth Ports; against the backdrop of the Port of Leith*



# 10. QUEENS BATON RELAY

*Stuart Wallace, Chief Operating Officer of Forth Ports and Chair of Tilbury on the Thames Trust said:*

*"Everyone at the Port of Tilbury was honoured that the London Cruise Terminal was chosen as a venue for the Queen's Baton Relay on the 8th July. The historic cruise terminal is part of the local community where events including the Windrush Day celebrations are held each year. It was busy in the cruise terminal today with a cruise liner with hundreds of passengers on the berth and the fantastic children from Gateway Learning Community Schools who made a celebratory line for the baton's journey while the talented steel pan band from Woodside Academy played."*





# 11. NATIONAL WINDRUSH DAY

On National Windrush Day, the Tilbury on the Thames Trust in partnership with the Port of Tilbury held a celebration in the London Cruise Terminal to mark the official day where 74 years ago on the 22 June, the port played a significant role for the Windrush generation as their arrival point into the UK from their long voyage on board the SS Empire Windrush.

This year, the Trust celebrated Windrush Day by bringing people by boat down the River Thames to the Port of Tilbury following the unveiling of the new Windrush monument at Waterloo Station. The Thames Clipper boats docked where the MV Empire Windrush came in on 22 June 1948, allowing a generation of people to move through the Cruise Terminal on Tilbury's riverside to start a new life in the UK.

Guests on board the Thames Clipper included the Rt Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Bishop of Dover and the Bishop in Canterbury; actress Dona Croll; Alford Gardner and John Richards from the Windrush Foundation who were all treated to a lunch with onboard entertainment provided by Pegasus Opera, as guests were transported to The Port of Tilbury.

On arrival a local steel pan band welcomed passengers as they stepped ashore, with Windrush inspired poetry readings, displays, storytelling and Ewe Wright's Walkway of Memories to view before they boarded the clippers for a relaxing boat trip back up the river to London.



**Paul Dale, Asset and Site Director from The Port of Tilbury commented:**

*"Today was a perfect celebration to mark National Windrush Day. Our historic London Cruise Terminal has played an important part in the community since it was built the 30s and we were pleased to be able to host this wonderful event with Thames Clippers to mark this year's Windrush Day. Tilbury is proud of its connections with the Empire Windrush and we look forward to marking the 75th anniversary next year."*



# 12. SCOTTISH EXPRESS

## *New Grangemouth container route launches with CMA CGM and Containerships as demand increases for a Scottish Express service into Europe*

The arrival of the Skylight container vessel into Scotland's key strategic freight hub at The Port of Grangemouth marks the maiden call of a new Scottish Express (SCX) service secured with the CMA CGM Group, a global player in sea, land, air and logistics solutions, and its subsidiary, Containerships, the leader in intra-European multimodal transport.

The new service, which calls into Grangemouth each Thursday, has been launched to principally support growing exports from Scotland's largest exporters who transport produce from Leven and Shieldhall through Grangemouth and into Europe to service worldwide destinations. The SCX service rotation is a weekly route to mainland Europe, from Grangemouth via Teesport to Rotterdam, and will be capable of handling around 20,000 containers per annum through the Port.

**James Leeson, General Manager at CMA CGM UK, said:** "We are delighted to announce the launch of our new SCX service at the Port of Grangemouth. This is an important addition to the Scottish market with a fixed day weekly service and increases Scotland's connectivity to mainland Europe and beyond."

*"We are committed to supporting economic growth within the areas we operate, and I am looking forward to continuing to work alongside Forth Ports as we expand our service offering in Scotland."*

Commenting on the new service, **Derek Knox, Head of Operations Scottish Ports, said:** "The new Scottish Express service is great news for Grangemouth and for Scotland. The Port of Grangemouth plays a key role in Scotland's logistics and freight sector and this new weekly call will increase the frequency of vessels connecting to mainland Europe and we welcome the team from CMA CGM and Containerships to our container terminal."



# 13. HYDROGRAPHY TEAM

Surveys are continually undertaken to ensure the safety of navigation which includes the movement of ships, public safety and aids to navigation such as lighthouses and buoys.

In our ports we support the commercial interests, planning vessel movement, infrastructure development and dredging operations.

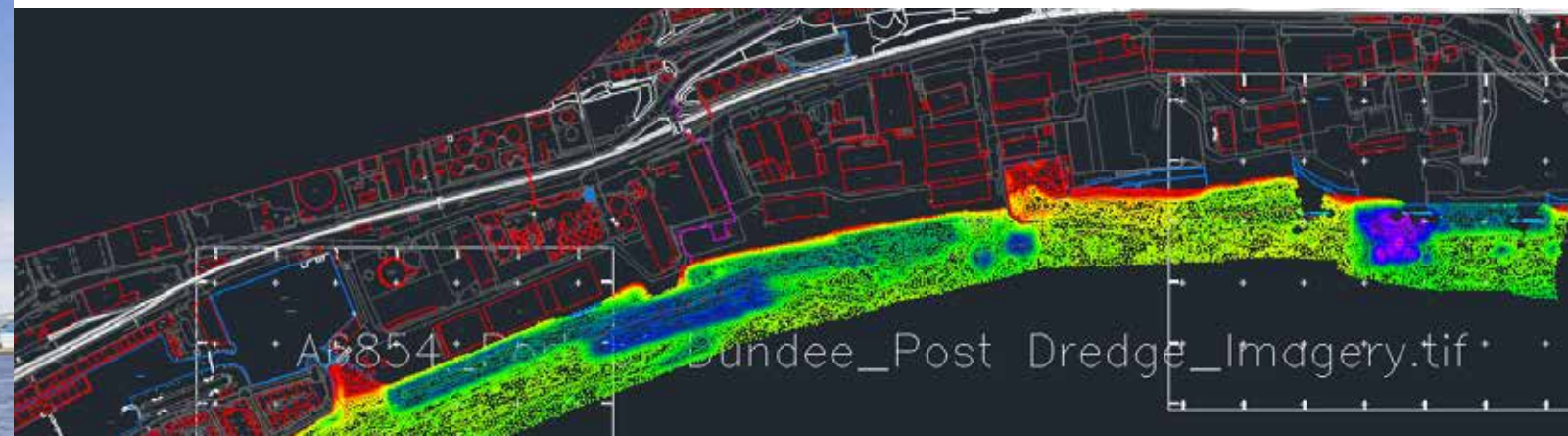
Working with the environment is a big part of our role, monitoring the effect of tides, currents, pollution and contamination to the natural environment on a regular basis.

Using advanced technology, the Hydrography team continually create charts that give up-to-date figures so that all ships arriving in our Ports have the latest information. This allows pilots and crew to review depths, tides and wind and even plan for potential obstacles such as fitting very large vessels under the Forth Bridge where there could only be a very limited window of opportunity for safe passage.

These surveys are generally undertaken from a survey vessel platform using a multi-beam sonar (underwater scanner), RTK GNSS which is a highly accurate GPS system, a LIDAR laser scanner for above water structures and a sound velocity sensor which measures the speed of sound in the water. All this data is combined using a high powered PCs with technical software to calculate accurate measurements of the seabed and shoreline features.

The images below show some results of surveying at the Port of Dundee. Like land surveys, hydrography surveying is also an important civil engineering service that determines the physical features of the underwater environment. In Dundee it supported dredging and marine construction for a new harbour berth.

*Hydro = Water  
Graphic = Images  
Survey = Measurements*







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