



BRIEFING

HUMBER FREEPORT

- There are **three tax sites** within Humber Freeport – **Hull East, Able Humber Port, and Goole** – and **one Customs Site**, at **Grimsby**.
- **£25m seed capital funding**, set to leverage in three times as much investment from the private sector, is **unlocking development of infrastructure and facilities to accelerate green inward investment** into the Humber Freeport.
- Home to the **UK's busiest ports complex**, which encompasses the **pivotal hubs of Hull, Goole, Immingham, and Grimsby**, the region collectively handles a substantial **17% of the nation's trade**, **over 40,000 annual ship movements**, and **79 million tonnes of cargo**. The region is a **global gateway for international trade and investment**.
- With **significant investment in decarbonisation projects** spanning **hydrogen energy, carbon capture, storage and usage** and **solar power**, the Humber is **poised to ignite the UK's green energy revolution** and proudly carries the title of the **UK's 'Energy Estuary.'**
- The Humber is the **pre-eminent energy cluster in North West Europe**, perfectly positioned to create a low-carbon roadmap.
- The Humber is a **world-leading hub for renewable energy, clean growth, digital innovation and advanced manufacturing**.
- Humber Freeport is split into three workstreams governed by specific sub groups: **Decarbonisation, Innovation and Skills**.

WHY THE HUMBER?

- **Business Environment:** Through public-private partnerships, the Humber fosters a supportive business environment, offering services, funding access, and regulatory support
- **Skilled Workforce:** With continuous investment into advanced training facilities and education, the Humber boasts a highly skilled workforce with key strengths in technical, manufacturing, and engineering skills.
- **Place:** The Humber has a powerful story to tell as a global example of a 'place' re-defining itself through renewed confidence, ambition, investment, and opportunity, preparing to be a sustainable economic and social powerhouse for the UK.
- **Connectivity:** The Humber operates as a network of ports and terminals and has good rail, road and inland waterway links, proximity to several regional airports and is connected to key infrastructure such as distribution pipelines. Road and rail freight connectivity on both banks of the Humber and into Goole enables the synergy within the estuary and provides easy access to a large area of the UK. Its location amplifies the economic impact of the Humber region, extending its influence across the world.

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