

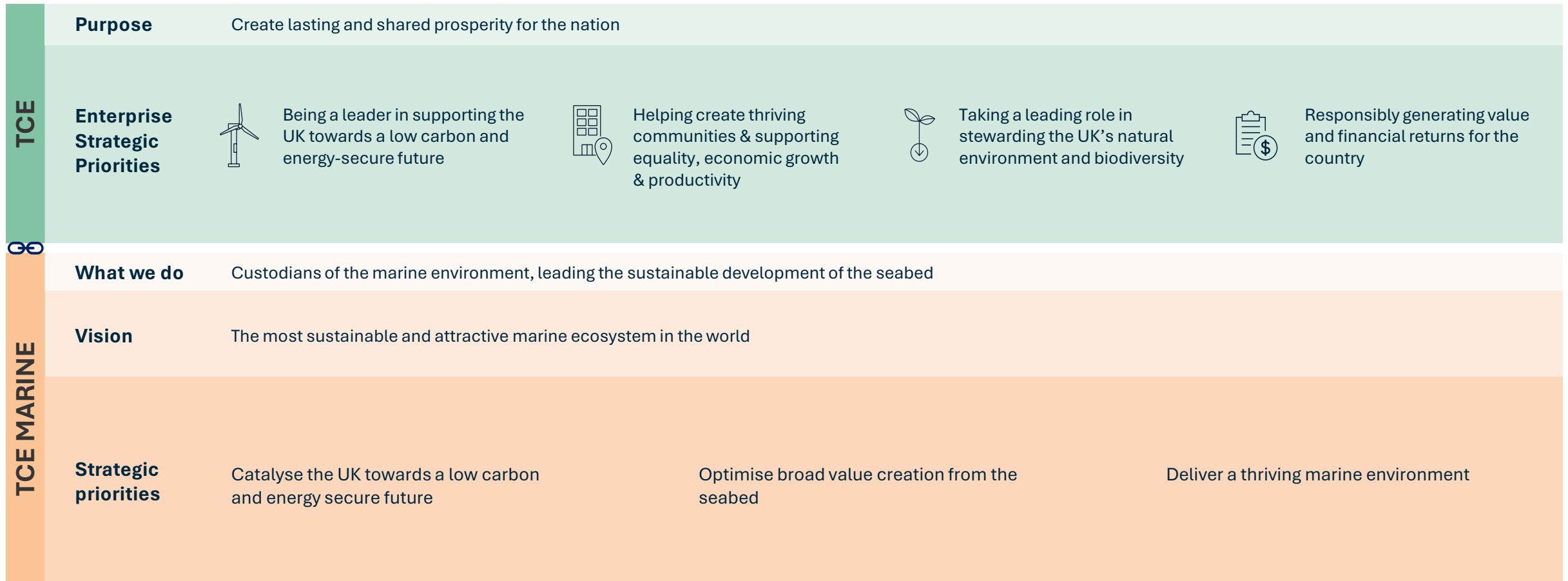
Future Offshore Wind Update

April 2026



The Crown Estate Marine Strategy

Our Marine strategy feeds into and helps deliver on The Crown Estate's overarching strategic priorities.



The importance of offshore wind

- We have just passed the 25 years since the UK commissioned its first offshore wind turbines off the coast of Blyth.
 - The industry now employs 40,000 people and generates nearly one-fifth of the country's total electricity.
 - The UK's offshore wind pipeline is helping the country move towards its clean power and energy security goals, create jobs and opportunities for growth across the country, and drive innovation.
 - It is an industry which is of huge significance to the UK and to The Crown Estate, and one we are committed to building and supporting in the years to come.
 - Current international events will be affecting us all in different ways, but they highlight the importance of the UK's commitment to energy security.
 - Despite these challenges, offshore wind has had a busy few months with successful milestones including; **25 years of Offshore Wind**, a successful **Allocation Round 7**, publication of The Crown Estate's **Nature Principles** and the **final Round 5 site** entering into **Agreement for Lease**.
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Leasing Round 6

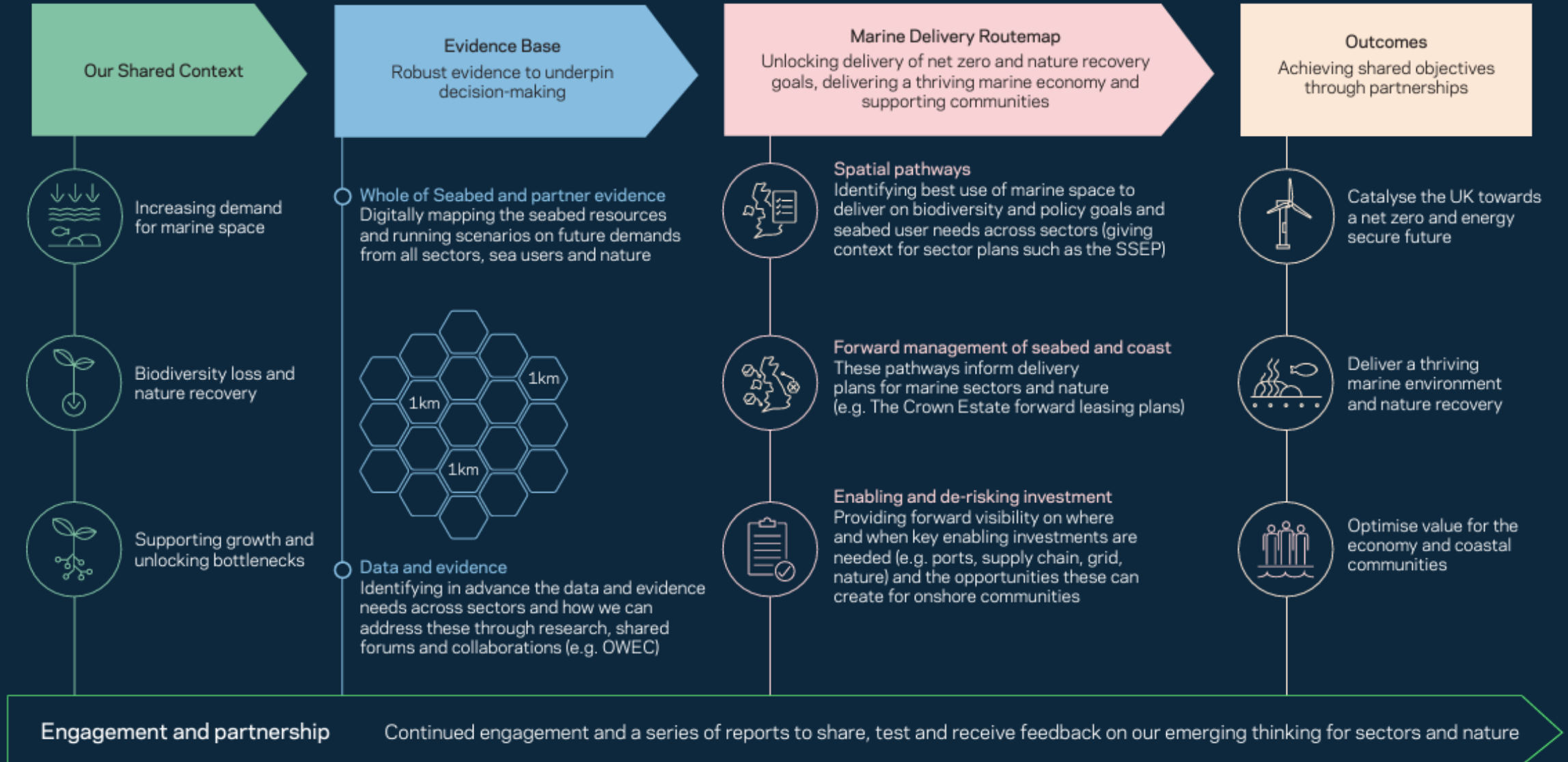
The Crown Estate has confirmed its intention to embark on **Leasing Round 6 (LR6)** – a hugely significant moment for us and offshore wind. The key takeaways are:

- Leasing Round 6 is expected to get underway in **first half of 2027**.
 - It will have a likely scale of **around 6GW**, subject to **alignment with the energy system**, including NESO's **Strategic Spatial Energy Planning** process.
 - Will be predominantly located off the coast of **North East England**.
 - It will focus on some of UK's remaining opportunities in **with lower water depths** and with access to **established supply chains**.
 - It will result in significant opportunities to contribute to **economic growth** and in the creation of **new on-shore opportunities**.
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Marine Delivery Routemap

A long-term strategy for the marine space to meet net zero and nature recovery goals, delivering a thriving marine economy and supporting communities



■ Indicative size of 1GW Wind Agreement at 5MW/km² (200km²)

Example: Delivery of 6GW of additional offshore wind would require 12% of the Round 6 RAoS

- Offshore Wind Leasing Round 6 – Refined Area of Search
 - Priority Area - Medium-term
 - Potential Area of Opportunity
 - Northern Ireland Marine Area *
- Offshore Wind**
- Offshore Wind Agreements - The Crown Estate
 - Offshore Wind Agreements - Crown Estate Scotland
 - Offshore Wind Agreements - Europe
- Base Mapping**
- UKHO Territorial Waters Limits
 - Renewable Energy Zone Limit and UK Continental Shelf

* Future Offshore Wind opportunity in Northern Ireland will be reviewed after publication of the NI Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)

The locations shown are subject to further refinement to identify much smaller project development areas

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Signpost

To provide greater visibility and clarity to the market on future offshore wind leasing and the required enabling infrastructure, we are creating the **Marine Delivery Routemap**.

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Stimulate

To support early-stage project development, we have established the £50 million **Supply Chain Accelerator**.

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Invest

To invest in the construction of new port and supply chain infrastructure, we intend to make available up to £350 million of capital through our **Supply Chain Investment Programme**.

SCA first round 2024

Focussed on developing facilities for manufacturing, logistics, recycling, training and O&M for Leasing Round 5 4.5GW floating wind in Celtic Sea*

~£4.5m funding allocated to 12 projects, leveraging total development spend of ~£9m and potential capex investment of >£400m

SCA second round 2025

~£13m funding allocated to 16 projects with £250k to £1.5m per project, supporting UK-wide fixed and floating offshore wind supply chain and related port infrastructure**

Leveraging total development spend of ~£26.5m and potential capital investment of >£2.2bn

SCA third round 2026

Expected £15m with £250k to £2m per project, supporting UK-wide fixed and floating offshore wind supply chain and related port infrastructure**

Applications intended May/June 2026 for award in Q4 2026

Register interest via SCA website now, for detail by end April



www.thecrownestate.co.uk/our-business/marine/supply-chain-accelerator-fund