

# FORTH GREEN FREEPORT - FIFE UPDATE

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## Focused on Delivery

It's been an exciting time over the last six months for Forth Green Freeport with the Full Business Case (FBC) being approved by Government in December 2025 - officially moving the programme from its development and start-up phase into delivery.

Approval of the FBC unlocks £25 million in seed funding. Fife has secured £13 million of this seed funding for projects at Rosyth Tax Site aimed at unlocking further investment. This will help grow opportunities across Fife's supply chains, helping to sustain and create jobs across the region for years to come.

Already there are around 85 confidential investment enquiries for strategic tax site locations across Forth Green Freeport with many focused on Fife due to its connectivity, assets and skilled workforce.



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## Overview

Forth Green Freeport (FGF) is a 25-year economic growth initiative supported by both the UK and Scottish Governments. Spanning 3 local authority areas including Fife with Fife Council being one of the partners, the primary objective of Forth Green Freeport is to drive economic transformation and inclusive growth throughout the Forth Corridor by:

- creating global hubs of trade and investment
- boosting innovation
- helping to create the skills needed to support a diverse and sustainable economy
- sustaining and creating jobs including high quality green jobs
- developing a sustainable decarbonised and net zero economy

Covering a 45KM boundary and four ports, FGF offers over 500 hectares of investment, opportunities are available at tax sites in Fife, Falkirk, and Grangemouth.

The designated tax sites are:

- Rosyth (Port of Rosyth)
- Mid Forth tax site (comprising Port of Burntisland and Port of Leith)
- Grangemouth (Port of Grangemouth)



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## Operations and Governance

The Forth Green Freeport is managed by an operating company (OpCo), established as a company limited by guarantee and supported by a small staff team. Comprehensive governance frameworks are in place, with the OpCo accountable to a Strategic Board as well as both the Scottish and UK Governments.

FGF OpCo is supported by six thematic sub-committees, guiding programme delivery in the following areas:

1. Net Zero
2. Innovation
3. Trade & Investment
4. Skills & Fair Work
5. Infrastructure, Community and Place
6. Communication and Engagement

Each subcommittee includes representatives from industry, academia, the public sector, and the Scottish and UK Governments.

## A Focus on Fife Tax Sites Burntisland / Mid Forth Tax Site

Burntisland, owned by Forth Ports, forms one half of the Mid Forth Tax Site alongside the Port of Leith. This creates a multi-port strategic cluster designed to support Scotland's transition to clean energy and advanced manufacturing.

Port of Burntisland is a key location and will form part of Scotland's largest offshore renewables hub. The site is directly linked to national offshore wind ambitions, including Berwick Bank (4.1GW), and is expected to host:

- New manufacturing facilities
- Jetty construction and port upgrades
- Green incubators for SMEs and start-ups

The FGF utilities study for the Port of Burntisland will assess energy needs, pinpoint constraints, and highlight potential upgrades to attract investment. By analysing utilities capacity and considering shared solutions with neighbouring sites, the study aims future proof Burntisland and prepare the tax site for further investment.

## Creating the Conditions for Growth

Work is now underway on a major Strategic Utilities and Energy Assessment that will shape the long-term growth of the Forth Green Freeport.

The study will provide a robust, evidence-based picture of current and future utility requirements and capacity across all tax sites. The purpose is to identify infrastructure constraints, forecast future demand, and recommend the strategic upgrades needed to create the conditions for growth and unlock investment and support industrial transformation across the Forth Green Freeport area including the Rosyth and Burntisland tax sites.



## A Focus on Fife Tax Sites Rosyth Tax Site

The Rosyth Tax Site offers 158 hectares of development land and is rapidly emerging as a national centre for offshore wind, advanced manufacturing, and low-carbon fuels.

Recent progress includes £13.5 million in capital funding to support key projects:

1. **Arrol Gibb Innovation Centre (AGIC)** – A new national innovation and skills hub supporting advanced technologies across defence, clean energy, and marine industries.
2. **Integrated Energy System** – A sustainable onsite power solution for the Port of Rosyth, improving energy security and reducing reliance on the main grid for businesses in Rosyth and Dunfermline.
3. **Rosyth Railway Restart** – A study to assess the reinstatement of a currently inactive rail line for freight, improving port logistics, strengthening supply chains, and helping local businesses cut transport emissions.
4. **Site Accelerator Programme** – Major Boost for Rosyth

The Scarborough Muir Group (SMG) has secured £300,000 through the UK Government's Site Accelerator Programme, unlocking the next phase of development at Queensferry One in the Rosyth Tax Site. The funding enables essential ground-preparation works for a new 50,000 sq ft industrial and manufacturing unit, helping accelerate delivery of high-quality space ahead of market demand. Alongside this, SMG are progressing significant utilities investment, including plans for a new 25MW substation on site, an important step in supporting future large-scale occupiers.

Together, these projects will strengthen infrastructure, unlock private investment, and create the conditions for long-term, inclusive economic growth at Rosyth and across the whole of Fife.

## New Development Starts

Planning permission granted in February 2026 will allow Babcock to develop a new state of the art module build hall.

This investment will generate local construction jobs, boost productivity, and grow manufacturing capacity in Fife, supporting the National Shipbuilding Strategy and reinforce Rosyth's role in UK and global shipbuilding.

## Building Careers at Rosyth

The Rosyth Tax Site encompasses the UK's largest and most advanced waterside manufacturing and repair facilities.

Babcock is engaged in maintaining the Queen Elizabeth Class aircraft carriers, constructing next-generation Type 31 frigates, and advancing nuclear submarine decommissioning, positioning Rosyth as a leader in innovation, engineering excellence, and national capability.

In 2026, approximately 100 apprenticeship positions will be available, reflecting ongoing expansion and sustained job creation in the coming years. This presents an exceptional opportunity for individuals seeking to begin or advance their careers in Fife.



## Skills & Fair Work What It Means for Fife

Forth Green Freeport (FGF) is committed to promoting skills development, fair employment practices, and inclusive economic growth. The FGF dedicated Skills and Fair Work Manager and sub committee will ensure this commitment is delivered. All investors are required to sign the FGF Fair Work Charter, pledging to provide quality jobs, fair wages, and opportunities for employee advancement.

In Fife, tax sites located at Rosyth and Burntisland encompass a total of 200 hectares and are expected to generate thousands of new jobs in industries such as manufacturing, renewables, fuels, logistics, and supply-chain services.

AGIC plays a central, high value role in building workforce skills to help modernise shipbuilding, expand defence and advanced manufacturing, and support clean energy growth in the region.

Fife College supports regional skills development at campuses throughout Fife with the new Dunfermline Learning Campus playing a vital role in supporting the FGF programme.

Fife Council continues to work with partners to anticipate future skill requirements, tailor education programmes, and help residents access emerging employment opportunities.

## Future Opportunities For Fife Focus on Berwick Bank

The SSE Renewables **Berwick Bank Offshore Wind Farm**, now approved, is one of the largest offshore projects worldwide, expected to create thousands of jobs in Scotland and contribute billions to the economy. The Contract for Difference (CfD) award in January 2026 ensures long term financial stability increasing investor confidence and enhances opportunities for FGF Tax Sites.

Berwick Bank is a long-term project, with significant opportunities expected around 2030. The Tax Sites at Burntisland and Rosyth are crucial for its progress, establishing Berwick Bank as a transformative initiative for Fife. Preparatory work has already begun to help Fife make the most of these opportunities and foster inclusive growth throughout the region.

Efforts to strengthen the supply chain are underway, leveraging Rosyth's fabrication, logistics, and assembly strengths. Burntisland's position in the Mid-Forth cluster enhances its suitability for handling and staging floating offshore wind components.

Opportunities include jackets, foundations, steel fabrication, port logistics, cabling, and operations and maintenance services—important areas of growth for local businesses.



## Further Information and Support

Further information is available on the [Forth Green Freeport](#) website and the [Forth Green Freeport](#) page on the [InvestFife](#) website.

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