

# Northern Ireland highlights 2016/17



# Working for Northern Ireland

Supported by our core values of commercialism, integrity and stewardship, we are committed to providing long-term value to the people of Northern Ireland.

Our activities span the marine and coastal environment as well as Mines Royal in Northern Ireland. This report highlights some of the achievements and progress we made in 2016/17.

## How we work

Partnership and collaboration are at the heart of our approach to working in Northern Ireland. We work with a wide range of organisations representing different interests, but who all share a common objective: to deliver positive outcomes for Northern Ireland.

We continue to be actively involved with the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs through the development of the Marine Plan, which is due for consultation later this year. We also welcomed the designation of four Marine Conservation Zones in December 2016.

As well as sharing our knowledge, data and expertise, we have also continued to involve the Northern Ireland Executive's departments in our work. This includes through the Offshore Renewables Joint Industry Programme (ORJIP) for Ocean Energy. This brings together industry, regulators, researchers and funders so that the sector's consenting risks can be addressed in a strategic and co-ordinated manner, avoiding duplication of efforts and in turn, helping reduce delays in project delivery.

## Where we work

We are responsible for managing Northern Ireland's seabed out to 12 nautical miles. This means that we have interests in renewable energy, telecommunications, power cables and pipelines.

In addition, we have specific rights over the continental shelf up to 200 nautical miles (such as natural resources and offshore energy, but excluding fossil fuels) and around 65 per cent of the Northern Ireland foreshore.

Our coastal interests include recreational and commercial ports, harbours, marinas, jetties, wharves and slipways. We also have interests in aquaculture, oyster, mussel and seaweed cultivation and reclaimed land with development possibilities.

We manage the rights to deposits of gold and silver, known as Mines Royal, and have two leases in place for gold mining in Northern Ireland and five companies have 11 options for further exploration.



## Activity this year

### Supporting tidal energy

Northern Ireland has excellent natural resources for tidal current energy, although the technology is still in its early days of development. During 2016/17 we continued to work with a wide range of stakeholders, drawing on our skills and knowledge to unlock offshore energy potential, for example through ORJIP Ocean Energy.

There are currently two projects in Northern Ireland where we have awarded rights to the seabed and which are continuing to make progress. These are the Torr Head tidal project, which was awarded planning consent in December 2016 by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA); and the Fair Head tidal project which submitted its planning application in February 2017.

We continue to work with tidal developers, local communities and government agencies in Northern Ireland to support the development of these projects.

### Coastal estate

We work with partners and communities along our coastal interests in Northern Ireland on a number of important projects. This includes collaborating with:

- The Department for Communities along with Ards and North Down Borough Council on the c.25,000 sq m major mixed-use development at Queens Parade, Bangor, County Down, with associated works proposed for a Marine Garden, which adjoins the site.
- Gaelectric whose proposal for a Compressed Air Electricity Scheme (CAES) facility could generate up to 330 MW at Islandmagee. Gaelectric are progressing their proposals, which includes works on Crown Estate land.

- Frazer Ferries to assist in the introduction of a new car ferry crossing from Greencastle to Greenore on Carlingford Lough. The service should be operational from summer 2017.
- Our customers and DAERA in the ongoing management of an extensive aquaculture operation, located in the various sea loughs around Northern Ireland

### Mines Royal

Mining company Dalradian has been undertaking bulk sampling following on from the lease we issued to them in 2014. Flintridge Resources, who have been producing gold since 2007 continue to undertake preparation work for a new underground operation following on from planning permission received in 2014.

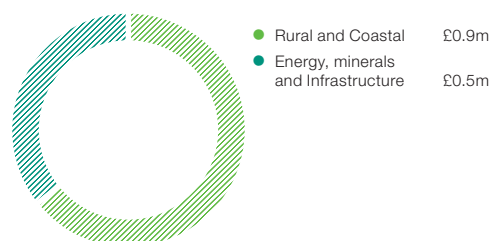


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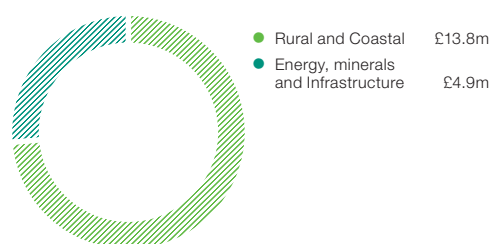
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## Financial highlights

### Revenue by activity 2017 £m



### Property value by activity 2017 £m



### The Crown Estate in Northern Ireland

	The Crown Estate Northern Ireland Year ended 31 March 2017 £m	The Crown Estate Northern Ireland Year ended 31 March 2016 £m	The Crown Estate Total Continuing Operations Year ended 31 March 2017 £m	The Crown Estate Total Continuing Operations Year ended 31 March 2016 £m	Increase/(decrease) from prior year %	Percentage of total %
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>1.4</b>	1.4	<b>401.6</b>	381.1	-	<b>0.3</b>
Gross Surplus	1.3	1.3	351.0	329.6	-	0.4
<b>Property value</b>	<b>18.7</b>	17.2	<b>11,267.8</b>	10,801.2	<b>8.7</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Capital Investments	-	-	563.0	230.6		
Capital Receipts	-	-	524.7	628.1		

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<b>Revenue by activity</b>			<b>Property value by activity</b>		
Coastal	0.7	0.8	Coastal	12.1	11.4
Cables/pipelines	-	0.1	Cables/pipelines	0.6	0.5
Aquaculture	0.1	0.1	Minerals	0.4	0.3
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			Aquaculture	0.7	0.7
<b>Rural and Coastal total</b>	<b>0.9</b>	1.0	<b>Rural and Coastal total</b>	<b>13.8</b>	12.9
Cables/pipelines	0.5	0.4	Cables/pipelines	4.7	3.8
Renewables	-	-	Renewables	0.2	0.5
<b>Energy, minerals and Infrastructure total</b>	<b>0.5</b>	0.4	<b>Energy, minerals and Infrastructure total</b>	<b>4.9</b>	4.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.4</b>	1.4	<b>Total</b>	<b>18.7</b>	17.2

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