

ASTF Joint Venture Hub Strategy

Industry Good Practice



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1 Introduction

The Asset Stewardship Taskforce, under the North Sea Transition Forum, was established to support the NSTA Strategy, in respect of both production and net zero obligations by improving asset stewardship in the UK Continental Shelf area.

A cross-industry ASTF workshop was held in June 2023 with representatives from Well Operators, Regulators & OEUK. The topic was split into four themes: JV Hub Strategy, ERAP, Learning & Sharing, Culture. The purpose of the JV Hub Strategy:

Develop a fit for purpose industry best practice approach to Joint Venture (JV) hub strategies that identifies areas of value, improves delivery, and drive more collaboration and cross-industry improvements.

A task group (TG) was formed to capture the opportunities and challenges industry is facing regarding current hub strategies and opportunities to enhance greater consistency across the UKCS. The TG after reviewing the current as-is assessment reviewed and shared most effective Hub Strategies either as lead operator or JV partner. Through this exercise the TG concluded a template of requirements would be beneficial and should easily deliver the core aims of the JV Hub Strategy to identify areas of value, improve delivery, drive collaboration and improvements. The NSTA ASTF Joint Venture Hub Strategy is available here: https://oeuk.org.uk/product/astf-joint-ventu...ractice-template/

This good practice is to be accompaniment to the NSTA Asset Stewardship 1 (SE1): https://www.nstauthority.co.uk/media/5895/oga_se1_joint_hub_strategy_july_2019.pdf and does not replace the current SE1 or any future updates.

There was also a recognition that although a standard template was developed it should not be used as the sole template. All parties must be willing to expand and share additional items for inclusion as merited to address area nuances.

The Industry Good Practice document and accompanying template is used to give practical advice on how to comply with NSTA Stewardship Expectation 1. The Task Group aspiration and intention if an Operator follows the template you should be complying with the JV Hub Strategy Stewardship Expectation.



2 Joint Venture Hub Strategy Template

The JV Hub Strategy should cover the following requirements with an expectation to be completed with 22 individual core slides. Typically, within each template page there is a summary section, graphical or tabular to increase visibility of the hub strategy and a list of prioritized activities. Notes will be included in the speaker notes section of the template to help address any inconsistencies.

The key elements covered in the template are listed below. All slides may not be applicable for all assets/hubs and will be dependent on the timing of the asset life cycle, there is no expectation to complete all slides, only those appropriate to the asset/hub in question.

- 1. Overall Hub Strategy 1-Page Summary
- 2. Hub Timeline
- 3. SWOT Analysis
- 4. MAH Prevention/Process Safety
- 5. Emissions Baseline, Forecasts and Targets
- 6. Emissions Reduction Project Program & Investments
- 7. Exploration Prospectivity (Add Multiple Slides for Additional Opportunities)
- 8. Undeveloped Discoveries (Add Multiple Slides for Additional Opportunities)
- 9. Infill/Workover Opportunities (Add Multiple Slides for Additional Opportunities)
- 10. Enhanced Recovery Opportunities (Add Multiple Slides for Additional Opportunities)
- 11. 3rd Party/Business Development Opportunities
- 12. Topsides Projects (Add Multiple Slides for Additional Projects)
- 13. Barrel Adding Opportunities
- 14. Production Efficiency/Debottlenecking Opportunities
- 15. Shutdown/TARs/Maintenance Backlog
- 16. Life Extension Opportunities
- 17. Technology Requirements
- 18. OPEX/CAPEX/ABEX
- 19. Decom Preparation & Post CoP Options
- 20. JV Collaboration & Alignment



- 21. Development Scenario Analysis
- 22. Good Practice Matrix

Appendix A contains further information on each individual template topic suggestions, in this same information is stored within the PowerPoint template.

If an operator has additional pages to be encapsulated in the hub strategy due to specific nuances or technical challenges are welcomed. Please give feedback to the central team listed at the end of the document for future potential updates.



3 Joint Venture hub strategy - ways of working

Effective ways of working between JV partners should be established ahead of commencing a Hub Strategy. The following is an outline guide to effective ways of working when developing a hub strategy.

- Establish joint framing session, utilising the hub strategy template as initial default minimum expectation. Must be led by the lead operator with active participating from the non-operating partners
- Expectation is that six months should be allowed for an initial strategy to be completed or a major update or for a large or complex area modification. For regular updates or minor amendments should be completed in less than three months.
- The NSTA Asset Stewardship submissions annual data deadlines to the NSTA should be incorporated into planning cycle.
- All parties quickly confirm the "as is" situation including aspects like, licence status, resource status, safety & environmental, production, operational & drilling performance
- Asses functioning of JV including a SWOT analysis (or similar) for the asset and JV.
- During the production of a hub strategy expectation is to be able to describe and assess
 multiple strategies scenarios both qualitative and quantitative. Scenarios to include
 elements like; key assumptions, NPV, reserves, UOC, COP and emissions.
- Active follow-up in/with the OCM reps as required to ensure collaboration is embedded in strategy production.
- Active follow-up with adjacent bodies including NSTA, HSE, OPRED, OEUK, NZTC to ensure latest technology or good practice are reviewed and captured as required.
- Finalisation and formal approval in Operator & JV Partner OCM prior to issue to NSTA including selected strategy and key actions and information / decision points.



4 Hub Strategy SWOT key words

To assist the development of a consistent industry response the following keyword list for the SWOT analysis should be utilized as a starting point on the SWOT analysis.

SWOT Key words

- JV Engagement Level
- Partner Alignment Level on Hub Strategy
- Operator Experience on Assets/Hub
- High Asset/Hub Efficiency/Availability
- Unit Operating Cost
- Emissions Reductions/ERAP Commitments
- Synergies with Other Assets/Hubs
- Further JV Exploration Bids in Licence Rounds
- 3rd Party Tie-Back Opportunities Near Hub
- Scope for Further Resource Maturation
- Available resources; LWIV or Drilling Rig for infill well activity
- Predictive production declines or failures known / unknown.
- Onshore Infrastructure status
- Commercial agreements with Onshore Reception Facilities
- Project Delivery of ERAP Commitments confidence
- Licence to Operate status.
- Commodity Price prediction support expenditure plans
- Reception Facilities Cost and Longevity
- Asset Life Extension impacts on Net Zero Commitments
- Supply Chain Challenges / Opportunities



5 Proposed next steps

ASTF & OEUK formally roll out Template ASTF Joint Venture Hub Strategy to wider industry

The Industry Good Practice Template should be used to supersede any previous versions of the Joint Venture Hub Strategy and there will be no expectation of a supporting document. The PowerPoint slides provided in the template will be sufficient to satisfy the requirements of Stewardship expectation 1.

Q2 2024; Operators are already utilising the template to update JV Hub Strategy to the satisfaction of both JV Partners and the NSTA.

The Task Group are looking to receive feedback and case studies. For further information or to join the ASTF please contact Keith Wise kwise@oeuk.org.uk or Mark Wilson mwilson@oeuk.org.uk



Appendices

A Joint Venture Hub Strategy Template – further information

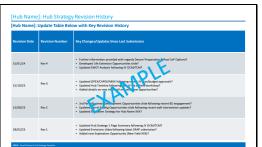


- Please refer to the supporting NSTA JV Hub Strategy Good Practice Guide for additional supporting information to this template pack.
- NSTA Stewardship Expectation 1 (Joint Venture Hub Strategy) should also be referred to when populating this template pack – https://www.nstauthority.co.uk/media /5895/oga_se1_joint_hub_strategy_ju ly_2019.pdf
- Not all slides will be applicable, therefore please refer to slide 22 (JV Hub Strategy – Good Practice Matrix) which provides a guide on which slides are applicable dependent on the lifecycle stage of the assets/hub in question.
- This template should be treated as a guide and all slides can be adjusted by the Operator as necessary to suit their asset/hub.
- The Operator can add additional slides where necessary to support their JV Hub Strategy.
- Multiple copies of each template slide can be used if necessary to provide further detail.
- All graphics/figures throughout the slide pack are provide as guidance, the operator can replace with any specific/relevant graphics which best describe the corresponding section of the strategy.



 This slide can be updated by the Operator with appropriate company logos and graphics to appropriately represent the asset/hub.

Slide 1



 This slide should be used to capture key changes for the JV Hub Strategy



- Summary Picture an appropriate summary graphic should be provided which adequately shows the asset/hub (e.g. Field Map including installations, tie-backs, future prospects, licences).
- Strategy Summary graphic or bullet points to provide a high level summary of the asset/hub long term strategy.
- Production Graphic an appropriate graphic summarising the production for the asset/hub including future resource progression opportunities.
- Emissions Graphic an appropriate graphic summarising the emissions for



the asset/hub including reduction opportunities, ERAP commitments, increases associated with new opportunities, emissions intensity.

• Strategic Intent Bullet Points — selected bullet points which summarise forthcoming slide in the pack (e.g. key activities associated with long term strategy for the asset/hub).



- This slide should be updated to include a long term plan/timeline for the asset/hub in alignment with the strategy of the asset (as shared in slide 1)
- If possible, please include multiple scenarios for the asset/hub.
- It is important to include both opportunities to maximise economic recovery and emissions reduction activities.
- Multiple copies of this slide could be used for more complicated scenarios/alternatives.



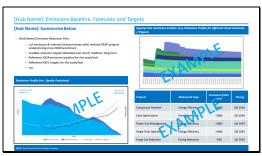


- This slide should be updated to demonstrate the key strengths, weaknesses, opportunities & threats for the asset/hub.
- The bullet points provided in the template are a guide and can be included or deleted as necessary.
- The Operator should consider the necessary actions to mitigate the identified weaknesses and threats from the SWOT Analysis.

Slide 5



- The purpose of this slide is for the Operator to provide a summary of the MAH prevention and/or process safety aspects of the asset/hub.
- The bullet points and graphics in the template slide are provided as a guide and should be changed/updated by the Operator for those applicable to the asset/hub.

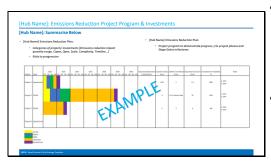


- This slide should be updated by the Operator to provide a summary of the emissions baseline, forecast and targets for the asset/hub.
- Appropriate summary graphics should be provided to demonstrate emissions profiles for various asset scenarios and supporting table of opportunities to reduce emissions as per the asset/hub ERAP Document.
- Stewardship Expectation 11 (Net Zero) should be referenced while populating this slide –



https://www.nstauthority.co.uk/media/7184/se11_net-zero.pdf

Slide 7



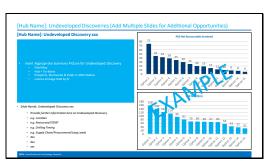
- This slide should be updated by the Operator to provide a summary of the emissions reduction program including a supporting timeline.
- An appropriate timeline should be shared in this slide demonstrating the timeline for each key ERAP commitment, emissions savings etc.
- Stewardship Expectation 11 (Net Zero) should be referenced while populating this slide – https://www.nstauthority.co.uk/media /7184/se11_net-zero.pdf



- This slide is a template to summarise applicable exploration opportunities for the asset/hub.
- The slide should include an appropriate graphic for the opportunity (top left), bullet point summary of the opportunity (bottom right) and supporting graphics/graphs to demonstrate the value of the exploration prospect.
- If not applicable, this slide can be removed from the slide pack.
- Multiple copies of this slide can be included if there are multiple



exploration opportunities on the asset/hub.



- This slide is a template to summarise applicable undeveloped discoveries for the asset/hub.
- The slide should include an appropriate graphic for the opportunity (top left), bullet point summary of the opportunity (bottom right) and supporting graphics/graphs to demonstrate the value of the undeveloped discovery.
- If not applicable, this slide can be removed from the slide pack.
- Multiple copies of this slide can be included if there are multiple undeveloped discoveries on the asset/hub.





- This slide is a template to summarise applicable infill/workover opportunities for the asset/hub.
- The slide should include an appropriate graphic for the opportunity (top left), bullet point summary of the opportunity (bottom right) and supporting graphics/graphs to demonstrate the value of the infill/workover opportunity.
- If not applicable, this slide can be removed from the slide pack.
- Multiple copies of this slide can be included if there are multiple infill/workover opportunities on the asset/hub.



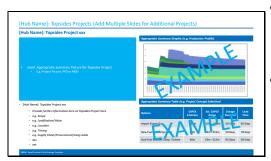
- This slide is a template to summarise applicable enhanced recovery opportunities for the asset/hub.
- The slide should include an appropriate graphic for the opportunity (top left), bullet point summary of the opportunity (bottom right) and supporting graphics/graphs to demonstrate the value of the enhanced recovery opportunity.
- If not applicable, this slide can be removed from the slide pack.
- Multiple copies of this slide can be included if there are multiple enhanced recovery opportunities on the asset/hub.



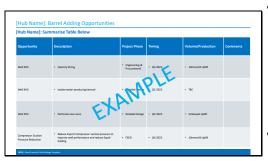


- The purpose of this slide is for the Operator to demonstrate all potential 3rd party or business development opportunities near the asset/hub have been considered.
- If not applicable, this slide can be removed from the slide pack.

Slide 13



- This slide is a template to summarise key topsides projects for the asset/hub.
- This template can also be used to provide further information associated with any key emissions reduction/ERAP opportunities.
- If not applicable, this slide can be removed from the slide pack.
- Multiple copies of this slide can be included if there are multiple enhanced recovery opportunities on the asset/hub.



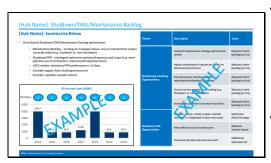
- This slide is a template to summarise key barrel adding opportunities for the asset/hub (e.g. well intervention, compression optimisation) including appropriate descriptions, timing and value of each opportunity.
- Examples provided in the table are a guide only and the Operator should populate the table with applicable opportunities for the asset/hub.
- If not applicable, this slide can be removed from the slide pack.



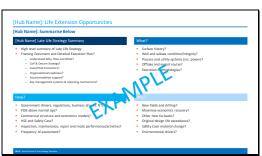


- This slide is a template to summarise key debottlenecking and/or production efficiency improvement opportunities.
- Examples provided in the table are a guide only and the Operator should populate the table with applicable opportunities for the asset/hub.
- If not applicable, this slide can be removed from the slide pack.

Slide 16

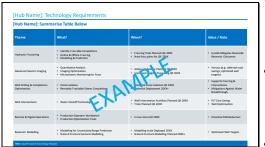


- The purpose of this slide is to demonstrate optimisation associated with shutdowns/TARs and the asset/hub maintenance backlog management.
- All information/graphics/tables on this slide can be updated by the Operator to appropriately demonstrate the Shutdown/TARs/Maintenance Backlog for the asset/hub.



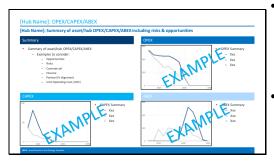
- This slide should be updated to demonstrate the late life strategy of the asset.
- The bullet points provided in the template are a guide and can be included or deleted as necessary.
- If not applicable, this slide can be removed from the slide pack.





- This slide should be updated to demonstrate technology opportunities on the asset/hub.
- The examples/bullet points provided in the template are a guide and can be included or deleted as necessary.
- If not applicable, this slide can be removed from the slide pack.

Slide 19



- This slide should be updated to summarise the OPEX, CAPEX and ABEX of the asset/hub including opportunities, risk etc.
- The bullet points and graphics provided in the template are a guide and can be included or deleted as necessary.
- Commercially or financially sensitive information should be removed from this slide prior to sharing out with the JV.



- This slide should be updated to decommissioning preparation activities and post cessation of production opportunities for the asset/hub.
- Through the NSTA Stewardship process, the Operator/JV will need to demonstrate they have maximised economic recovery from the area/hub and cost efficient readiness for cessation of production to minimise unnecessary post CoP operational expenditure.
- The bullet points provided in the template are a guide and can be included or deleted as necessary.

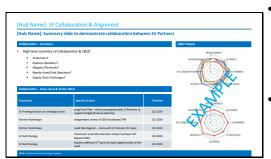


 Stewardship Expectation 10 (Cost Effective Decommissioning) should be referenced while populating this slide

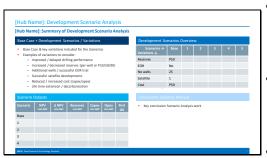
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• If not applicable, this slide can be removed from the slide pack.

Slide 21



- This slide should be updated to demonstrate appropriate JV collaboration and alignment for the asset/hub.
- The bullet points/tables/graphics provided in the template are a guide and can be included or deleted as necessary.
- Key interfaces outside the JV should be considered (e.g. shippers/terminals, nearby assets/operators, supply chain challenges/constraints).
- If not applicable, this slide can be removed from the slide pack.



- This slide should be populated in conjunction with slide 2 (Hub Timeline/Multi Scenario Plan).
- The purpose of this slide is to provide further information associated with various scenarios for the asset/hub.
- The bullet points/tables/graphics provided in the template are a guide and can be included or deleted as necessary.





- This slide has been included as a guide for the Operator/JV to determine which slides are applicable for the asset/hub dependent on the stage in their lifecycle.
- This matrix should be treated as a guide and the Operator/JV should decide which slides are applicable to their asset/hub.

Slide 24



 This section of the slide pack/template is optional – further slides can be added in the backup to support for detail in the JV Hub Strategy if necessary

B List of abbreviations (TBA)

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C Case Studies & Examples

Case Studies & examples – upon completion of roll out the Task Group are seeking examples for inclusion.



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