

Notice of Motion - submitted by Councillor Simon Jones

The Crown Estate

The Crown Estate, a corporation managing significant property interests for the monarchy, owns vast swathes of land and water in Wales, including 65% of the Welsh foreshore and riverbed and more than 50,000 acres of land (this includes coastline at Talacre, the Dee Estuary and land holdings in Bagillt and Trelogan)

This also means that the Crown Estate derives any profit from renewable energy and other business activities conducted on the land and sea which fall within its control.

Currently, up to 75% of the revenue generated by the Crown Estate goes to the UK Treasury, with the other 25% allocated to the monarch.

A 2023 Freedom of Information request revealed that the Crown Estate's value in Wales had risen to £853 million, with offshore wind and marine energy accounting for 93% of its total value.

Evidence shows that there is overwhelming support for transferring control of the Crown Estate to the people of Wales, with a 2023 YouGov poll showing that 75% of people in Wales were now in favour of doing so.

For comparison, Scotland has had control of its Crown Estate since 2016.

We confirm that Flintshire County Council supports the campaign to devolve management of the Crown Estate and its assets in Wales to the Welsh Government and that the funds raised to be shared equitably to Welsh Local Authorities to support the social needs of the people who live in our communities.

We ask the Leader of the Council to write to the Welsh Government and the members of Parliament and the Senedd representing Flintshire outlining our support to help persuade Westminster to devolve the Crown Estate.