

## Town's role in national agreement

LEADING figureheads from the UK and five other European countries will descend on Lowestoft next Friday and sign an exclusive new partnership agreement.

A meeting will be held at OrbisEnergy next week, as around 20 key decision-makers discuss the POWER cluster project - Pushing Offshore Wind Energy Regions.

A consortium from the UK, Germany, Denmark, The Netherlands, Norway and Sweden will combine a visit to town as part of its second transnational meeting from Wednesday to Friday next week, as the Southern North Sea Conference (SNS09) "Seabed, Surface & Skyline" is held in Norwich.

Aiming to build on an already well-developed transnational co-operation network, the POWER Cluster partnership is able "to draw on a huge range of expertise - not only in offshore wind energy, but also in oil and gas and other related marine sectors," a spokesman said.

With Suffolk County Council heavily involved with the POWER cluster EU project, they are leading on a work package.

Cheryl Paget, the Power Cluster Project manager, said: "Suffolk County Council is responsible for delivering Work Package 2, and we are working very closely with East of England Energy Group (EEEgr) to do this."

● To find out more about the conference in Norwich, turn to pages 26-27.