



**Martin Lawlor OBE**  
**Chief Executive at Port of Blyth**

Martin Lawlor OBE is Chief Executive of Port of Blyth, appointed by Blyth Harbour Commission in 2006, having previously held the roles of Deputy Chief Executive and Commercial & Operations Director. Martin also acts as Chair of the commission's subsidiary logistics company Transped.

In 2024, Martin was awarded an OBE in the Birthday Honours list in recognition of his service to the Ports, Maritime and Offshore Energy industries.

Under his leadership, the Port of Blyth has experienced substantial growth in both trade and customers, establishing itself as a leading UK offshore energy support base, providing significant vessel and onshore handling activity for the development of major offshore wind farms. This has culminated in the Port's announcement of record financial results for the third consecutive year in 2023.

Having established the nationally significant Energy Central initiative in partnership with Advance Northumberland, Northumberland County Council and the Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult, the offshore energy cluster around the Blyth Estuary has grown to more than 50 companies, having attracted significant investment from key strategic companies in the area through the partnership.

Martin is a council member of the British Ports Association having served as Chair between 2018 and 2021, a board director of Port Skills & Safety and chair of regional flagship skills and education initiative, Energy Central Campus and has held positions on a number of regional economic and strategic boards.