

SCG&SCOPAC Paper Proposal: 26 February 2021

ITEM 10: Climate Change Champions and Carbon Champions - 'A proposal paper for a 'Achieving Net Zero: Collaborative Workshop'

Background

In 2019, the UK government became the first major economy to pass net zero emissions laws to bring all greenhouse gas emissions to net Zero by 2050. The Environment Agency also has ambitions to become a net zero organisation by 2030, through its activities and supply chain.

How do we then, in the coastal sector, respond and overcome the significant challenges in being able to identify a clear pathway to deliver on 'net zero'?

To help move this forward, we are proposing to hold a workshop where we can bring together good practice and current thinking from industry on climate change and net zero. To collaborate and share ideas and help identify tangible actions we can take.

Proposal:

Stage 1, the 'Discovery Phase' to cover: a focussed questionnaire to Coastal Partners and SCG/SCOPAC to capture existing knowledge, practice and ideas. Stakeholder mapping to support and inform Stage 2.

Stage 2, 'Achieving Net Zero: Collaborative Workshop' will be held – an online participatory workshop to bring together current thinking from industry and other net zero thinking – consultants, contractors, partners and stakeholders, as appropriate. To cover thematic and relevant areas to coastal sector stemming from climate change. Post workshop, we will share outputs of good practice, and help identify potential next steps on net zero pathway based on Stage 1 and the workshop.

Benefit and Outcomes

- Help bring common understanding of the challenges around net zero and associated issues, including terminology and concepts.
- Understand good practice already out there – including tools for measuring carbon.
- Sharing knowledge and information sources; stakeholders who can help.
- Help to develop a common vision and inform thinking to help set net zero commitments.
- Help identify next steps on net zero path.

Funding needed for the proposal

An estimated £5,000 will fund the two stages.