

Coastal Group Network – Covid 19 Coastal Update (April 2020)

Remember stay at home, only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home, stay 2m away from other people and wash your hands frequently with soap and water.

Introduction

Although we have all been the Covid 19 lockdown since late March work in the FCERM work continues and I have made a quick stab at trying to highlight some of this for you to share with the coastal groups and various partners and contacts.

Welcomes and Goodbyes

A very sad goodbye to Martin Wright of Wright Associates who sadly died in March. He was a gentleman and Ambassador for the coast. He will be greatly missed.

A warm welcome to Roger Falconer who has taken up the role of Coastal Representative for the Yorkshire RFCC.

Coastal Asset Maintenance

As discussed at the last CGN Chairs meeting it is essential to have a good understanding of the condition of all flood and coastal erosion assets. This has been an aim for the network for some time and is now included as a part of the next phase of the National Network of Regional Monitoring Programmes. It was our intention that following storms Ciara and Dennis that we would prepare a coastal resume` of our assets so that we could assess the collective impacts and determine if we needed additional resources. I am eager to continue to understand the effects of storms and the state of the Nation's assets and have the support of one of the RFCC Chairs. To this end the Southern and South eastern Coastal Groups have started to populate the attached spreadsheet so we can get a better understanding of the problem and encourage all coastal groups to do the same and return to me.



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Standing Requests:

As changes of staff are inevitable, as Chairs, please can you ensure that my name remains on your circulation lists so I can see when the meetings are and what is happening? (Bryan.curtis@hotmail.co.uk)



All presentations
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National FCERM Stakeholder Forum 19th March 2020

A short teleconference prior to the Covid 19 lockdown was held on 19th March 2020 to provide a quick update on flood recovery, FCERM budget and strategy further details can be found on the slide pack attached.

National FCERM Strategy

All we can do is wait. The Strategy is in the final stages of submission to the Secretary of State before being laid before Parliament for 40 days at which time it becomes a public document so we can view it and begin our plans to assist deliver it and help prepare an Action Plan which has to be prepared before the end of 2020.

Consultations

No consultations released this month that are seeking or need CGN input.

National Network of Regional Coastal Monitoring Programmes

Following an extraordinary Strategic Board meeting we have pulled together a collective assessment of the effects of Covid19 on the delivery of the programme region by region which is attached for your information. In brief the news isn't so bad at the moment but as you would expect it will be if we cannot get back out and undertake surveys soon. There are issues around some Agency staff that have been furloughed and the longer term delivery of Lidar and Aerial surveys where personnel are forced to be in close proximity to each other but the rules and PPE issues on this are being investigated. Similarly some areas use contractors with aircraft in France so we have to abide by French law.



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As it stands we are doing everything that we can but we will need to review our strategy once we have an idea on when and how the lockdown restrictions are dealt with. Very much watch this space!

Research and Development

- **Promoting Adaptation to Changing Coasts / Promouvoir l'Adaptation aux Changements Côtiers (PACCo)**

You may recall, following a request from John Cocker the CGN I have been able to provide a letter of support for the project. I am pleased to confirm that the bid was successful and the £22m project has been approved. Further details can be provided.

- **Golf Course 2030 Coastal Studies Reference Group**

I have agreed that I will assist the reference group in providing feedback into this project on behalf of the CGN:

<https://www.randa.org/Sustainability/GolfCourse2030>

- Coastal R and D Update March 2020 The 6 monthly update provided by Dr Lee Swift for your information.



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Despite Covid19 this project is making good headway and the Health checks are dropping into mail boxes for us to consider.

New GovUK links and updates for the coast or possibly affecting the coast -

- [Critical flood defence work to start at historic pier in Hull](#)

A £42 million tidal flood defence scheme taking place in Hull has started construction work at the city's historic estuary frontage. Change made. First published. Time updated 12:51pm, 21 April 2020

- [Flood and coastal defence: develop a project business case](#)

How to get technical and financial approval for flood and coastal erosion risk management (FCERM) projects. Change made

Content that was on Section 2 of this page is now on the appraisal guidance landing page (<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/flood-and-coastal-erosion-risk-management-appraisal-guidance>) Time updated

1:11pm, 24 April 2020

- [Flood and coastal erosion risk management: supporting documents for appraisal guidance](#)

Information and supporting guidance to use when you're preparing an appraisal strategy or business case for a flood or coastal erosion risk management project.

Change made

First published. Time updated 1:11pm, 24 April 2020

- [Risk Management Authority \(RMA\): Business case templates](#)
Business case templates for local authorities and Internal Drainage Boards (IDBs) to support capital grant claims.
Change to formatting of approval history sheet to conform with EA Financial Scheme of Delegation. Time updated 11:47am, 20 April 2020
- [Building flood defences fit for the future](#)
Government announces new formula for allocating funding for flood and coastal defences across England. Change made. First published. Time updated 2:30pm, 17 April 2020
- [Partnership funding supporting documents](#)
Guidance on how to set up funding partnerships for flood and coastal erosion risk management projects and how to calculate how much funding you need. Change made. First published. Time updated 1:58pm, 17 April 2020
- [Appraisal guidance supporting documents](#)
Guidance to support an appraisal of a flood or coastal erosion risk management project. Change made. First published. Time updated 1:57pm, 17 April 2020
- [Partnership funding](#)
Partnership funding means that the costs of FCERM projects are shared between national and local sources of funding. Change made. First published. Time update 1:56pm, 17 April 2020
- [Submit a flood or coastal erosion risk management project proposal](#) Submit your flood or coastal erosion risk project proposal to apply for grant-in-aid. Change made. We have significantly reduced the content under the Partnership Funding

heading and linked to the new partnership funding page
(<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/partnership-funding>) Time updated
1:56pm, 17 April 2020.

- [Application for a flood risk activities environmental permit \(charges and declarations\): part F3](#) Complete if you are applying for a flood risk activities environmental permit. Change made. Improved guidance on how and where to send payments for flood risk activity permits. Time updated 9:21am, 16 April 2020.
- [Programme of flood and coastal erosion risk management \(FCERM\) schemes](#) The Environment Agency manages government investment to reduce flood risk and coastal erosion in England. Change made. We have reviewed and published the updated programme. Time update 3:36pm, 15 April 2020
- [Flood insurance review 2020: Blanc review](#) An independent review following reports that many of those affected by the November 2019 flooding did not have insurance cover. Change made. First published. Time updated 10:00am, 14 April 2020.

Events

Cancelled:

- **Coastal Practitioners Conference 12th to 14th May 2020**
- **Flood and Coast Conference 2nd to 4th June 2020**

Ongoing

- **SMP - R Implementation, CGN Chairs and RFCC Coastal Representatives 12th May 2020**
- **SMP – R Health Check Webinars April to June 2020**
- **SMP – TAG Wash up meeting Suggest W/C 15th June 2020**
- **LGA SIG Field Trip, Dorset 22nd to 24th September 2020**

Coastal Group Links:

- North East Coastal Group (NECG) -
<https://northeastcoastalgroup.wordpress.com/>

- North West England and North Wales Coastal Group (NWENWCG) - <http://www.mycoastline.org.uk/>
- East Anglian Coastal Group (EACG) - <http://www.eacg.org.uk/>
- South East Coastal Group (SeCG) - <https://se-coastalgroup.org.uk/>
- Southern Coastal Group (SCG) - <https://southerncoastalgroup.org.uk/>
- South West Coastal Group (SWCG) - <http://onlineartandcrafts.org/>
- Severn Estuary Coastal Group (SECG) - <https://www.severnestuarycoastalgroup.org.uk/>