Shoreline Management Plan Refresh

ACTIVITY SINCE LAST MEETING

Recap since TAG#3

1. **SMP Forums completed**
2. **Health Check methodology completed and issued for comment**
3. **Feedback on discussion notes received**
4. **Health checks commenced**

5. **Development progressed on WP4**

SMP Health Check Production

First tranche (March)

- Requires consistency checks across five or six of these before issue

Subsequent issues (April and May)

- Issue as available

Feedback Webex (expect approx. 2 to 2.5 hrs per SMP)

- SMP leads asked to co-ordinate invitations (as forums)

- Four week review period for each SMP Group

- Seek written comments to 3 or 4 specific questions a week ahead of Webex

  - *e.g. is there anywhere we have misinterpreted forum response?*

- If there are any disagreements among the comments received, then the team will refer back to the Coastal Group to provide a moderated answer

All Reports to be finalised July.

SMP Health Checks

SMP	issue date	feedback call
5. Hunstanton to Kelling Hard	march	april
1. Scottish Border to River Tyne	march	april
2. River Tyne to Flamborough Head	march	april
10. Isle of Grain to South Foreland	march	april
11. South Foreland to Beachy Head	march	april
17. Rame Head to Hartland Point	march	april
19. Anchor Head to Lavernock Point	april	may
7. Lowestoft Ness to Felixstowe		
6. Kelling Hard to Lowestoft		
4. Gibraltar Point to Hunstanton		
15. Hurst Spit to Durlston Head		
8. Felixstowe to Two Tree Island		
13. Selsey Bill to Hurst Spit		
9. Medway and Swale		
22. Great Ormes Head to Scotland		
3. Flamborough Head to Gibraltar Point		
12. Beachy Head to Selsey Bill		
16. Durlston Head to Rame Head		
18. Hartland Point to Anchor Head		
14. Isle of Wight	may	june

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FEEDBACK ON SMP FORUMS

SMP Forums

Governance and use

Broad range:

- Seen as superseded by Strategies (9, 18, Humber)

- Active coastal management, but concerns about long-term view (5, 10, 15)

- Ongoing SMP engagement and active use (1, 4, 6-8, 13, 22)

- Coastal group resourcing challenges / ownership unclear (10-12, 15, 18, 19)

Use of Action Plans

- Broad range; from not at all to detailed tracking

- Often used actively initially, but….

- ….Difficult to keep alive & meaningful

SMP Forums

Informing decision making

- Triggers often used implicitly – many are keen to make these explicit for policy transitions

- Headline policies:
  - Often cause for confusion
  - Broad (but not full) consensus that sub-labels are useful

New evidence

- Strategies superseding SMPs

- 'Monitoring' Actions often carried out, but subsequent 'Assessment' Actions often missing

- Coastal change different than predicted (slower <u>or</u> faster)

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SMP Forums

Planning

- SMP typically referenced in Local Plans; Planners usually involved
- Many areas with CCMAs; others want them; some are unclear
- CCMAs for HtL areas

Environment

- Predicted intertidal loss often a big driver, but evidence now uncertain
- Some localised issues with new / changed designations

Climate change

- SLR does not directly drive policy, but can influence timing
- Complex interactions (coastal squeeze, habitat loss) used as firm drivers in SMP2, but very uncertain and not firmed up since

SMP Forums

Shared issues

- Contaminated land constraining policy (2, 3, 8, 13, 18, 22)
- Dealing with loss of property and infrastructure
  - Being addressed (with challenges) in some places (3, 6, 7)
  - Various cases where MR in Epoch 2 has been overruled since SMP2 (8, 11)
- Funding
  - Challenges (expensive HtL; but also expensive MR cases)
  - Good examples of RMAs supporting efficient HtL by land owners
  - GiA economics constrain RMAs in supporting communities to adapt
- Private defences – how to enforce policy
- Issues with accessibility of the documents
- Large PUs with multiple policies

Programme to completion