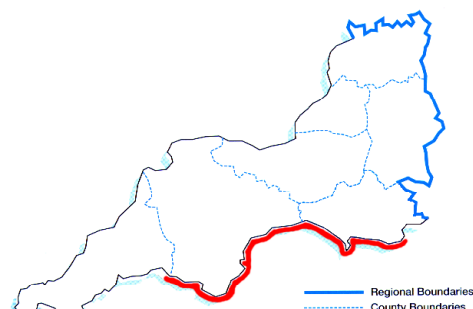


SOUTH DEVON AND DORSET COASTAL AUTHORITIES GROUP (SDADCAG)

THE SOUTH DEVON AND DORSET (PORTLAND BILL TO RAME HEAD) SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW (SMP2)

SITUATION REPORT - APRIL 2007

1. The South Devon and Dorset Shoreline Management Plan Review (SMP2), having secured 100% funding approvals from Defra and the Environment Agency (EA), commenced its 2-year programme in September. This is the first review of the two SMPs which were completed in 1998 and cover the area between the geographic features of Durlston Head (near Swanage) and Rame Head (near Plymouth). A length of coastline (including estuaries) of some 400 kilometres (250 miles).



Extent of SMP2 Review

2. The coastal group representatives have agreed that the two SMPS should be reviewed collectively, so as to rationalise the management policies and provide synergy within the coastal group. The project is being undertaken by Teignbridge District Council (TDC), who the coastal group have resolved will be the lead authority for the project and TDC have commissioned Coast and Country Projects Limited, to provide expertise and support services to its officers.
3. The Stakeholder Engagement Strategy Model adopted by the coastal group has an organisational structure, as shown on the attached chart. It comprises 4 main blocks :-
 - o The Client Management Group
 - o The Client Steering Group
 - o The Project Management Group
 - o The (SMP) Consultant
4. The Client Management Group is The South Devon and Dorset Coastal Authorities' Group [SDADCAG], which is further broken down into two sub-groups as follows:-
5. The Client Steering Group is made up as follows:-
 - o Chairman – Officer of Teignbridge DC (lead authority)
 - o Vice Chairman - Officer of Teignbridge DC
 - o Technical Secretary – Appointed by Teignbridge DC
 - o Defra Representative
 - o Environment Agency Representative
 - o District Council Representative
 - o County Council Representative
 - o Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site Representative
 - o Natural England Representative
 - o AONB Representative
 - o Planning Policy Representative

6. The Project Management Group is made up as follows:-
 - o Client Project Managers - Officers of Teignbridge DC
 - o EA Client Project Managers – Representatives of EA SW Region
 - o Support Service Consultant – Coast and Country Projects Limited
7. At various consultation stages, an Elected Members Forum and a Key Stakeholders Group will be engaged in the Review via the Client Steering Group. Additionally, other stakeholders will be invited to provide input direct to the SMP2 consultant.
8. To date, the Steering Group has met twice since September and the Project Management Group on six occasions, to deal with the initial stage of the SMP Review process. In brief, the early meetings and work has dealt with data gathering and collation techniques; defining the stakeholder engagement strategy; public engagement and consultation methods; drawing up an information leaflet; establishing a Website; procurement (advertisement) for SMP consultant; appropriate assessment screening; defining the SMP estuarial boundaries and gathering scoping material.
9. The location of estuarial boundaries between the SMPs and Catchment Flood Management Plans (CFMPs) has been discussed and a way forward agreed, taking into account Defra Guidance. In the main, the SMP2 Review in the first round of consultations, will extend to the tidal limit of each estuary, this is a change from the existing SMPs, which only extended to the coast protection limit.
10. No preliminary studies have been carried out in the lead up to this review, as the group has been awaiting the outcomes of the SMP2 pilot studies/Defra Guidance for a steer. Now that the Guidance has been released, a desk top appraisal has been carried out using the guidance and established that no preliminary studies are required prior to appointing the SMP consultant, other than those already completed or in train (e.g. Exe Estuary Study).
11. The Group has set up a Website www.sdadcag.org, which gives information about the Group, its remit and its management structure for the Review. However, the Website is particularly being used at present, as a focal point for the SMP2 Review, its stakeholder engagement strategy and consultation process. Please visit this Website if you wish to receive further information on SMPs, generally, or this SMP2 Review in particular.
12. A letter and information leaflet (see Website) was sent out at the end of March 2007, to stakeholders and consultees. This is the first stage of consultation and focuses on advising that a Review is to take place. At later stages, there will be opportunities for full Member and Stakeholder engagement and participation.
13. An advertisement for “Expressions of Interest” has been drawn up to procure the main SMP2 Review consultant through public advertisement and tender. The SMP Review will be prepared in accordance with the latest Defra guidance and any consultants study brief will refer to the March 2006 issue of Defra SMP Guidance.
14. An advert for “Expressions of Interest,” for SMP2 consultants, was placed in the Western Morning News and Western Gazette at the end of March 2007. Replies received will generate a Pre-qualification Questionnaire (PQQ), to be returned by the end of April 2007.
15. The returned PQQs will be evaluated and a list of six organisations will be sent the tender documents. Appraisal of these tenders will result in the appointment of a successful SMP2 consultant in Summer 2007.

South Devon and Dorset SMP2 Review

Organisational Structure

(Durlston Head to Rame Head)

