

Overview and Scrutiny – Outside Organisation Update from the Council's appointed representatives

Councillor John Nutley

Organisation: Exe Estuary Management Partnership (EEMP)

The Council's representatives are invited to report on any meetings of the appointed outside organisation, the role the organisation(s) they represent plays in promoting and aligning with the Council's priorities, policies and strategies, their impact and results, and advising on partnership discussions which are open and in the public domain. Feedback is scheduled across a full year cycle once per annum for most organisations and twice where meetings are more frequent (greater than 5).

Purpose of the Organisation:	The primary purpose of the Exe Estuary Management Partnership (EEMP) is to co-ordinate and manage the Exe Estuary, balancing its protected nature with human use by harmonizing the interests of local authorities, government agencies, and conservation, commercial, and recreational groups. It aims to conserve the estuary's special environment, promote sustainable economic and social activity, resolve conflicts, and provide a central contact point for local communities.
Attendance requirements/ meetings attended:	Having been in hospital I was unable to attend the meeting on the 11th of March. I will be attending the next meeting on the 24th of September.
Feedback:	<p style="text-align: center;">Exe Estuary Management Partnership (EEMP)</p> <p>1. Meetings and Public Partnership Discussions</p> <p>The EEMP holds biannual Partnership Committee meetings, typically in March and September, with agendas and minutes publicly available. These meetings are open to representatives from local authorities, agencies, and community groups, and provide a platform for discussing estuary management issues, reviewing progress, and planning future actions. The EEMP hold three Executive meetings each year to share updates, review progress, and coordinate action across the estuary. Additionally, the Autumn and Winter Forums are annual public events where local community members elect Forum Chairs and contribute to discussions on estuary management.</p> <p>The Exe Estuary Management Partnership (EEMP) Winter Forum 2025 took place on 4th February 2025 at the Council Chambers, County Hall, Exeter. This public event was free and open to anyone interested in the Exe Estuary, aiming to foster discussion and share updates on key estuary-related issues.</p>

	Please see attached document for full report.
Examples of where the brief above has been followed:	<p>The Partnership seeks to conserve and enhance the estuary's special nature and promote sustainable economic and social activity by supporting collaboration between different interests and helping to address any conflicts as they arise, to ensure that activities are balanced and complementary.</p> <p>The EEMP, which has been in place since 1995, takes an impartial approach, to help ensure that there is a balance between human use and the protected nature of the Exe. The work of the partnership is guided by the Exe Estuary Management Plan. Local communities are engaged through annual public forums.</p>
Additional information relevant to Overview & Scrutiny including the value that TDC brings to this organisation and/or why this organisation needs TDC:	<p>As with some organisation, we need to support the Exe Estuary Management Partnership for the work they do to conserve and enhance the estuary's special nature and promote sustainable economic and social activity and it is with the support that TDC can give that enables them to continue this work. TDC gives them an annual funding of just over £2000.00.</p> <p>Graeme Smith is the supporting officer for TDC</p>