

EXECUTIVE

LEADER: Cllr Jeremy Christophers

PORTFOLIO HOLDER: Cllr Humphrey Clemens

DATE: 31 October 2017

REPORT OF: PROJECT MANAGER – SOUTH WEST COASTAL
MONITORING PROGRAMME – ECONOMY AND ASSETS

SUBJECT: DEVON, CORNWALL AND THE ISLES OF SCILLY (DC&IOS)
COASTAL ASSET REVIEW PROJECT MANAGEMENT
SUPPORT (INTEGRITY)

PART I

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive is recommended to

Resolve

That

- (a) The Council continues to work in partnership with the Environment Agency on the development of a capital project to advise on surveys for Coastal Defence Assets in the Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Area that are in need of repair.
- (b) The Council works with the Environment Agency and other partner agencies and stakeholders to procure contractors to carry out the above surveys.
- (c) The terms of the Agreement referred to paragraph 1, and further amendments if necessary, be approved by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Portfolio Holder.

1. PURPOSE

The report sets out the proposed Coastal Asset Review Project Management Support for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly which will be 100% funded by the Environment Agency.

2. BACKGROUND

The Council acts as Lead Authority to manage and deliver the South West Regional Monitoring Programme (SWRCMP) on behalf of all South West Coastal Local Authorities and the Environment Agency (The Agency). The

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information derived from this programme is used to identify the coastal changes and consequent planning and management needs of the responsible authorities. The recent and ongoing coastal defence schemes for Shaldon, Back Beach, The Point Sea Wall, Dawlish Sea Wall (Network Rail), Dawlish Warren, Cockwood and Shaldon have all relied on evidence from the programme to justify the business cases for those projects.

The beach monitoring programme has been successfully managed since 2006 and we are in the third phase from 2016-2021. The knowledge from the programme is improving the partners ability to consider how the built defence assets (sea walls, tidal gates, etc.) and the natural defence assets (cliffs, dune systems, marshes, etc.) need to be managed to protect our communities, essential infrastructure and habitat.

Our studies, from time to time, identify particular 'hotspots' where the defences need more investigation leading to possible urgent repairs; 'The Point' sea wall at Teignmouth is an example.

The Council's coastal engineers and scientists are working with the agency on a small number of assets in Devon and Cornwall that require various methods of investigation and, for economic and technical efficiencies, it is best to group the investigations and subsequent reports. One of the assets is the council owned section of sea wall at Eastcliff Teignmouth where we want to repair any loose masonry and prepare for any longer term maintenance.

The Agency are funding all of the Council's costs for project management and for any specialist contractor costs. The funding provided by the Agency for this project is currently £167k; this agency budget may increase if the investigations warrant further work.

3. MAIN IMPLICATIONS

Funded by the Agency, the Council's coastal engineers will project manage the required consultants, liaise with representatives from the local authorities and defence asset owners and reimburse the investigation contractors, the time taken, and cost of, this work is dependent upon tide/weather and investigation results and will be subject to continuous review.

4. GROUPS CONSULTED

Extensive consultation have been undertaken with local groups and partners including:

- Environment Agency
- South West Regional Flood and Coast (SWRFCC)
- South West Coastal Group
- Devon, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Authorities
- Relevant land and defence asset owners
- Teignbridge District Council, Economy & Assets

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5. TIME-SCALE

The Council and the Agency will be developing this project in this financial year and aim for completion by March 2018 subject to review as described.

6. JUSTIFICATION

The Council has been working in Partnership with the Agency and other Local Authorities to gather knowledge on the critical assets of Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

7. DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION (CONFIRMATION OF DECISION SUBJECT TO CALL-IN)

10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 7 November 2017.

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Wards affected	All Coastal Wards
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Background Papers (For Part I reports only)	Collaboration Agreement
Key Decision	Y
In Forward Plan	Y
In O&S Work Programme	N
Community Impact Assessment attached:	N