

Business Planning 2020 - 2025

Prompting Questions for Members Workshop on 25th September 2019

Aims and Objectives

1. The majority of Solent Forum members stated that they did not require further aims or objectives. Some suggestions were made by 2 members – please discuss how if at all Aims and Objectives could be modified (**Aims and Objectives sheets on tables**)
 - Should the Forum to be more ambitious and work more actively with its members (being more responsive to them) to develop environmental, economic and social benefits of the Solent. If so how might the Aims and Objectives change
 - Should the Forum make explicit reference to climate change in the objectives.
 - Should the Forum add an objective to promote research and intelligence gathering; To provide a strategic approach to flood and coastal erosion risk management; and to work with community based groups to achieve local objectives

Operational Structure

1. Discuss ways in which the Forum can attract new members – Including Business Members'; Solent LEP; Marinas; Marine Conservation Bodies; Other
2. Are there any improvements to the Solent Forum Groups?
 - SEMS
 - NEG
 - Water Quality Group
 - Any other groups to set up
3. All of respondents to Members' Survey happy with frequency and content of Forum meetings. Any suggestions on this?
4. Do you have any suggestions as to whether the Forum should offer a different model of membership such as : Project Based Consultancy; Facilitation Services for Members; Community Based Model. Please indicate for any, how the model can be funded
5. Are there any further Membership Benefits that can be offered such as Dedicated member area; site visits; reduced rates for events etc

6. How might the Solent Forum set itself up as a legal entity? The advantage of this would be: a) The Forum could bid for projects b) easy payments for conferences etc could be made via a system such as Eventbrite

Ideas include: Community Interest Company; Community Benefit Society; Cooperative Society (FCA) and Natural Capital Trust.

Planning the work programme

1. Six respondents to the Members' Survey felt that the Forum should run new projects in addition to its core service. How do you suggest that the Forum fund these projects as it does not currently have the resources to run anything but a handful of small projects and events closely aligned to its core objectives? (**Spend time going through project areas and funding streams and identify key projects and events – sheets on tables**) (**Horizon Planning 2019 document on each table**)

The issues ranked as most important by Members' in the survey were as follows:

Issues ranked as important	Ranking of Importance to Members
Water quality: Eutrophication, Litter, Faecal contamination, Temperature in both fresh and sea water.	1
Developmental Pressures (including population growth, economic growth and demand on the environment from conservation authorities, commercial and recreational users)	2
Climate Change and coastal change (including coastal flooding and erosion, coastal squeeze and saltmarsh loss)	3
Changing regulatory landscape (including the requirement for habitat compensation, net gain and facilitating dynamic coasts)	4

The usefulness of current Solent projects ranked by members' were as follows:

Solent projects	Ranking of Importance to Members
Building Biodiversity in the Solent Hub	1
Beneficial Use of Dredgings (BUDS) – Phases 1 and 2 complete	2
Marine Consents Guide	3
Clean Solent Shores and Seas	4

Resources

1. Any suggestions that you would like to make about Solent Forum staffing and resources. All respondents in the Members' Survey indicated they were felt the Forum offered value for money, and there were no suggestions to change resources.

OVERALL

1. What further suggestions can you make to help the Forum plan for the next 3 years?