



## - Towards Solent Marine Planning - SoMaP Meeting

Committee Room 1  
Southampton City Council

5<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 10.00 am

### Meeting Notes

#### Minutes of Last Meeting

Outstanding actions noted:

**Action: KM contact Southern Sea Fisheries – Simon Pengally - KM has tried many times - Nikki Hiorns and Bill Brock to try and engage**

#### Marine and Coastal Access Bill Update

Steve Collins updated the group on the progress of the Bill.

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| Scheduled to return to House of Lords for one day only | 11 <sup>th</sup> November 09 |
| Royal Assent planned                                   | 12 <sup>th</sup> November 09 |
| Publish consultation on marine plan areas              | 13 <sup>th</sup> November 09 |
| Publish criteria for order of marine plan areas        | 13 <sup>th</sup> November 09 |
| Publish results of LA workshop – how involved in plans | 13 <sup>th</sup> November 09 |
| Publish draft marine model plan                        | 13 <sup>th</sup> November 09 |

**Action: BM to amend Solent Marine Planning report to reflect the above after 13<sup>th</sup> November**

#### Project Progress and planning

KM presented the work programme to the group and explained progress on each of them. (see website for the work programme and progress against it).

**Work Package 1** (Lead KM) – Stakeholder Engagement – Generally on track. It is specifically discussed in a separate agenda item below.

**Work Package 2** (Lead BM) – Reiterate national progress on MSP – This has been completed and available on the website. This plan will need to be regularly amended to remain up to date. It will be used as the basis of all Stakeholder Communication..

**Work Package 3** (Lead BM) – Scoping a Solent Marine Planning System with stakeholders – this should now have begun. KM will be planning exactly which sectors will be contacted and when before Christmas. Karen and Bernadine met last week to discuss how meetings/topic groups will be conducted. Part of the meetings will be devoted to obtaining policy information, and the other half will be devoted to providing information and obtaining feedback. This work package is concerned with

the later. Information will be provided based on the above work package and feedback on marine planning including their views on the scale at which marine planning will work and whether they believe policies in the plan should be statutory or non-statutory. They will also be asked to detail how they would like to be consulted in the marine planning process. Bernadine will be developing a pro forma to cover all this information. This work will lead to a report on Solent Community Engagement. This report will be issued in two parts. The interim report will be issued in January and will include a literature search, definition of communities and lessons learnt from other countries (Steve asked if this could be issued sooner as Defra are working on the statement of public participation). The final report will be issued in Sept 10 and will describe the results of the meetings/topic groups with stakeholders. It will also describe how a marine plan could engage with different communities including business' and the general public; as no interviews will be conducted with business' and general public, ideas for this work will be derived from work with Steve Collins, Bournemouth and Portsmouth Universities.

**Action: BM plan the work above and produce a pro-forma. Interim report due Jan 10**

**Work Package 4** (Lead KM) – Understand the information requirements for a MPS – KM has drafted a paper on this showing a “matrix” of sectors to be contacted and a list of policy questions to be sought. This is presented and discussed later on in these Meeting Notes. This paper will be incorporated into a report and put onto the website by the end of November.

**Work Package 5** (lead KM) – The three pilot case study areas were agreed previously as 1/ Hamble 2/ Boating Movements 3/ Coastal Squeeze.. These case studies will be used to test the matrix mentioned above and to concentrate the project effort, if it becomes difficult to obtain all policy information for every sector in the Solent. Concentrating on the Hamble case study in particular will give a complete range of policy selection over a manageable geographic area. The River Hamble Harbour Authority (RHHA) have been interviewed for an initial test. A few more interviews are required in order to finalise the matrix itself before the end of November. It was agreed that the Hamble should also include the areas just outside the harbour mouth so as to include industry such as ABP and the Warsash Maritime Centre.

**Action: KM to include open coast just outside Hamble mouth.**

**Work Package 6** (lead KM) – Obtain and map policy information - this is part of the main project and has begun with the RHHA interview. Policy information will need to put on the matrix and the a system will need to be built to allow the matrix to be searched and spatially represented. Obtaining policy information will be the focus of the rest of the project and KM will be planning exactly which sectors will be contacted and when before Christmas. Interviews will be booked with RHHA, ABP, QHM, EBC, FBC. As for mapping policy information. It was agreed that Chris Hill from Geodata will build the system – see separate agenda item below.

**Action: KM Plan exactly what interview/topic groups will take place over rest of the project and include in Communications Strategy. KM to book interviews on the Hamble and with QHM and ABP**



**Work Package 7** (lead KM) – Evaluate Project findings and make recommendations – this will happen at the end of the project

## Communications update

KM showed project progress against the Communication Strategy (see website for copy of progress against the Communications Strategy). Effectively the project is up to date with the exception of the following:

- Mid Sept – action to make contact with universities for public participation BM – see detail under work package 3 above
- Mid November – action to begin interviewing stakeholders – see work package 6 above.

Steve Fletcher from Bournemouth Uni wishes to study the success of SoMaP and Dorset c-scope, by examining the two projects have engaged with stakeholder. It will entail interviews with stakeholders at the beginning and the end of the engagement process. A report will then be produced and academic papers submitted. The group agreed to do this.

**Action: KM follow-up with SF**

## Stakeholder Meetings update

KM has interviewed the River Hamble Harbour Authority to test the matrix. This interview has helped revise the matrix. A complete plan of when further interviews will take place will be made before Christmas as discussed in Work Package 6.

## Information Requirements – work package 4 report (inc Matrix)

A paper has been drafted on information requirements showing the “matrix” of sectors to be contacted and a list of policy questions to be sought. This was presented and discussed in the group. The “matrix” has been developed with Chris Hill. Karen and Chris will be meeting Ken from Dorset c-scope next week to further develop the policy framework as Dorset are at similar stage; it is important that the Solent Forum’s and Dorset’s work contribute to one another. The group asked Karen to consider the CEFAS tools and MARS project outputs in these discussions.

Steve Collins found the matrix very useful and asked for the working copy to be sent him.

The matrix was generally agreed and Karen was directed to try and obtain all policy information and populate all policy questions for each of the case studies. For

remaining sectors of the Solent Karen will try and at least obtain the name and dates of all policies, however questions about each of the policies may not be populated.

The group asked Karen to:

- Obtain lat/long rather than eastings/northings if necessary
- To consider noting gaps in policy as useful – much of the work is about informing Defra of problems in obtaining data
- To consider whether policies are public or private
- Look at draft model plan to be released next week as it will list main national policies
- To consider policies within framework documents such as SMPs, LDFs – may only be able to go into this detail within the Hamble Case Study
- Consider LAAs, MAAs, LSPs – especially on the Hamble – may need to use GOSE locality officers to access LSPs
- The Hamble to Itchen Coastal Management Strategy is about to be consulted and Karen can use this as part of the Hamble and coastal squeeze datasets.
- Link with national indicator set and State of Solent sustainability indicators
- Consider enabling legislation, policies and statement of intent
- Consider up to 12 miles out to sea
- Consider any marine SEAs

Karen asked the group what basemapping should be used and it was agreed that the following would be required:

- Bathymetry
- Conservation designations
- Administrative boundaries
- Land base mapping

It was agreed that this project should not be a GIS exercise and that there was no need to obtain a Seazone licence. At most it might only consider the cost and the problems of obtaining and maintaining basemapping layers.

Karen will now incorporate this paper into a report and put onto the website by the end of November.

**Action: KM and CH to meet with Ken Buchan to develop policy framework. Also to discuss CEFAS tools/MARS**

**Action: KM send draft matrix to Steve Collins**

**Action: Karen to incorp. Above points into the paper and produce a final report by the end of November. This report to inform Chris Hill**



## Costs of setting-up a searchable database to represent the project – “the end user system”

It was agreed that Chris Hill from Geodata will build the “end user system” which will represent the matrix that Karen is developing. Chris Hill was not at the meeting to provide details of the proposed system or costs. He had previously given Karen a ballpark figure of £8 k to build it. The group agreed on such a system. Chris to be asked to give specific costs, and a timetable.

SoMaP has £5k allocated for a “the end user system” and therefore there is a need to find the shortfall of approximately £3k; it was agreed that more should be sought in case costs go up.

**Action: CH to begin building the “End user System” based on the developing “matrix”. Chris to give firmer costings and timings**

**Action: Steering Group to help source a further £3k for the project. Steve Collins to check at Defra, Hannah to also consider value to Balanced Seas – Steve has asked KM to send him the working database of the matrix**

## Conference Planning

Not discussed. Hold over until next meeting.

**Action KM include agenda item at next meeting**

## Any Other Business

Rachael updated the group on CAMIS (Channel Arch Manche Integrated Strategy). This is an interreg project about maritime governance including France, England, MSE, SEEDA. It began in March and will last 3 years. There are 5 strands of which one involves Marine Planning and the setting up of a channel forum. Rachael will ensure that Karen is linked with the project so that links can be made.

**Action: Rachael to link KM to project**

**NEXT MEETING 4<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

## Project Partners – attending

| <b>Funding Partners</b>      | <b>Contacts</b>                          |
|------------------------------|--|
| Solent Forum                 | Karen McHugh<br>Rhian Edwards            |
| Environment Agency           | Tim Kermode                              |
| Defra                        | Steve Collins                            |
| Hampshire County Council     | Rachael Gallagher                        |
| Southampton City Council     | Rob Crighton                             |
| Natural England              | Nikki Hiorns                             |
| <b>Non Funding Partners</b>  |  |
| GOSE                         | Carol Ward                               |
| SEEDA/Marine South East      |  |
| West Sussex County Council   | Apologies                                |
| Portsmouth City Council/PUSH | Mike Allgrove                            |
| Isle of Wight Council        | Chris Mills                              |
| Crown Estate                 | Apologies                                |
| Geodata                      |  |
| E Channel MCZ Project        | Hannah Thomas                            |
| Fishing Industry             | Bill Brock<br>Tony Delahunte - apologies |
| Dr Steve Fletcher            | Apologies                                |

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