The Wash East Coastal Management Strategy (WECMS)

The requirement for The WECMS was identified in The Wash Shoreline Management Plan 2 (SMP2). It was required to meet the following objectives:

a) To determine a sustainable approach to flood and erosion risk management for the people, property and environment between Hunstanton Cliffs and Wolferton Creek;

b) To identify and promote a coastal management approach that balances technical, environmental, economic and social issues for The Wash East frontage;

c) To improve our knowledge of relevant coastal processes, where necessary, to inform key project decisions and the study completion;

d) To build on the Pathfinder project to improve public understanding of coastal management issues for Wash East, to gain public support for any changes in approach to coastal management and to pursue possible third party funding mechanisms; and

e) To identify appropriate responsibility for future coastal management.

The WECMS was approved by the Borough Council of King’s Lynn & West Norfolk (BCKLWN) on 29 January 2015 and by the Environment Agency (EA) in xxxx 2015. A Project Team for Unit C was set up by the EA in March 2015.

The role of the Funding Group

Multiple funding sources will be required to progress projects to deliver the WECMS across Units A, B and C. To this end the Borough Council will set up and lead a Funding Group.

Make-up of the Group

This Group will comprise representatives of organisations that may provide funding for projects and will include as a minimum:

- Ray Harding – Chief Executive, BCKLWN
- Julie Foley – Area Manager, Environment Agency
- Tom McCabe – Director of Environment, Transport and Development, NCC
- Mike McDonnell - Community Interest Company (CIC)
- Kerry Rhodes - Anglian Water
Terms of Reference

The purpose of this group will be to:

- Develop and maintain a funding strategy for all projects following on from the WECMS;
- Manage risks and opportunities;
- Discuss funding routes, values and availability;
- Investigate and coordinate bids for other potential sources of funding e.g. European (LEP) funding.

Interaction between groups

The Funding Group and Stakeholder Forum will operate strategically. Outputs from both groups will feed in to projects at Board level through the BCKLWN representative on the Project Board(s).

Resource Commitment

The Funding Group will meet biannually and by correspondence as appropriate.