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Severn Estuary Partnership -2017 Severn Estuary Strategy

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- **Overview of Severn Estuary Partnership**
- **Revised vision and strategy**
- **Next Steps**
- **Challenges & Opportunities for Governance in Estuary**

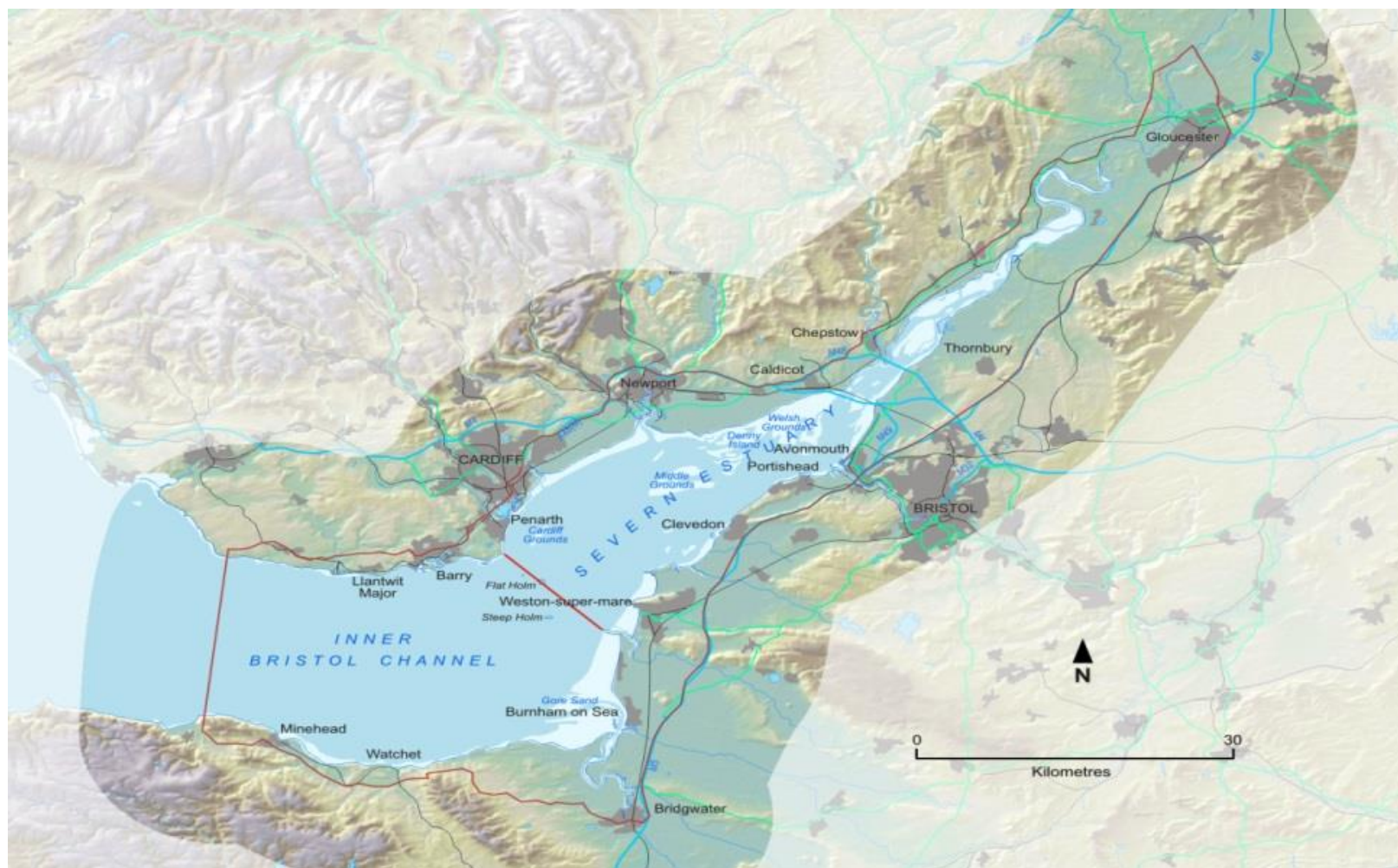


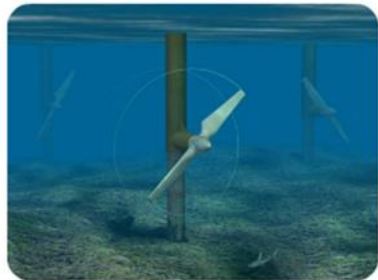


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A brief history & background...



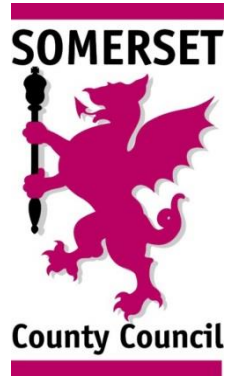
- An independent, estuary-wide stakeholder group, led by local authorities and statutory agencies since 1995.
- New shared vision for a Sustainable Estuary
- Provides an efficient interface between all interested parties and public
- Disseminates information ,promotes stakeholder working and supports a range of estuary groups.
- Evidence based reports on issues, policies and proposals

Severn Estuary Partnership

Working in partnership for the future of the Severn Estuary



Severn Estuary Partnership Core Funding Partners



KEY

- International Bodies or Commitments
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- EC Directive or Strategy
- Target/Status to be met
- Enabling/Primary Legislation
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EU MARINE POLICY

International Bodies or Commitments: EC Directive or Strategy, Target/Status to be met, Enabling/Primary Legislation, Implementation method/Protection afforded.

International Bodies & Conventions: H1 Method, Sea Fish Regulation Act, Sea Fish (Conservation) Act as amended by the Sea Fisheries (Wildlife Conservation) Act, Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act, Salmon & Freshwater Fisheries Act, Sustainable fisheries & safeguarding the marine environment, Safe consumption of fish & shellfish, Contaminants in Food Reg, Flood Risk & Hazard Maps, Flood & Coastal Erosion Risk Management, Flood Risk Regs, Flood & Water Management Act, Multimed Indices, River Basin Management Plans, Heavily Modified Water Bodies & Artificial Water Bodies, Polluter pays principle & remedial measures, Programme of measures, qualitative descriptors, ecosystem-based management approach, MPAs (2), Coastal Recreation, Conservation/Biodiversity protection (MCZ), Marine planning (4), Biodiversity & Species Action Plans, Habitats & Species Protection, Licences, Site designators (e.g. SSSI), Conserving wider biodiversity, Management Plans & Schemes, Enforcement, Protection of marine archaeology, Protection of Military Remains Act, Ancient Monuments & Archaeological Areas, National Heritage Act, Merchant Shipping Regs, Control of Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) Regs, Reg 35 advice, Article 17 condition monitoring, Appropriate Assessments (AA), Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) & Likely Significant Effect (LSE), Site designators - European Marine Sites (EMS) include SAC & SPA. (RAMSAR sites designated under the RAMSAR Conv. should also be given same management considerations as EMS).

EU Directives/Strategies: WFD (1), WFD (2), WFD (3), WFD (4), WFD (5), WFD (6), WFD (7), WFD (8), WFD (9), WFD (10), WFD (11), WFD (12), WFD (13), WFD (14), WFD (15), WFD (16), WFD (17), WFD (18), WFD (19), WFD (20), WFD (21), WFD (22), WFD (23), WFD (24), WFD (25), WFD (26), WFD (27), WFD (28), WFD (29), WFD (30), WFD (31), WFD (32), WFD (33), WFD (34), WFD (35), WFD (36), WFD (37), WFD (38), WFD (39), WFD (40), WFD (41), WFD (42), WFD (43), WFD (44), WFD (45), WFD (46), WFD (47), WFD (48), WFD (49), WFD (50), WFD (51), WFD (52), WFD (53), WFD (54), WFD (55), WFD (56), WFD (57), WFD (58), WFD (59), WFD (60), WFD (61), WFD (62), WFD (63), WFD (64), WFD (65), WFD (66), WFD (67), WFD (68), WFD (69), WFD (70), WFD (71), WFD (72), WFD (73), WFD (74), WFD (75), WFD (76), WFD (77), WFD (78), WFD (79), WFD (80), WFD (81), WFD (82), WFD (83), WFD (84), WFD (85), WFD (86), WFD (87), WFD (88), WFD (89), WFD (90), WFD (91), WFD (92), WFD (93), WFD (94), WFD (95), WFD (96), WFD (97), WFD (98), WFD (99), WFD (100).

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EU Directives/Strategies: Energy Act, Climate Change Act, Electricity Act, Merchant Shipping Regs, Harbours Act, Local Harbour Acts, Harbour & Works Licences, Revision and Empowerment Orders, Conservation duties on ports, Marine Notices - shipping, guidance & information, Policy & Targets, Bathing Water Regs, Urban Waste Treatment Regs, Nitrate Pollution Prevention Regs, Sensitive area, Bathing beaches, Renewables targets for 2020, Safer shipping navigation, pollution control and operation, Prevention, management & control of harmful aquatic organisms & alien species, Strategic Environmental Assessments to include transboundary effects, Marine Works (EIA) Regs, Harbour Works (EIA) Regs, Town & Country Planning (EIA) Regs, Infrastructure Planning (EIA) Regs, Planning Act (as amended), Applications for Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) / Marine Licences, Licences, Consents & Authorisations, Environmental Assessment Regs, Marine projects are subject to Environmental 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Boyes & Elliott (2014)



OUR NEW 10 –YEAR VISION FOR THE ESTUARY

The Severn Estuary Strategy champions an integrated approach to the sustainable use and enjoyment of the Severn Estuary

1. Achieving a Sustainable Marine Economy

2. Ensuring a Strong, Healthy and Just Society

3. Living within Environmental Limits

4. Promoting Good Governance

5. Using Sound Science Responsibly

Severn Estuary Strategy Structure



Vision

- *What we (and you) would like the Severn Estuary to look like in the future.*
- A shared *Vision* for the estuary was developed at the Joint Estuary Day, “Strategy Vision” workshop in May 2015.

Principle

- *We will deliver the Vision by using a set of five guiding Principles to shape our Objectives and Actions.*
- Derived from UK High Level Marine Objectives (HLMO) themes, set out in the [UK Marine Policy Statement \(2011\)](#).

Objective

- *Clear statements (two per Principle) of the key activities on how we plan to deliver the longer term Outcomes and Vision. Developed with regard to: UK HLMOs, East Marine Plans, 2001 Strategy Principles, EU ICZM Principles (2002) & other Coastal Partnership Strategies.*
- Discussed and debated at the “Way Forward” workshop in September 2015.
- Presented at Severn Estuary Forum, Coastal Partnership Network Forum & Sustainable Severn Conference.

Outcome

- *What will be achieved by our Actions for each Objective, that indicates progress towards our Vision (one or two per Objective).*
- Reviewed, discussed and amended at the Joint Estuary Day Strategy workshop in May 2016.

Actions

- *Detailed and specific activities (several per Outcome) SEP can do to help deliver the estuary-wide Outcomes.*
- *SMART (Specific; Measureable; Attainable; Timescale).*
- Reviewed, discussed and amended at the Joint Estuary Day Strategy workshop in May 2016.

HRA

- *A Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) of the Actions within the Strategy has been completed – see <http://www.severnestuarypartnership.org.uk/sep/strategy/15-16/> for further information.*
- *The Strategy does not require a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) because it is not required by legislative, regulatory or administrative provisions.*




Examples of Work of SEP



- Wales & England Cross-border Marine Planning Workshop



- South West Marine Plan – Call for Issues and Supporting Evidence



Wales and England Cross-border Marine Planning Workshop

Welsh Government and Marine Management Organisation
Norwegian Church, Cardiff
15 March 2016



Next Steps



- Final version available online
- Consultation response documents now available on line.
- Launch Final Version in May at Joint Advisory Committee workshop
- SEP Business & Action Plan under development (2017-2022)

Personal views - Governance Challenges and Opportunities



- Feedback on Severn Estuary Strategy
 - approach welcomed
 - need now to seek sign up from all strategic bodies
- Severn Estuary Partnership
 - governance arrangements only capable of directing resources/ actions of members
 - need to remain neutral
 - facilitate using best available science
 - support working of key estuary groups

Personal views - Governance Challenges and Opportunities



- Marine based Planning interface with Land based Planning still emerging but this an opportunity as well.
- Multi political fora , which is most appropriate ?
 - Local Authority Service Board(s) adjoining estuary
 - Cardiff Capital Region City Deal
 - West of England Local Enterprise Partnership
- Gulf of Maine Model ?

Thank you – any questions?



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**Coming to Bridgwater on....
Thursday 5th October!**

****Save the Date****

Planning, Governance & Flood Risk

Energy & Climate Change

Protected Sites & Species



McMillan Theatre, Bridgwater