



SOLENT FORUM UPDATE

**Solent Forum Meeting
10 October 2018**

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Solent Forum Staff

- Peter Barham – Solent Forum Chair
- Karen McHugh – Solent Forum Manager
- Kate Ansell – Solent Forum Officer
- Kate Chesman – Solent Forum Officer

Member Services

CORE

- Next Steering Group meeting will be on 31st October 2018 in Portsmouth
- The next Solent Forum meeting will be held on 20 March 2019 in Portsmouth
- Solent News will be sent out in January 2019. Deadline for article is 18th December
- Monthly Newsletter, includes an analysis of applications for Solent marine licences
- Student Mike Clark Bursary Awards –
 - 2018 Award – 1 award to Emily Harris (integration coastal and terrestrial planning)
- Solent Information Database – up to date
- Marketing Strategy – Brochure, website, social media, letters, slips and cards

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Sub-Groups

- **SEMS Secretariat** Kate Chesman
 - Online monitoring complete. Annual Management Group meeting held 20th September 2018
 - Annual Management Report – to be published Oct/Nov
 - Natural England condition assessments updated
 - SF Officer has regular telecoms with other EMS/NE Officers
- **Natural Environment Group** Kate Chesman
 - Next meeting 21 November 2018. Discussions will take place on actions arising from SEMS monitoring and Solent condition assessments (if published). Theme: Water Quality
 - No call for funding bids this year
 - Clean Solent Seas and Shores Project launched at PG meeting on 28th March 18 – Funding being sought
- **Water Quality Awards** Karen McHugh
 - 2018 awards announced.

Associate Steering Group Members

Two new members

- RYA to represent Recreation Sector
- University of Portsmouth to represent Academic Sector

Business Development

- **Marine Conservation Zones in Solent** – Tranche 3 sites announced. Three proposed in the Solent 1/Bembridge 2/ Yarmouth to Cowes 3/ Selsey Bill and the Hounds. Government currently analysing consultation comments.
- **Strategic Coastal Opportunities Workshop** – Early round 5 of the CCF bids now announced. Coastal Communities Fund currently under review and it will be next year until the outcome is known. In the meantime, the Solent Forum will be holding a workshop for all Solent LAs and others interested in bidding for future coastal funding streams on **7th November** at the Discovery Centre, Winchester to explore opportunities. Please let Kate Ansell know if you wish to attend.
- **Research Collaboration Workshop** – A joint Solent Forum and University of Portsmouth workshop will be held on 11th October to explore future research opportunities

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Projects

- **MMO Enhancing Stakeholder Engagement Project (2017 - 2019)**

Workshop to be held this afternoon to look at how to engage a wider range of stakeholders with the South Marine Plan

- **Beneficial use of Dredgings in Solent (BUDS)**

Phase 1 complete. WEG bid was unsuccessful. Looking into EA WEIF funding

- **Clean Solent Seas and Shores - part of NEG or Solent Forum**

Seeking funding and direction

- **Opportunity Mapping on Southampton Water Shoreline**

Project to support the EA to consult on the work they have done to map structures on the shoreline and understand the opportunities for the removal of obsolete structures or the ecological enhancement of them

- **Ecological Enhancements to Hard Defences on the Shoreline (EEHDS)**

project – small project now complete. Signposting and awareness raising of this topic:

http://www.solentforum.org/solent/managing_our_coast/coastal_defence/Ecological_Ehancement/

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BUDS Project

'Bring about beneficial use of dredging within one or more Solent sites, using an incrementally phased approach to scope and cost sediment sourcing and sediment receiver sites, building a system of protocols and guidance **FOUR PHASES – Phase 1 complete. Bidding phases 2-3 (approx £70k) .**

1. Project scoping and partnership building – Solent Forum managed. Work by ABPmer has begun

2. Working with stakeholders to develop further phases of work and to develop strategic guidance and protocols – Solent Forum managed

3. Feasibility Study and detailed Cost Benefit Analysis – SCG involvement

4. Beneficial use project