



# **Strategic Coastal Opportunities Workshop**

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# What is the Solent Forum?

- The Solent Forum is the coastal partnership body that covers The Solent. It was established in 1992.
- Its members are wide ranging and include all the key coastal stakeholders in the Solent.
- Its primary aim is to facilitate partnership working and information sharing throughout the Solent.
- Staff are based at Hampshire County Council in Winchester and it has an independent politically neutral Chair.

# Workshop Objectives

- **Workshop requested by Solent Forum members as a member service**
- **Share best practice and experience of making Bids**
- **Identify and discuss project ideas for future Bids**
- **Look at developing partnerships Bids across the Solent**
- **Discuss coastal funding streams**
- **Identify what role Solent Forum members would like the Forum to play in assisting Bid development**

# What is a Coastal Community?

**“A coastal community is a coastal settlement within an English local authority area whose boundaries include English foreshore, including local authorities whose boundaries only include estuarine foreshore. Coastal settlements include seaside towns, ports and other areas which have a clear connection to the coastal economy.”**

Source: Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

# Key Coastal Funding Streams

- **Coastal Communities Fund (CCF) - Regeneration and Economic growth (under review)**
- **Coastal Revival Fund – Coastal Heritage Sites**
- **Big Lottery funding - Community Improvements**
- **Heritage Lottery Fund - Heritage Assets (to be replaced by Strategic Funding Framework 2019 to 2024)**

## Current Position with CCF Funding

“The Lords Select Committee on Regenerating Seaside Towns was appointed on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and will report by the 31st March 2019. The main focus of the Select Committee is collating evidence to support the continuation of the Coastal Communities Fund, and in particular hard evidence of successes from CCF investment is sought.”

# Past Project Types Funded by CCF

- **Museum renovation – 2**
- **Public realm improvement – 8**
- **Skills training – 4**
- **Port improvement – 1**
- **Pier improvements – 2**
- **Coast Path – 1**
- **Tourism related – 7**
- **Historic building renovation – 3**

***Source: Coastal Communities Fund Round 4***

# CCF Projects Funded in 2018

## Round 5 - 2018 (Fast Track) CCF Bid Examples

- **Berwick CCT – Welcome Visitor Project - £304,000**
- **British Marine Federation – Marine Tourism - £53,000**
- **Beer CCT, Devon – Visitor event management - £53,000**
- **Jurassic Coast Volunteers – Volunteer network - £258, 526**
- **Coastal West Sussex – Water sports hub - £170,000**

# Creating Partnerships – Portfolio Bid

“Composite application where small projects come together with similar objectives, with a lead authority that can demonstrate the aims and outcomes of the project will be met.

Must identify a lead organisation to be the applicant and accountable body. Must be clear on the activities within the constituent elements and how they meet the aims and outcomes of the overall project.”

*Source: CCF Round 5 Guidance Notes*

# What is a Coastal Community Team?

**“A Coastal Community Team is a local partnership. It should consist of the local authority and a range of other local people, charities and businesses from a coastal community who have an understanding of the issues facing that area and can develop an effective strategy for success. The Team should include a range of local groups and have broad support.”**

Source: Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

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## CCT Criteria

**‘Coastal Community Teams must have the support and involvement of the unitary or lower tier local authority for the area (e.g. the District or Borough Council). Where there is an upper tier local authority for the area (i.e. a County Council) they can also be involved.**

**While there must be local authority support for the Team, the Team could be led by a community or voluntary group, or a private sector organisation.’**

# Coastal Communities Teams

- 118 Coastal Community Teams (CCT) around the UK
- Develop Local Economic Plan (£10k)
- Plan includes details on housing, business opportunities, jobs and skills, health and civic pride
- CCF and Coastal Revival Fund applications must have Coastal Community Team support

- Current Solent CCT Teams

Coastal West Sussex, Gosport, Peninsula (Chichester), Ryde, Sandown, South Hayling, Medina Valley, Portsmouth

- Do we need new CCTs in the Solent?

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## Creating new CCTs?

‘We are really pleased that you are thinking of creating a new CCT. Please do take time to carefully consider your plans as we see CCTs not just for bidding purposes but as long term structures to help focus direction and ambition to deliver locally agreed short, medium and long term local economic regeneration objectives’.

‘One of the main aims of the Coastal Community Teams programme is to encourage greater local partnership working in coastal areas.’

*Source: Coastal Communities Alliance/MHLCG*

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# Workshop Format

- Split into tables each with a facilitator
- Two introductory presentations on past Bid success
- One hour discussion
- Facilitators will ask questions based on the workshop objectives
- Facilitators will provide a brief overview of key points to the Chair at end of the discussion

# Workshop Facilitators

1. Kate Ansell, Solent Forum
  2. Karen McHugh, Solent Forum
  3. Kate Chesman, Solent Forum
- People with bid experience also allocated to each table

# Discussion Task (Workshop Objectives)

- **Share best practice and experience of making Bids**
- **Identify and discuss project ideas for future Bids**
- **Look at developing partnerships Bids across the Solent**
- **Discuss coastal funding streams and if we need new CCTs**
- **Identify what role Solent Forum members would like the Forum to play in assisting Bid development**

# Workshop Outcomes

- Report of discussions put together and circulated to attendees
- Solent Forum will inform its members of progress on funding streams via its coastal new service
- Progress the idea of a Solent wide CCT and Local Economic Plan if supported
- Forum could facilitate smaller focus group to assist with preparing of a potential Bid
- Other suggestions?