

Proposed Cornwall and Scilly Coastal and Marine Partnership (CMP)



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PREFACE

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1 INTRODUCTION

Please note

This document was an output of the Cornwall 3Cs Project as described in the preface. The document will form the basis for further discussion and refinement with the emerging partnership subject to funding.

Time is running out to address climate change and marine nature recovery in Cornwall's coastal and marine areas, with targets consistently being missed across the county. Reflecting findings from across the country, this second year of the **“Coordinating Cornwall's Coastal Recovery”** project builds on its previous work to propose a new collaborative framework that drives the delivery across the land-sea interface.

Informed by active stakeholder engagement, the emerging framework recognises that effective delivery of improvement plans requires not just a well-structured improvement plan, but also critically, requires a wrap-around service of enabling and facilitating services such as stakeholder engagement, coastal champions, capacity building, marine citizenship and shared data and information. This collaborative framework is at the heart of the proposed **“Cornwall and Scilly Coastal and Marine Partnership (CMP).”**

2 PURPOSE

The Cornwall and Scilly Coastal and Marine Partnership (CMP) will bring together the key stakeholders to enable a collaborative and joined-up approach across the land-sea interface and out to 12 nautical miles and beyond. It will work to support the delivery of the strategies and plans that seek to deliver marine nature recovery, resilience and sustainable development whilst working closely with business and local communities.

This document sets out the Terms of Reference and provides more detail on how the new CMP will operate.

3 OUR VISION

By working collaboratively, the Cornwall and Scilly Coastal and Marine Partnership will support the delivery of resilient marine and coastal ecosystems and the growth they can deliver through nature-based solutions and community-based capacity building.

4 OUR THEMATIC OBJECTIVES

Full details are given in the Proposal document, but in summary they are:

- i. **Working across our coast** by establishing a new partnership;
- ii. **Restoring our coast** by developing the framework for marine nature recovery;
- iii. **Supporting marine-aware communities and businesses;**
- iv. **Investing in our coast;**
- v. **Focusing at coastal hotspots;**
- vi. **Understanding our coast.**

5 GEOGRAPHIC AREA

The Partnership will take an interest in matters relating to the marine, coastal and estuarine waters of Cornwall and will focus activities within 12 nautical miles of the coast. Discussions will take place in the first year on how best to include the Isles of Scilly within the Partnership.

6 STRUCTURE

The Cornwall and Scilly Coastal and Marine Partnership (CMP) will work to the following structure.

Figure 1 Management of the Cornwall and Scilly Coastal and Marine Partnership



7 HOST AND CHAIR

At least for the first two years, hosting and coordination of the Partnership will be provided by Cornwall Wildlife Trust, who will employ the Partnership officer, provide administrative support, provide a web presence and act as the accountable body regarding any funds received or distributed. Future hosting arrangements will be reviewed and determined within this period.

The Partnership will appoint an independent chair and vice-chair for which tenure will be three years.

8 KEY RELATIONSHIPS

The CMP will actively report to the Cornwall Local Nature Partnership and through its membership will support the delivery of several strategies:

- Cornwall Catchment Management Plan
- Cornwall Environmental Growth Strategy
- Cornwall IFCA Management Plan
- Cornwall Local Nature Recovery Strategy
- Cornwall Flood Risk Management Strategy
- Cornwall Management Strategy
- Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Shoreline Management Plan
- South West Flood Risk Management Plan
- South West River Basin Management Plan
- South West Inshore and Offshore Marine Plans
- AONB Management Plans

9 MEETINGS

Meetings will take place as hybrid / online meetings There will be one face-to-face meeting a year. The face-to-face meeting venue will not be fixed, and will be determined by the relevant agenda. To ensure inclusivity, meetings will be held in accessible locations.

The Partnership will meet 4 times a year. Meetings will include an element of professional networking, coordination of activities, raising awareness of the marine, coastal and estuarine issues across Cornwall, input into consultations and steering and monitoring the work programme.

Notes will be taken and published on the CMP website.

Agenda items for future meetings are welcome at any time. Where possible the agenda and papers will be circulated at least one week before the meeting.

Cornwall Coastal Partnership will seek to avoid duplication with existing structures and partnerships, working collaboratively with these to align activities in the coastal areas of Cornwall and Scilly.

10 CORNWALL AND SCILLY COASTAL AND MARINE PARTNERSHIP MEMBERSHIP

Currently several member organisations have been identified representing groups and bodies that have a direct relationship with Cornwall's seas, coast and estuaries and currently includes:

- a) Local authorities and NGOs including Environment Agency, Natural England, Cornwall Council, Marine Management Organisation and Cornwall Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority.
- b) Private sector including Cornwall Marine Network, Falmouth Harbour, South West Water, and Duchy of Cornwall.
- c) Conservation organisations including Cornwall Wildlife Trust, RSPB, National Trust and Seal Research Trust.
- d) Partnerships and networks including Celtic Sea Power, Cornwall AONB, Cornwall Local Nature Partnership, Cornwall Catchment Partnership, Tamar Estuary Consultative Forum and Fal and Helford SAC Advisory Panel.
- e) Tourism and marine recreation including Visit Cornwall and South West Coast Path Association.
- f) Academic sector including Universities of Plymouth and Exeter and the South West Coastal Monitoring Programme.
- g) Community groups such as Your Shore groups, Plastic free community groups, and local marine conservation groups.

A current list of anticipated members is given in Appendix A (appended to this document).

The important characteristics of members are that they should be:

- representatives of key stakeholder organisations whose interests lie in the utilisation, maintenance or improvement of Cornwall's marine, coastal and estuarine environment;
- Knowledgeable in their field and able to offer advice, resources (such as data, information, access to other groups) and practical support;
- Willing to actively speak about the interests and issues of their sector in discussions;
- Able to exert influence on behalf and within their organisation and are in a position to facilitate project delivery and work agreed by the Partnership;
- Aware and have understanding about other partners' views and are willing to listen, communicate and respect each other.

The CMP can invite and receive interest from others to join the group or provide presentations at meetings. The Partnership will also co-ordinate the organisation or promotion of relevant events for a wider stakeholder group as and when it decides this is required.

Members are expected to:

- Commit time to attend meetings and be prepared by seeking information from within their organisation if necessary. If sending a deputy, they should be fully briefed before the meeting;
- Represent the Cornwall Coastal Partnership at other meetings where relevant and appropriate.

11 DECISION MAKING

Members of the Partnership will seek to build and work to consensus. In the event of formal decision being required by a vote, a show of hands, either physical or online, with a simple majority of full members voting will be sufficient. Each organisation represented at the meeting is restricted to a single vote.

12 CMP CORE GROUP

The CMP Core Group will consist of the following:

Celtic Sea Power,
Cornwall Wildlife Trust,
Cornwall Catchment Partnership,
Cornwall Council,
Cornwall Inshore Fisheries and
Conservation Authority
Cornwall Local Nature Partnership,
Cornwall Marine Network,
Cornwall Seal Trust,
Duchy of Cornwall,

Environment Agency,
Falmouth Harbour,
Natural England,
Marine Management Organisation,
Cornwall Local Nature Partnership,
Fal & Helford & TECF Partnerships,
National Trust,
University of Plymouth / Exeter or other
academic,
Your Shore rep.

The Core Group will:

- Oversee business, and drive activity between meetings to support the decisions of the Cornwall Coastal Partnership;
- Draw up programmes and agendas for partnership meetings
- Consider options, develop ideas and proposals and make recommendations on the work of the partnership;
- Report back to the full partnership on its activities and on progress to meet the agreed objectives.

- Use Strategic Relationships to ensure collaboration and information exchange occurs effectively.

13 OTHER SUB-GROUPS

Other sub-groups, working groups or task and finish groups may be set up at the discretion of the Core Group.

14 RESOURCING

The host authority seeks support from Partnership members and other sources whenever possible.

15 LEGAL STATUS

The Partnership is an un-constituted voluntary body. Its area of operation is the marine, coastal and estuarine waters of Cornwall. The Partnership has no legal status in itself, rather Cornwall Wildlife Trust, as the host authority, is acting as the financial accountable body.

APPENDIX A: MEMBERSHIP

Core Group

For the first year, this group will guide the establishment of the Partnership and advise on matters such as recruitment, programming and funding.

Subject to agreement it will consist of named officers who have special skills and knowledge along with strong affiliations with the following organisations and structures:

Proposed Core Group membership

Celtic Sea Power,
 Cornwall Wildlife Trust,
 Cornwall Catchment Partnership,
 Cornwall Council,
 Cornwall Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority
 Cornwall Local Nature Partnership,
 Cornwall Marine Network,
 Cornwall Seal Trust,
 Duchy of Cornwall,
 Environment Agency,
 Falmouth Harbour,
 Natural England,
 Marine Management Organisation,
 Cornwall Local Nature Partnership,
 Fal & Helford & TECF Partnerships,
 National Trust,
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Cornwall Coastal Partnership

To consist of the Core Group plus:

Cornwall Council (Flooding lead)
 Cornwall Council (Nature Recovery Team)
 Cornwall Council (Planning)
 Environment Agency (Catchment Coordination)
 Environment Agency (FCRM)
 Fal & Helford Marine Conservation Group
 Fowey Harbour & Fowey Estuary Partnership
 Making Space for Sand
 Marine Conservation Society
 Newquay Town Council
 Penzance Town Council
 Plymouth Sound National Marine Park
 RSPB
 Seal Research Trust
 South West Coastal Monitoring Programme
 Tamar Valley AONB
 Visit Cornwall
 Wildlife Groundswell on the Lizard

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