



Severn Estuary Partnership – Launch of the 2016 Severn Estuary Strategy

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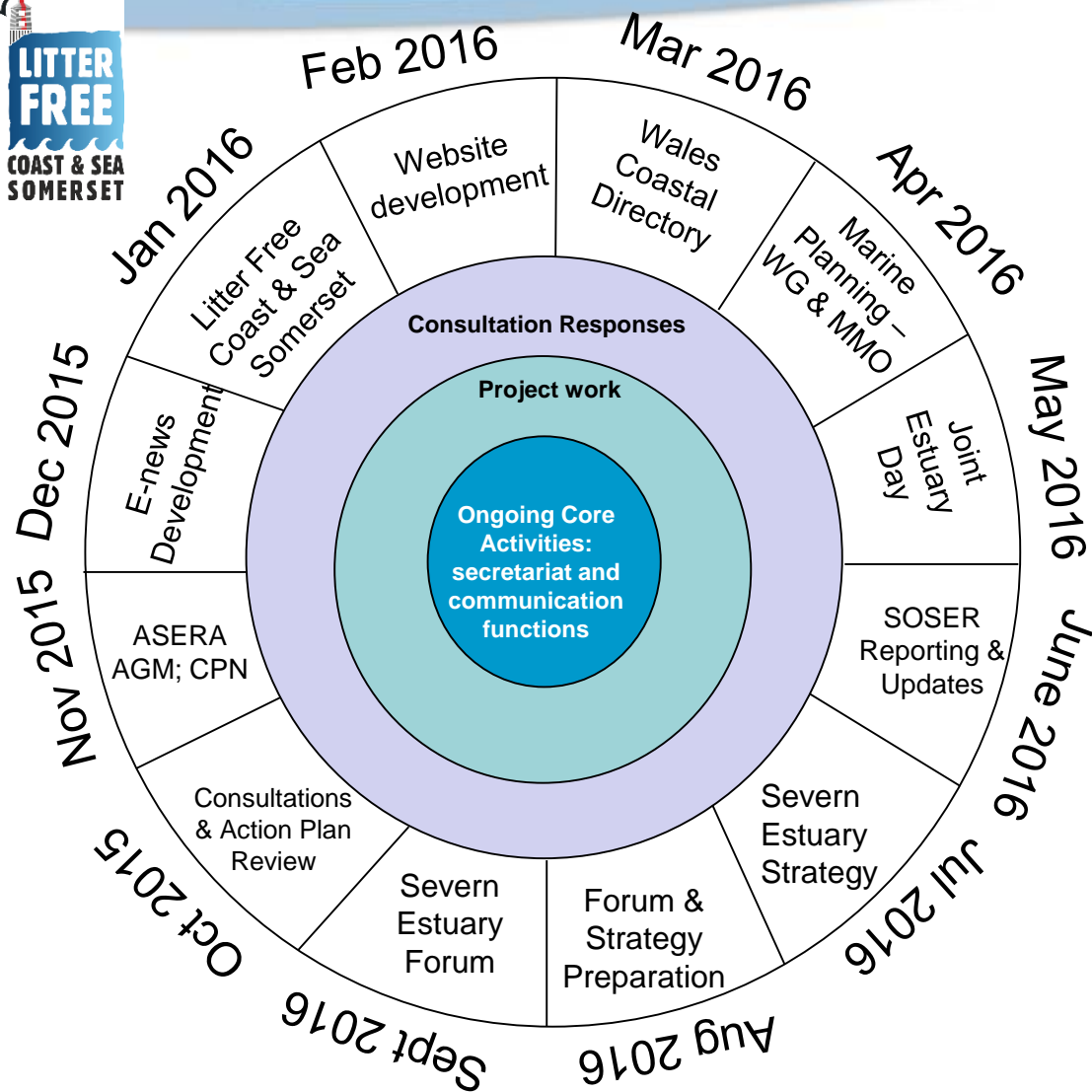
2016 Severn Estuary Forum

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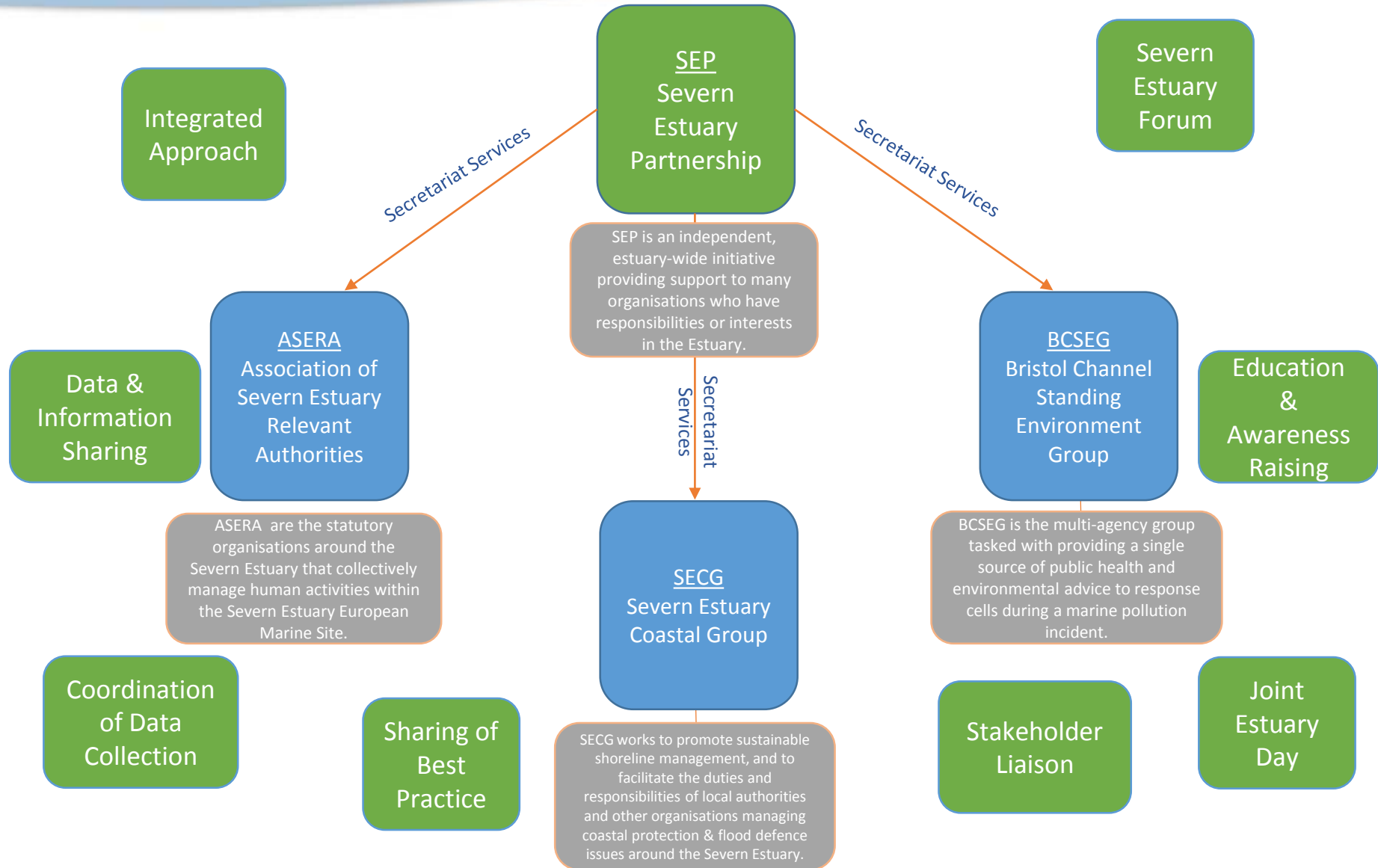
SEP Activities



Litter Free Coast and Sea Somerset needs you!
Dog poo is foul, but how would you tackle it? Come along and bring your ideas for bin-free beaches in Burnham-on-Sea & beyond.
For more info contact: Coastal Officer Marien on 01934 311688 or your nearest Litter Free Officer.
Tuesday 20 June, 10am
at The Heeds Arms Function Room, 11 Pier Street, Burnham-on-Sea
Sorry, no dogs allowed in the pub!



Estuary Group Support






Marine Planning



- Wales & England Cross-border Marine Planning Workshop



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

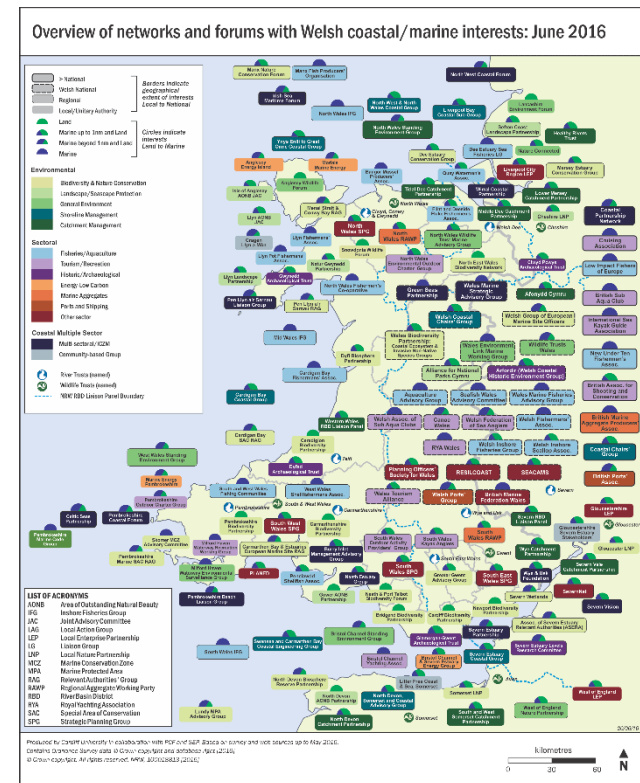
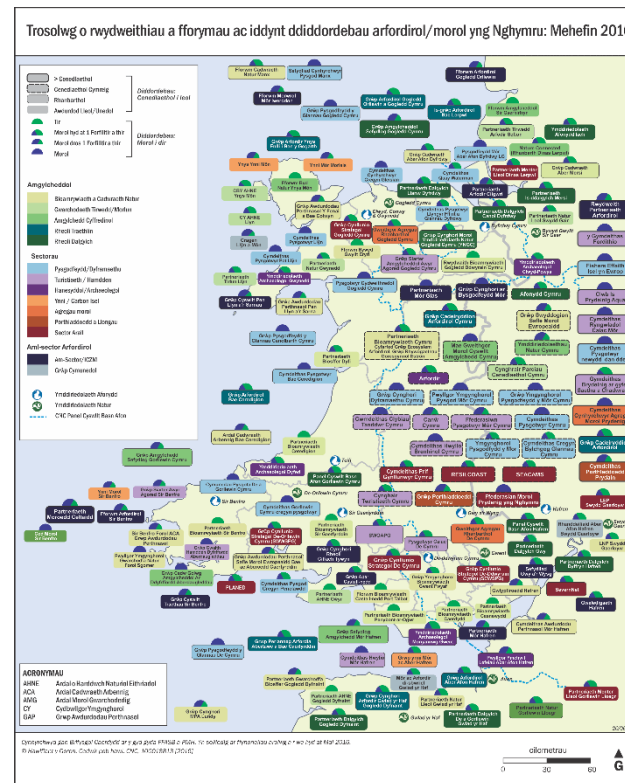


Wales and England Cross-border Marine Planning Workshop

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



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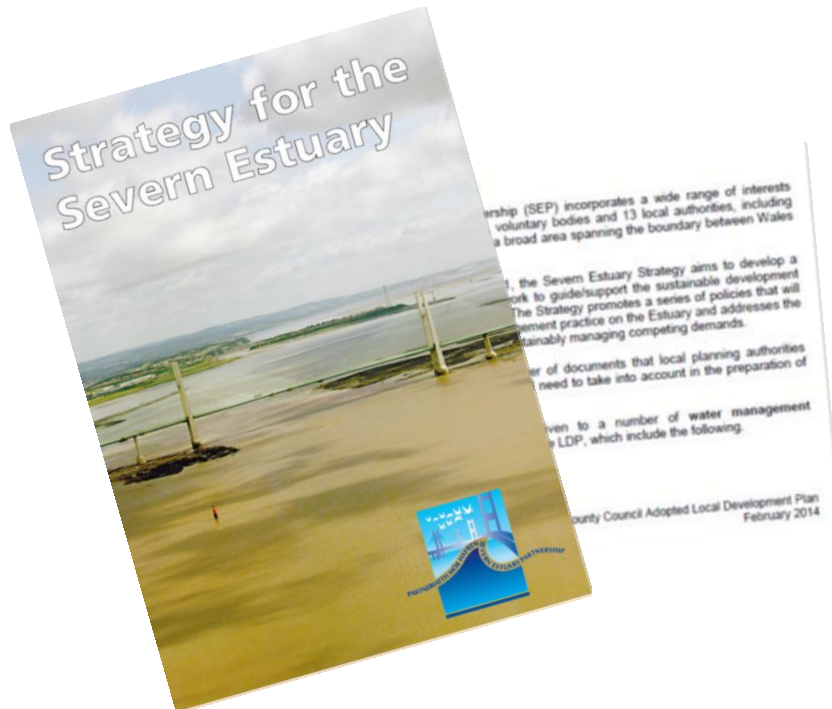


Future Direction– Severn Estuary Strategy



Severn Estuary Strategy

- Strategy for the Severn Estuary (2001)
- 2015/16 Review & Update



Why? What has changed?

- Increased policy & law in marine/coastal sector
- Estuary-wide plans
 - ASERA Management Scheme
 - SMPII
 - SEFRMS
 - RBMP



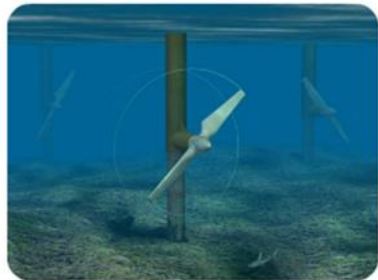


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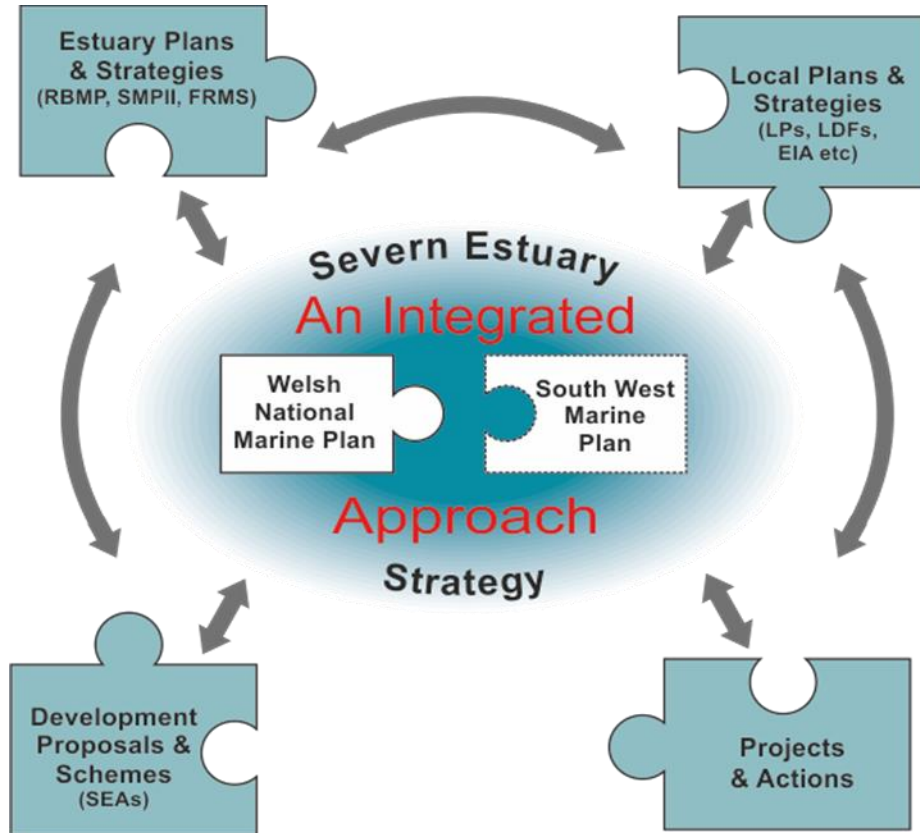


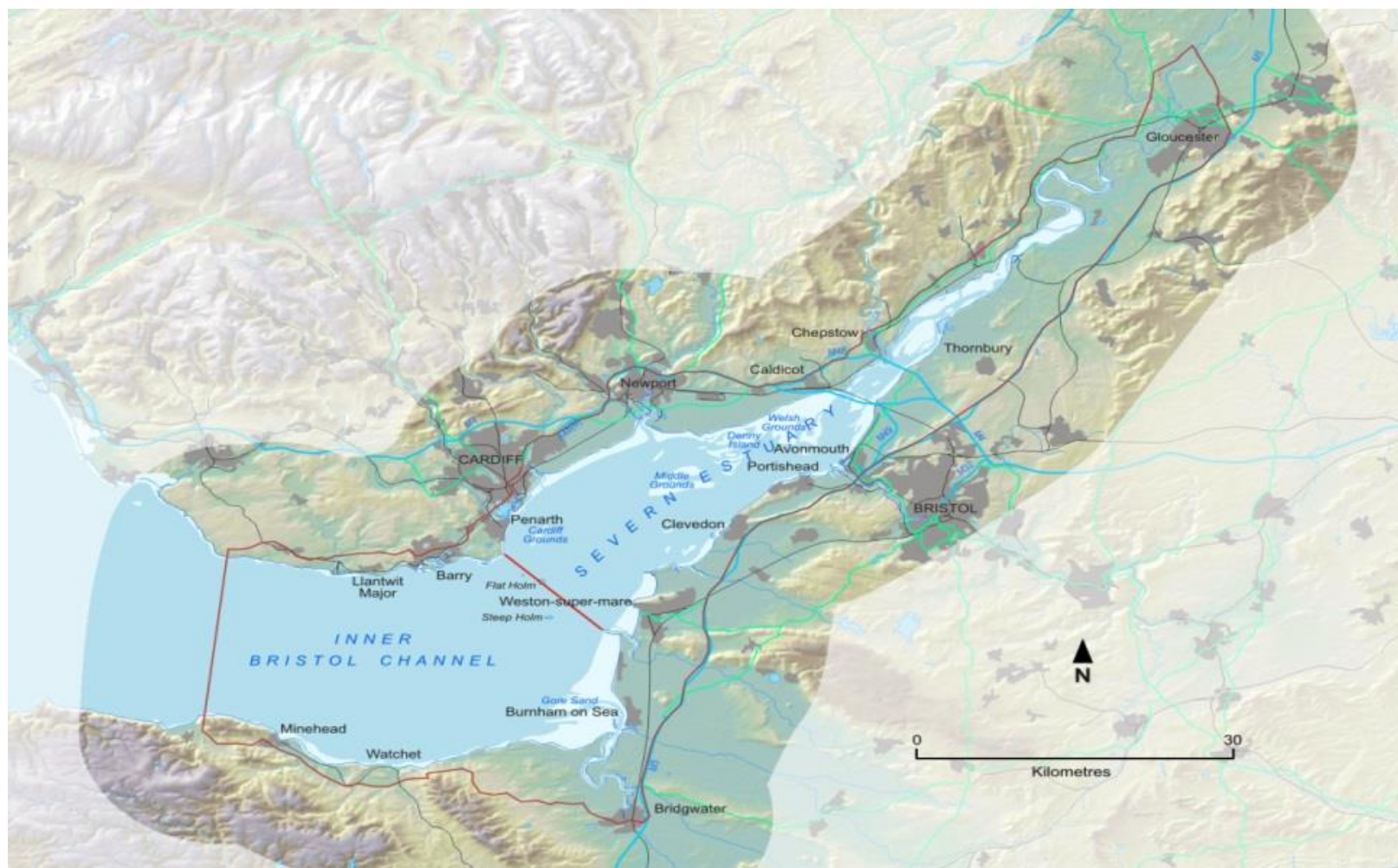


2016 Strategy Aims



- **Update & streamline** the 2001 Severn Estuary Strategy;
- Provide a **strategic policy framework** for the Severn Estuary;
- Provide **context to inform and support decision-making**; and,
- **Facilitate the Marine & Coastal Act (2009)** obligations related to cross-border integration, land-sea integration and taking an ecosystem-based approach to management.
- **Timeframe:**
 - 10 years (2026)





Severn Estuary Strategy Structure



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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).*
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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.*

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

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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

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Examples



PRINCIPLE 3

Living within Environmental Limits

OBJECTIVE 3.1

To protect, conserve and enhance the rich biodiversity and cultural heritage in order to achieve healthy, resilient and adaptable ecosystems.

OUTCOME 3.1

Communities and industry have a better understanding of the historic and natural environment resulting in its sustainable management.

SEVERN ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP ACTIONS

- 3.1.1: Promote and disseminate existing and emerging information to industry and communities on the wise use of water, pollutants and their impacts on the Estuary.
- 3.1.2: Promote research to achieve a strategic understanding of the historic and natural environment to determine the impacts of development and coastal processes.
- 3.1.3: Engage with Relevant Authorities on the Management Scheme for the Severn Estuary European Marine Site, promoting the management of activities and actions to achieve and maintain 'favourable conservation status'.

OBJECTIVE 3.2

To encourage renewable and sustainable resource use and to facilitate appropriate action on climate change adaptation and mitigation.

OUTCOME 3.2

- 3.2.1: Sustainable use and management of natural resources for the continued protection of the dynamic environment.
- 3.2.2: Threats from climate change are understood and discussed widely by both communities and industry throughout the estuary.

SEVERN ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP ACTIONS

- 3.2.1 Encourage the sustainable use of finite resources through education and communication.
- 3.2.2 Continue to disseminate information regarding energy generation schemes.
- 3.2.3: Engage with industry, communities and visitors to exchange information on how to live within safe and changing environmental limits.
- 3.2.4 Create a platform for debate and discussion on the potential threats and impacts of climate change.

PRINCIPLE 4

Promoting Good Governance

OBJECTIVE 4.1

To promote partnership working by involving all those who have an interest in decision-making processes affecting the estuary in order to deliver the highest standard of management.

OUTCOME 4.1

- 4.1.1 All coastal and marine practitioners and stakeholders have the opportunity to work together, contribute relevant data and influence decision-making processes.
- 4.1.2 Estuary plans, strategies and projects take a sustainable development approach.

SEVERN ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP ACTIONS

- 4.1.1: Encourage public bodies responsible for estuary planning to work together on common issues and evidence in a coordinated and consistent manner.
- 4.1.2: Actively support relevant professional national networks to help shape the messages at a national level and ensure best practice is shared with estuary decision-makers.
- 4.1.3: Engage with initiatives and project which have the potential to affect the estuary and its interests.

OBJECTIVE 4.2

To encourage integration between all estuary-related plans and governance structures, ensuring cross-sectoral and cross-boundary consistency whilst taking an ecosystem-based approach to management.

OUTCOME 4.2

Better access to other estuary plans, projects and strategies for all sectors and neighbouring geographical areas to facilitate consistent and inclusive decision-making.

SEVERN ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP ACTIONS

- 4.2.1: Produce a 'roadmap' to policies, plans and strategies relevant to the management of the Severn Estuary.
- 4.2.2: Actively engage with all strategic plans and developments to promote our principles.
- 4.2.3: Continue to input into the marine planning process in the estuary and wide Bristol Channel.
- 4.2.4: Continued support services to estuary groups and to provide opportunities for estuary groups' liaison (e.g. through the Joint Estuary Day)
- 4.2.5: Facilitate education, training and the exchange of information among estuary users, practitioners and decision-makers via the Severn Estuary Forum, SEP E-news, Severn Tidings and social media.

Development Process



- Workshops with key stakeholders:
 - *The Strategy Vision* (May 2015)
 - *The Way Forward* (September 2015)
 - *The Strategy Outcomes and Actions* (May 2016)
- Support from WG & MMO



Engagement

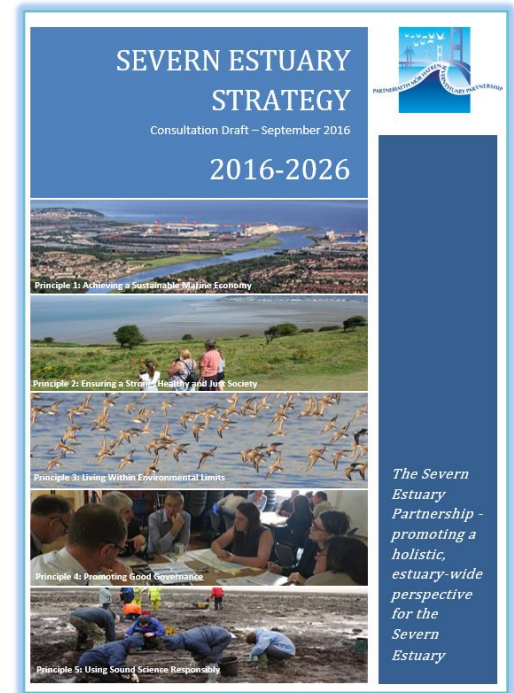


- ✓ Welsh Government & MMO – Cross-border Marine Planning Workshop
- ✓ 2015 & 2016 Severn Estuary Forum
- ✓ Coastal Partnership Network
- ✓ Sustainable Severn Conference
- ✓ Celtic Seas Partnership
- ✓ West of England Nature Partnership
- ✓ SEP Comms

Consultation & Moving Forwards



- 22nd Sept until 3rd Nov – 6 weeks
- SEP Business & Action Plan (2017-2022)
- Early Spring 2017



Thank you!



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