

Workshop 1.**Financial Benefit Assessment of Coastal Partnerships**

The workshop was divided in to different sections. A short presentation was given (see PowerPoint link) and then the delegates were split in to groups. Each group considered and fed back on one element of the core services offered by Coastal Partnerships. Then all groups together considered the consequence experienced by the partners if these services were not available through a Coastal Partnership.

1. Benefit Area: Facilitating

- Able to meet a potential partner
- How can this be done? From the very beginning based on information and networking
- Needs leadership and co-ordination
- Needs development of management
- Needs implementation
- Needs monitoring
- This may result in a broad and balanced partnership and provides an opportunity to access funding

1a. How would partners be affected if there was no Coastal Partnership offering this core service?

- There would be less funding or none at all
- Loss of ability to benefit from funding partner pots

Comment: This is not consequence to partners as aimed for in workshop

2. Benefit Area: Assisting

- Knowledge transfer
- Statutory functions SACs etc.
- Finding solutions together
- Access to technical language and translation
- Distribution of tasks
- Conflict avoidance and resolution
- Efficient use of resources
- Shared understanding
- Leverage
- Doing things
- Building trust
- Project development
- Organising volunteers

2a. How would partners be affected if there was no Coastal Partnership offering this core service?

- Conflict resolution
- There would be different and overlapping spatial uses with issues over human costs (such as injuries) and could result in litigation
- There would be environmental damage resulting
- There could be economic costs
- There would be a financial cost and there would be winners and losers in this
- Finding solutions together
- There might be different outcomes
- There would be more cost

- There would be a different spread of benefits (to who and where?)
- There would be no insurance
- Statutory Functions – losses?
- Jobs costs would increase and there might be only half a job per site from Natural England
- The Harbour would be left to enforce regulations

3. Benefit Area: Providing a Voice

- To put forward individual partner's views – even when they are not harmonious and also present the partnership's view when consensus does exist
- There is some disagreement if the Coastal Partnership was valid for presenting individual views
- Sometimes funding an issue and there is a need for independence
- There is an important advocacy input role which can increase where 2+2=5
- Joint information dissemination through the “honest broker” role of the partnership leads to creation
- Signs and leaflets and other information (including management systems and GIS etc.)
- There needs to be caution in not being a voice of Government
- They can be a clearing house for resources including Government agencies

4. Types of/ potential Coastal Partners to add to the exemplary list of partners in the PowerPoint presentation

- Fishing groups and associations (commercial)
- Recreational fishing interests
- Mariculture
- Tourism
- Non-university based academia and scientists
- Agriculture
- Maritime archaeology
- Maritime networks
- Major landowners
- Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- Duchy of Cornwall
- Maritime businesses: shipping, freight, building, repairs etc.
- Marine Fisheries Association
- Power Gen companies
- Property developers
- Recreational boating – marinas etc.