

# C-SCOPE Task and Finish Coastal Explorer Planning Group

Tuesday 20th July 2010 at 10am
Dorset Room, Colliton Club, Dorchester. DT1 1XJ

#### Present:

- Alan Frampton, Coastal Scientist, Halcrow
- Ken Buchan, Dorset Coast Forum Secretary & DCC Coastal Policy Manager, Dorset County Council
- James Feaver, GIS Officer, Dorset Coast Forum
- Ness Smith, Project Officer, Dorset Coast Forum
- Andy Elliott, Senior GIS Developer, Dorset County Council
- Sandie Wilson, Environment Manager, Portland Harbour Authority Ltd
- Kyrilos Vourlakidis, Bournemouth University Student
- Keith Cole, Director, Coast and Country Projects Ltd
- Helen Mann, Property Manager West Dorset, National Trust

### Apologies:

- Nigel Osborne, Emergency Planning Officer, Dorset County Council
- Jamie Moore, Data Manager, The Crown Estate
- Rachel Waldock, Marine Scientist, Natural England Dorset
- Tom Munro, Manager, AONB Dorset
- Malcolm Lewis, Principle Planning Officer, Dorset County Council
- Zack Abrahams, Local Authority Sales Manager, SeaZone Solutions
- Dave Hornby, Mapping and Data Officer, Environment Agency
- Rebecca Landman, Planning Officer, Planning & Regeneration Services, Borough of Poole

### 1 Introductions

KB welcomed all to the third meeting of the C-SCOPE Coastal Explorer Planning Group. KB informed of the following changes to the group:

- Litan Paul of Seazone no longer works as Local Authority Sales Manager and that Zack Abrahams will be replacing Litan on this group. Zack gave his apologies for this meeting but intends to attend future meetings.
- Dave Hornby, Mapping and Data Officer, Environment Agency has informed that he is no longer able
  to attend forthcoming C-Scope meetings due to resource pressures within the Environment Agency.
  David has informed that he is still interested in the project and will be willing to help via email or phone
  if needed.
- KB welcomed Kyrilos Vourlakidis, Bournemouth University Student, who is working with Dorset Coast Forum on a placement over the summer.

#### 2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes were discussed. KC queried why it stated in the minutes that the access to the tool may be restricted. KC presumed that because the website was created using public money then it would be available to the public.

KB informed that the tool ideally would be publicly available, however need to consider maintenance costs and possible licensing issues with data. However. Coastal Explorer Interactive is intended to be more of a public facing tool. Would need to discuss audience and sustainability of tool in more detail once the tool is near completion.

Actions from the previous meeting were reviewed:

- All actions from the previous meeting relating to the planning workshop were completed in time for the workshop
- Action: JF work to look into the flow charts on IPC website to prevent duplication of work is ongoing.
- Action: AF sent consenting flowcharts
- Action: KB and AE set up a temporary address for the pilot Coastal Explorer and sent out to group
- Action: All accessed and played with the Coastal Explorer tool and gave feedback to NS
- Action: AF to send latest formal SMP Policy details to JF ongoing

### 3 Update – Ken Buchan

KB explained that the long gap between meetings has been due to the Coastal Explorer Planning Workshop held in February. The aim of today's meeting is to update the group on work carried out since the workshop.

A new version of the Dorset Explorer Tool is currently being developed. The Coastal Explorer Data has not been added to the new tool yet.

KB reviewed Terms of reference for the group. The Group is tasked to:

- Set out the objectives (e.g. what functions will it need, who are the end users) and terms of reference (e.g. who should it be accessible to) for the use of Coastal Explorer Planning.
- Investigate and recommend the best method for extracting all relevant policy data for the Marine Management Area.
- Stocktake, develop and calculate a set of coastal/marine indicators to drive Coastal Explorer Planning.
- Identify sources of maps, policy information and data from European, national, regional and local plans and strategies to populate the database.
- Organise workshops to assist with data sourcing, and to explore delivery mechanisms.
- Identify users of Coastal Explorer Planning and create a database.
- Devise a Coastal Explorer Planning training programme for a wide range of maritime sectors.

KB is comfortable with the project in terms of development of the tool. Feels it is progressing well.

## 4 Demonstration of new Explorer Planning framework – James Feaver

JF was pleased with the response from the group regarding the tool and data since the last meeting.

- The Dorset Explorer tool that has been used so far for the Coastal Explorer Planning tool was created 4 years ago by the DCC GIS Team.
- JF demonstrated the new version of Dorset Explorer that DCC GIS Team is currently working on. The new version has a more modern look and feel, more space on the page is dedicated to the map and it is utilises Open Source technology & some Open Source data (OpenStreetMap).
- The new version of the tool will allow JF to carry out more administration on the tool himself using an Administration Console
- JF has trailed the new version of the tool and made comments and suggestions back to the GIS team.
- The group discussed data and licensing. SW questioned the price DCF have paid to acquire Seazone data.
- JF ran through next steps in the coastal explorer planning tool development: AE explained that work for the Olympic Games is taking priority for the GIS Team at the moment.
- SW questioned how much data costs and compared price of Seazone data for C-SCOPE project to the price to Seazone data that Portland Harbour Authority have purchased.
- Group discussed how GIS works a database that uses a toll to show data spatially.

### 5 What's next

- GIS team complete Administration Console August 2010
- DCF add C-SCOPE data September 2010
- GIS team progress generic issues December 2010
- GIS team progress specific issues After Christmas
- Release to T&F group for feedback
- DCF and GIS team resolve any issues
- Testing / fixes
- Release Summer 2011

A version of the new tool will be sent out to Task and Finish group members to review by Christmas.

## 6 Feedback on planning workshop

At the last meeting the group developed 6 planning scenarios. These were used at the workshop, where attendees looked at the consenting process and consultees for the scenario. Found that it was hard to work out who the non-saturatory consultees were at the workshop but Kyri will be looking into this. Attendees were asked to create flow charts for the consenting process but found that this was also were hard to do in a group. NS asked AF for help doing these flow charts.

Action: NS and AF to work on consenting flowcharts.

### 7 Policies

42 policies were identified at the workshop – these have been checked for relevance and duplication. The 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the SEA is to identify policies and plans that affect the marine plan – these have been identified and it was decided by the C-SCOPE Team that these policies and plans should be put into the Coastal Explorer Planning Tool. This list totals 80 policies – which all have hyperlinks. Examples include:

- Local Parish Plans
- Lulworth Ranges Byelaws
- Rio Convention on Biodiversity

Next stage is to assess and prioritise which of these policies and plans are aspirational and which are statutory.

The group discussed how the policies should be incorporated spatially into the tool:-

- Pin point reports
- Representation of which are on seabed, underground (e.g. minuerals), in water column or on surface.

#### Comments on policy:

The possible danger of inaccurately summarising policies was highlighted – AF suggested a

warning/disclaimer

- AF felt that adding in who the organisation responsible for the policy would be useful
- SW highlighted that need to include all amendments and annexes
- NS demonstrated the Oil and Gas UK website which shows policy and development by breaking them
  down key legislation to guidance.
- AF asked whether the C-SCOPE team see MMO taking on the CE Planning Tool as their data management tool? KB thought this was a possibility as Steve Brooker has received a demonstration of the tool. MMO have also been looking at the Cefas and Mars tools too though.

This led to a discussion on the sustainability and audience of tool:

- HM questioned the audience and sustainability of the tool as it was felt that this is still unclear. NS
  explained that the tool is pitched for planners but that academics and consultants have shown an
  interest in using it. KB raised concern that the information could easily be misinterpreted by those who
  do not understand it.
- AF sees the tool as an initial screening tool for planners.
- Funding from organisations that use the tool was discussed and it was mentioned that funding could potentially be secured from EU to sustain the tool.
- HM highlighted that a case study would be good to show the potential of the tool. NS felt that Wreck 2
  Reef Project would be a good example as through the tool Wreck 2 Reef learnt about the pilotage
  area.
- There are certain obligations to Interreg that need to be followed. SW recommended that these obligations are looked into now.

**Action: JF** to start looking into Licensing issues

# B Date of next meeting

Group agreed that the date of next meeting should be Oct-Nov 2010