

C-SCOPE Steering Group Meeting
Wednesday 21st April 2010 – 2:00 pm
Liscombe Room, Top of Town House, Dorchester

Present:

- Ness Smith, Dorset Coast Forum
- Peter Moore, Dorset County Council
- James Feaver, Dorset Coast Forum
- Peter Tinsley, Dorset Wildlife Trust
- Rachel Waldoock, Natural England
- Sandie Wilson, Portland Harbour Authority Ltd/
Portland Port Ltd
- Ken Buchan, Dorset County Council
- Bob Huggins, DCF Chairman
- Tony Flux, The National Trust
- Andrew Hignett, Partner – LA Marine
- Tom Munro, Dorset AONB
- Vince May, Bournemouth University
- Sally King, World Heritage Team

Apologies:

- Simon Cripps, Dorset Wildlife Trust
- Simon Williams, W&PBC
- Steve Collins, Defra
- Malcolm Turnbull, Jurassic Coast Trust
- Mark Foxwell, Dorset County Council
- Nick Lyness, Environment Agency
- James Weld – Lulworth Estate

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| 1. | <p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p>There were no amendments made to the minutes of the previous meeting.</p> <p>Actions from the previous meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NS circulated the topic papers list and names of resident experts to SG. Grateful for feedback and offers of help. • Assessment of marine planning processes in England, Bournemouth University. NS sent of project proposal to SG. Interviews for assessment now in progress with members of MSP T&F Group. • ACTION ONGOING MB to receive Google Analytics for DCF website. MB to chase up as not receiving yet. MB to share C-SCOPE analytics with SG. • Group did inform NS or KB of comments or issues they wished to be brought up at the PMC • KB did not circulate agenda for PMC beforehand but will for future meetings. • NS did not contact Philip Evans about joining Communications T&F Group as group have decided not to meet until needed. • NS circulated the Engagement Strategy to SG. • MB revised the C-SCOPE project information sheet and this was taken to Coastal Futures conference. • ACTION ONGOING JF research on Decision support tools is ongoing. • MB created document on pros and cons of “Inspire” Mark. This is discussed later in the meeting. |
| 2. | <p>How are we doing? A review of our first year</p> <p>NS gave a presentation which summarised the work carried out in the first year by the C-SCOPE team (presentation attached). The Dorset Offshore Renewables Capacity Study has now been completed (available to download at http://www.dorsetforyou.com/C-SCOPE)</p> <p>JF gave a presentation on SeaZone - MMO Consultancy - GIS and Data Management (attached at the end of NS update presentation).</p> <p>NS noted current international interest in C-SCOPE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Parry, MMO Chair is interested in C-SCOPE and DCF and NS currently setting up meeting with MMO. C-SCOPE team also meeting with CCW and Natural England. NS will be speaking at Global Oceans Conference. |
| 3 | <p>PMC and Risk Register</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KB briefly described the last PMC meeting in Brugge in February. This was a successful meeting. There were concerns at last SG that not totally fulfilling brief, KB reassured that this not the case. • Next PMC in UK in July 2010. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up conference/workshop in Autumn 2010 – Title “Socio-economics of MSP and regeneration of coastal towns”. End of project conference Feb/Mar 2012 • VM asked about whether CE Interactive will be multilingual. This was discussed at the CEI T&F Group, and it is unlikely due to budget. KB explained that translation costs are built in to joint project outputs; new officer based in Belgium has translation experience. • KB mentioned that discussions with Portland Port have been added to the Risk Register. • Project Partners wanted six months to be added to the end of the project. Agreed that the project will be extended by three months. |
| 4. | <p>Finance update</p> <p>In kind contributions – Mark Foxwell concerned about in kind contributions for DWT seabed mapping. Full costings were sent to secretariat, agreed that being transparent was the best way to be. After some disagreement, now have in writing that Interreg can accept DWT seabed mapping as in kind contribution.</p> <p>KB explained that current finances are looking good, there has been a fairly significant under spend, spent 62% of staff costs and 67% of travel and accommodation, under spend could be due to not receiving some invoices yet.</p> |
| 5. | <p>Portland Harbour Authority Ltd</p> <p>NS gave some background to the talks with Portland Harbour Authority Ltd (PHAL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHAL’s main concerns were the lack of clear aims and objectives and C-SCOPE’s lack of statutory remit to produce an MSP. • C-SCOPE team met with PHAL and Chris Parry, Chair of MMO, to discuss. Meeting went in a different direction, and issues not really addressed. • Met again on 13th January 2010 – positive meeting – NS gave a PowerPoint answering concerns raised by Portland Harbour, Steve Davis appeared happy that main concerns addressed. • At the meeting Steve Davis commented that Portland Harbour wants to support C-SCOPE but also need to ensure that they can continue to run as a thriving commercial business • Portland Harbour commented that more industry involvement would be beneficial. C-SCOPE team asked for help engaging with industry through PHAL tenants. • Portland Harbour will be building on existing MSP to include joint pilotage area and will put policies and objectives to C-SCOPE. <p>SW felt that not all concerns had been address, not completely resolved.</p> <p>ACTION: SW and NS to meet to discuss progress with PHAL’s updated MSP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JF highlighted that the offer to help with data for the Portland Harbour MSP extension to include pilotage still stands. • NS offered Portland Harbour opportunity to present plan at DCF meeting on 18th May 2010 however SW felt would not be ready by then. The Olympic Plan is the priority for Portland Harbour at the moment. • At meeting on 13th January 2010 it was agreed that the extended MSP would be ready in 3-4 months therefore KB concerned about timescale as C-SCOPE team would like to be zoning in the summer. • VM felt that dealing Short term activities such as Olympics should be built into C-SCOPE MSP methodology. • BH thanked Portland Harbour for meeting with them and reiterated that he felt the meeting was positive. • AH appreciated the time C-SCOPE took to meet with PHAL, wanted C-SCOPE to understand that PHAL has over 200 sets of legislation to follow. |
| 6. | <p>Possible changes of Land and Seascape Assessment budget</p> <p>KB gave background:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shortlisted, then interviewed two companies LDA Design and LUC. • Interviewed for a second time – LDA Design were more expensive but innovative. LDA not preferred candidate in terms of cost. LDA Design agreed to reduce cost by £3,500, therefore now competitive. • Contract awarded to LDA Design. • First attempt at fieldwork was cancelled as foggy. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KB then received a call from William Wheeler of LDA Design with cost concerns. KB asked LDA to put together paper of additional expenditure. Additional expenditure cost requested was £10-20,000. • KB then asked what impact would be on project if additional costs not paid. Answer in email that Ken circulated to group. <p>Group discussed what should do, key points made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent work so far from them, don't want to compromise quality but LDA need to be told that have a contract which they have to honour • KB has spoken with legal services and extra money would mean re-contracting. • If we give the money, will they then ask for more? • It is the error of LDA Design in estimating costs. Should have got quotes before. • LDA Design should have built into costs a contingency for bad weather. • LDA Designs methods of assessment have not changed since inception meeting • Other consultants that did not get the job could ask under freedom of information act about cost LDA Design given to carry out work. • Suggestion to mention how important reputation is, many organisations involved in C-SCOPE project. • Need to keep good working relationship <p>Group agreed that C-SCOPE should pay for additional cost of extra facilitators at the consultation workshop, but not pay the remaining sums requested by LDA Design PM offered to look over KB's draft response to LDA Design once written.</p> |
| 7. | <p>Alignment of C-SCOPE with National Policy</p> <p>KB met with Defra and MMO at Local Government Association Meeting. They gave an update on current thinking on marine planning. From meeting KB gathered that MMO are unlikely to use intensive zonation plans however feeling from C-SCOPE MSP Task and Finish Group is that they would like to include zonation in pilot plan.</p> <p>KB asked group whether we should align with national thinking or continue with our own ideas, which the MMO can adapt if they choose to.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambition and intension of C-SCOPE project to influence national thinking. • C-SCOPE in advance of MMO at this stage. We should continue with our own plan, and make it good enough that it will influence the MMO's thinking. • BH sees project evolving out of Dorset • Suggestion to wait and see what comes out of C-SCOPE meeting with Defra and head of planning at the MMO in July • Need to have faith in stakeholders knowing what Dorset needs <p>ACTION: NS to, if possible, set up question and answer session for SG and MMO as part of MMO visit.</p> |
| 8. | <p>Inspire Mark</p> <p>KB referred to Inspire Mark Pros and Cons Document created by MB. Natural England recommended C-SCOPE to go for the Inspire Mark. Conclusion that too prescriptive and group do not want to go forward and apply for funding.</p> |
| 9. | <p>Work Programme for next quarter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seabed Habitat Map due • Land & Seascape completing end of July • Completion of MMA Description Document by end of July • Building on forecasting from MSP T&F Group, attempting to quantify where possible • SEA to start beginning of May; methods and background, scoping, environmental baseline, objectives and alternative plans • Next round of T&F Group meetings • Start to develop zoning scenarios (if this is the route we decide to go down) • Interactions matrix and spatial analysis complete end of July • Appoint CE Interactive website developer July • Plan and initiate coastal community engagement |
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Gary Fooks position has changed from Olympic Legacy to delivery therefore he felt not appropriate to remain on SG. Gary Fooks is happy to help where appropriate. BH suggested thanking Gary.

ACTION: NS to thank and wish Gary Fooks well.

TM mentioned a presentation he will be giving at Europarc conference in late May on coastal AONB experience of marine planning – will be talking about C-SCOPE. NS offered to help prepare presentation.

KB mentioned he will be speaking at South West RTPI conference in May on C-SCOPE.