

CDC ENVIRONMENT PANEL MEETING - 29 JANUARY 2024

The Clerk attended remotely to see the Panel discuss item 4 [Chichester Harbour Investment and Adaptation Plan](#)

Coastal Partners plan to submit a bid to the Environment Agency for Grant in Aid (GiA) funding to develop an Investment and Adaptation Plan for Chichester Harbour.

This is a project about how we respond to Climate Change. Traditionally the focus was on preserving property, but has now shifted to include the needs of the environment. Communities must be brought on board to understand what the challenges are and come up with solutions on how to adapt.

There is a balance to be struck between properties and the environmental opportunities in the Harbour which could be embraced.

This is a difficult conundrum. Change is coming and this project is about engaging with people so that they understand the future and what lies ahead.

This is a pioneering approach and it is uncertain how it is going to be received. Funding policy is not as advanced, so there is a risk that this project does not obtain the funds.

Decision:

That Environment Panel recommend to Cabinet;

Approval of submission of a business case to the Environment Agency for Grant in Aid (GiA) funding to develop an Investment and Adaptation Plan for Chichester Harbour.

Preparation and delivery of a Chichester Harbour Investment and Adaptation Plan to help strengthen the resilience of the communities and environment of Chichester Harbour to flooding and coastal change to the year 2100 and beyond if GiA funding is secured.

Lucy Wright

Parish Clerk

29.1.24