

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2021/22
Decision No.
2279

Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 7 June 2021

Portfolio	Planning and Development
Subject:	Coastal Partnership - Chichester District Council request to join Coastal Partners
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	Protect and enhance the environment

Purpose:

The purpose of the report is to seek approval for the Coastal Partnership to extend the Partnership to include Chichester District Council as an additional partner.

Building on the success since April 2012, of the Coastal Partnership to deliver a flood and erosion risk management service to Fareham Borough Council, Havant Borough Council, Portsmouth City Council and Gosport Borough Council an opportunity has arisen to add an additional partner, Chichester District Council. The report also considers the future of the Partnership working arrangements and highlights the possible benefits of further extensions should the opportunities arise.

Options Considered:

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) approves the extension of the Coastal Partnership to include Chichester District Council as a member;
- (b) notes that the Head of the Coastal Partnership continues to discuss and explore with other local authorities in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight whether there is mutual benefit of extending the Coastal Partnership further should the opportunity arise; and
- (c) agrees to delegate authority to the Director of Planning and Regeneration, following consultation with the Executive Member for Planning and Development, to enter into a Section 113 Local Government Act Shared Service Agreement between Fareham Borough Council, Havant Borough Council, Portsmouth City Council, Gosport Borough Council and Chichester District Council.

Reason:

The delivery of a professional, efficient and cost-effective flood and erosion risk management service within Fareham is becoming increasingly challenging in response to climate change, public sector austerity and the loss of experienced officers from the sector. Key to the continuation of a robust and resilient service is sharing expertise and collaborating with other local authorities. It is also envisaged that additional partners will create a strong platform to operate more commercially and develop new income streams to keep the cost of the service at the current levels whilst providing a high-quality service.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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