

## **THE CORNWALL AND ISLES OF SCILLY SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW (SMP2)**

### **PROGRESS UPDATE - MAY 2009**

Stage 1 of the SMP is now complete, the technical consultant having been procured and initial identification and contact with stakeholders established, although the stakeholder database will continue to be updated throughout, as new stakeholders register or existing ones change. In addition, a database of information held by interested parties and organisations within the SMP area, which may assist with the SMP decision making process, will continue through Stage 2.

In January 2009, Haskoning UK were appointed to carry out the technical work required for the SMP Review, together with both the Strategic Environmental Assessment and the Appropriate Assessment. They are now approaching the completion of Stage 2 – Data Collation, having visited all local authorities and coastal group partners, to acquire information.

Throughout the SMP Review, engagement with stakeholders will be a key element as will consultation with elected members. It is planned to carry out formal engagement with stakeholders on 3 separate events, as follows:

1. During Stage 2 – to explain the programme of work and evaluate objectives
2. During Stage 3 – to identify and assess policy scenarios (options)
3. During Stage 4 – to explain and consult on preferred policies identified

The first event is taking place now, at 4 separate locations between 23 April and 7 May (St Austell; Camelford; Penzance; and the Isles of Scilly). The identified stakeholders (circa 400 currently on the database) have been invited by letter to attend the events, which have also been publicised very well by the local press, with local radio stations giving assistance by announcing the details on the morning of each event.

The Client Steering Group are to consider holding the remaining 2 events at 9 locations, rather than increasing to 7 (as originally planned), as it is already clear from the initial meetings that there will be a need to engage more closely as the policy scenarios and preferred policies develop. The locations being considered for these 2 remaining events (programmed for September and November) are Looe; St Austell Bay; Falmouth; Mount's Bay; Penzance; Newquay Bay; Padstow Bay; Bude; and the Isles of Scilly.

Ideally, each of the 3 proposed Elected Members Fora should take place immediately before each of the Stakeholder Events but, with elections for the

new Cornwall Council taking place in early June, the first Elected Members' Forum has had to be targeted for the end of July (probably in Truro).

An area, for outlining progress, has been included in the group's website, to enable stakeholders to keep up to date as details are produced throughout the SMP Review. The aim is to ensure that stakeholders have access to all relevant information produced, as soon as possible and that the process remains transparent.