

External Funding Panel - 3 August 2016

To provide an update on Welsh Government Grant to support Coastal Risk Management Programme – Mumbles Sea Defence Wall/Revetment

Purpose:	To provide an update on Welsh Government Grant to support a Project Appraisal Study for Mumbles Sea Defence Wall
Policy Framework:	Delivery of National Strategy for Flooding and Coastal Erosion Management in Wales and to comply with policies contained within the Shoreline Management Plan 2 Adapting to Climate Change
Reason for Decision:	To inform External Funding Panel of the 100% grant received by the Authority to proceed with a Project Appraisal Study for the Mumbles Sea Defence
Consultation:	Legal, Finance and Access to Service
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that the External Funding Panel endorses the grant to support the production of the project appraisal study for Mumbles Sea Defence Wall/Revetment
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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide an update to the External Funding Panel with the Welsh Government Innovative Finance Coastal Programme to support capital investment in Local Authority coastal flooding and erosion management schemes
- 1.2 The programme is intended to help local Authorities to implement projects aligned with the policy options recommended within the shoreline management plan

- 1.3 As a coastal protection Authority there is duty to maintain current defence in council ownership
- 1.4 Mumbles Sea Defence wall has been identified as an area which complies with the eligibility criteria as set out in the programme investment objectives.
- 1.5 The programme encourages innovative solutions for Coastal Defence solutions which deliver multiple benefits (e.g. tourism, regeneration, transport and environment as well as flood resilience)
- 1.6 Welsh Government has provided a 100% grant for the production of project appraisals study for potential candidate sites.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 External Funding Panel to support the production of the Project Appraisal Study for Mumbles Sea Defence which will also explore the wider economic and regeneration opportunities.

3.0 Equality and Engagement Implications

- 3.1 Full EIA Screening Report not required
- 3.2 Little direct impact on public at this stage. The project itself will be screened separately

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 Welsh Government has provided Coastal Authorities 100% grant to proceed with the production of project appraisal studies as part of the Coastal Risk Management programme.

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 The constitution requires that External Funding Panel endorses grant funding. The Council will need to ensure that it complies with the terms and conditions of the grant funding. Any procurement activity undertaken to deliver the project appraisal study must comply with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

Background Papers: None

Appendices: EFP 1