

## Appendix 2: Three Harbours Strategy - consultation questionnaire

N.B. Text in italics is from the consultation questionnaire. Text in bold is CDC's proposed response. Paragraph numbers and headings are references to the Strategy in Appendix 1.

*This consultation is seeking feedback on how the strategy complements existing strands of work and strengthens collaboration. Feedback is sought that specifically helps us to refine the draft 2028 Outputs and the Year One Plan so that they robustly build on ongoing delivery, help us to focus resources efficiently on the priorities set out here and are achievable whilst remaining ambitious. The draft 2028 Outputs are listed after the strategic aims and objectives from page 14 to 22 and summarised on page 23 and the draft Year One Plan is listed on page 24.*

*A link to the draft document can be found here*

*[http://www.solentforum.org/services/Partnership\\_Opportunities/Three\\_Harbours/](http://www.solentforum.org/services/Partnership_Opportunities/Three_Harbours/)*

*In your responses, please include references to paragraph numbers, where appropriate.*

*Q1. What organisation do you represent?*

*Enter your answer:* **Chichester District Council**

*Q2. A successful strategy is delivered by everyone playing their part. What role do you think your organisation can take in the delivery of the 2028 Outputs or Year One Plan? Are there funding opportunities that your organisation may be able to help leverage? Please provide details.*

*Enter your answer:*

Paragraph 11.6 – Public and stakeholder engagement campaign – **we can support this through our webpages, social media channels and publications. We can work with partners on events.**

Paragraph 12.9 – Integrated blueprint for water quality recovery. **Although the priority is Chichester Harbour, the same issues apply to Pagham and Medmerry, where such a blueprint is needed to prevent these sites from going into unfavourable status. We are keen to work with the RSPB, water companies and local stakeholder on developing this aspect.**

Paragraph 12.10 – Nutrients and Pollution sources. **We are working with Partnership for South Hampshire on a programme of nutrient mitigation sites, including a potential funding bid to government.**

Paragraph 13.6 – Step up active restoration. **It will be important to ensure that opportunities from BNG funding are drawn into the Three Harbours area. Whilst CDC cannot control this, we can facilitate well located and appropriately scaled BNG habitat bank sites.**

Paragraph 14.7 -- Integrated planning process is accessible to the public. **The Chichester Harbour Investment and Adaptation Plan (CHIAP) will be an important trial project for this approach, but the more inland areas, as well as Pagham and Medmerry will need to follow on from this.**

Paragraph 15.8 – Integrated recovery plan. **This is a key output for us, we are keen to support a larger scale project come forward to draw in multiple opportunities and to allow a funding bid at a scale that will make a significant impact. The West Sussex and Hampshire LNRs will be the**

**overarching strategies, but a pipeline of site-specific projects will link into planning mitigation proposals (nutrients, SANGs, BNG) some of which will be smaller scale and initiated from private sector investment. We have a role, as a planning authority, in mapping and monitoring these.**

*Q3. Do the 2028 Outputs and Year One Plan support or complement existing work that you are involved in? Are there other opportunities where the partnership can add value to existing or planned work that align to this strategy? Please provide details.*

*Enter your answer:*

Paragraphs 16.7 / 16.8 – Advice and guidance. **This is the key area for co-ordination as well as meeting a currently unmet need. The role of nature recovery alongside food production in an agricultural landscape is a central issue for farmers and landowners. The range of funding offers is perplexing and overlapping, the ecological and market expertise to prepare business cases is an up-front cost and outside of core business expertise for land managers and so is a potential barrier. A ‘one stop’ service for a defined geographical area would really add value for all partners in the strategy.**

Paragraphs 18.5 / 18.6 – Partnership arrangements and investment. **To support the outputs above, there is a need for a defined structure. Informal partnerships can only achieve so much, particularly where it comes to funding bids. If the partnership is to be agile in securing funding, then lead partners with legal responsibility and Memorandums of Agreement to allow to delivery, will need to be agreed to give the partnership the capacity to deliver the 2028 outputs.**

*Q4. Do the 2028 Outputs or Year One Plan in this strategy compete, duplicate or conflict with work that your organisation is doing? Please provide details.*

*Enter your answer:* **CDC does not see any conflicts in the Strategy. There is always the potential for duplication as the Integrated Recovery Plan is developed – close collaboration and communication will minimise that risk.**

*Q5. Is there any high priority activity that you think is missing from the 2028 Outcomes, that aligns to the strategy? Please provide details.*

*Enter your answer:* **Similar to the comments on the Year One Plan above (18.5 / 18.6), the organisational infrastructure resources and capacity to develop the 3 ‘or more’ flagship projects will be key to delivering on the 2028 outcomes.**

*Q6. Could the strategy be strengthened to build upon existing relationships, strategies or plans? Please provide details.*

*Enter your answer:* **The year one plan does acknowledge the need to build up plans and relationships in Langstone and in Pagham / Medmerry to a similar level to Chichester Harbour. Pagham / Medmerry have suffered historically from not being included in Solent wide projects so extending these often Hampshire-based projects and partnerships to include Pagham as they already include Chichester harbour would strengthen the strategy. Co-ordination with the South Downs National Park Authority will also be important as the upstream / catchment issues extend**

**into their area and certain projects overlap (e.g., nutrient mitigation, ARRT's River Ems 10-year plan)**

*Q7. If you would like to comment on any part of the draft strategy, please do so here, quoting the paragraph number.*

*Enter your answer:*

Paragraph 10.5 / 10.6 – Strategic Aims and Objectives. **Although the consultation focusses on the outputs and year one actions, the Council would like to emphasise our support and endorsement for the whole of the strategy including the areas of focus and the aims and objectives.**