

Agenda

Name of meeting	POLICY AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS AND REGENERATION
Date	THURSDAY 4 JANUARY 2024
Time	5.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Members of the committee	Cllrs N Stuart (Chairman), J Lever (Vice-Chairman), M Beston, K Love, C Quirk and I Ward

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1. **Apologies and Changes in Membership (if any)**

To note any changes in membership of the Committee made in accordance with Part 4B paragraph 5 of the Constitution.

2. **Minutes** (Pages 5 - 8)

To confirm as a true record the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2023.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

To invite Members to declare any interest they might have in the matters on the agenda.



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Members of the public are invited to make representations to the Committee regarding its workplan, either in writing at any time or at a meeting under this item.

5. **Progress on outcomes and recommendations from previous meetings**
(Pages 9 - 10)

The Chairman to give an update on progress with outcomes and recommendations from previous meetings.

6. **Visitor Economy** (Pages 11 - 12)

To consider the previous tourist season, to include visitor numbers, and upcoming marketing plans from Visit IW as well as issues and concerns raised over the last 12 months and how tourism can be improved.

7. **Coastal Path Maintenance and Beach Access** (Pages 13 - 58)

To review the delivery of the agreed budget that relates to coastal path maintenance and beach access as per the scoping document approved by the committee in October 2023.

8. **Committee's Work Plan** (Pages 59 - 60)

To note the content of the current work programme, and to approve the scope of any identified items.

9. **Members' Question Time**

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CHRISTOPHER POTTER
Monitoring Officer
Friday, 22 December 2023

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Minutes

Name of meeting	POLICY AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS AND REGENERATION
Date and Time	TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2023 COMMENCING AT 5.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs N Stuart (Chairman), J Lever (Vice-Chairman), M Beston, C Quirk and I Ward
Other Cllrs Present	Cllrs D Adams, C Jarman and P Spink
Officers Present	Oliver Boulter, James Brewer, Natasha Dix, Dawn Lang, Colin Rowland and Melanie White

23. **Apologies and Changes in Membership (if any)**

There were no apologies received.

24. **Minutes**

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 5 October 2023 be approved.

25. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

26. **Progress on outcomes and recommendations from previous meetings**

The Committee were still waiting for a visit to the waste education centre, which it was hoped would be soon.

Members agreed to defer the discussion around changing the name of the Committee until a future governance vote had taken place at Full Council.

Members had received a response regarding the Acquisition Strategy.

27. **Public Question Time - 15 Minutes Maximum**

Written questions had been received from the following persons:

WWVRA – PQ-43/23
Patricia Redpath – PQ-44/23
Philip Redpath – PQ-45/23
James Cave – PQ-46/23
Philippa Fairweather – PQ-47/23
David Reed – PQ-48/23
Lindsay Becker – PQ-49/23
Dom Hicklin – PQ-50/23
Angus MacLeod – PQ-51/23
Bruce Huber – PQ-52/23

The Chairman advised written responses had been prepared and would be forwarded to the questioners as soon as possible after the meeting and published online alongside the Minutes.

In response to queries that the process had been undemocratic and/or rushed, the Chairman confirmed that the draft plan had been in circulation for a number of months with all members having had the opportunity to comment. The Committee were now scrutinising the draft plan prior to Cabinet and Full Council and were to debate and discuss the document. The Committee were satisfied with the process to date.

Mr Hicklin, who was present, read out his question (PQ50/23) and on hearing the response, asked a supplementary question regarding the inclusion of exceptional circumstances at a later date. Confirmation was given that should exceptional circumstances be considered the current draft strategy would stop and a new plan prepared if appropriate. The current plan could progress through the remainder stages but could be withdrawn at any stage if necessary.

28. **Members' Question Time**

Written questions were received from Cllr Adams (MQ-19/23) and Cllr Spink (MQ-20/23) and responses were given. Cllr Spink asked a supplementary question regarding evidence to show that the figure of 453 set to be deliverable (reduced from 486 in 2021) was realistic, based on past performance and given the cost-of-living crisis and increase in the cost of materials. In response, it was confirmed that the plan was for a 15-year period to allow for fluctuations, and that counsel acting on the council's behalf had agreed with the figure.

In response to a question from Cllr Spink regarding allocated sites, the procedure for allocating a site was explained. It was further explained that the purpose of the plan was to establish a principle, but that there were still other policies to consider when determining a planning application and that there could be circumstances where an allocated site may have planning permission refused.

Cllr Jarman raised a query over advice given to West Wight residents by the Island's MP concerning any revision of the plan once it had been submitted. Confirmation was given that the plan could be paused, stopped or withdrawn at any time up until adoption.

Cllr Jarman also asked what opportunity there would be during the life of the strategy to revise the target figures in line with demographics if they proved to be less than predicted. Confirmation was given that Section 10 of the strategy covered review and monitoring and that it could be reviewed if necessary.

Cllr Jarman asked what opportunity local residents' groups would have to consider revisions to the DIPS as many were not scheduled to meet until January/February 2024. It was confirmed that Cabinet would respond to any queries from Town, Parish or Community Councils. Agreement to the draft plan at Full Council did not mean that the plan was then adopted but would be subject to a further period of public consultation.

Cllr Ward asked on behalf of Morton Brook residents whether, in light of the recent flooding, the council could look more closely at where planning permission is granted on flood plains.

29. Pre-Decision Scrutiny - Draft Island Planning Strategy

On 11 January 2024 Cabinet would consider the Committee's recommendations and those from Full Council and would make their recommendation to Full Council. If the draft plan was approved at Full Council on 17 January 2024 there would then be a minimum period of six weeks for public consultation prior to being submitted to the Secretary of State and examination by the Planning Inspector.

Cllr Lilley had submitted comments to which the planning officer would respond directly. It was agreed all councillors would be supplied with a copy of the response provided.

Cllr Garratt also requested clarification in respect of the figure of 345 for the former Camphill site. Confirmation was given that the figure was 750 overall but 345 during the period of the plan. Other queries regarding the boundary with the forest and traffic management would be responded to and there were other points he would raise separately.

Cllr Jarman had other queries which he would add to Freshwater Parish Council's comments and submit to Cabinet. Concern was expressed over flooding and sewage discharge around the Colwell Common area and the proposal that another 252 dwellings were planned. He requested the Committee seek to revise the DIPS in relation to new houses and boundaries.

During consideration of the draft strategy several other queries were raised, including foul water and sewage discharge, flooding in areas of allocated sites, the making of hard boundaries and the retention of council owned land for social housing.

It was confirmed that the DIPS contained policies to mitigate flooding, which were not in the current core strategy, to seek to ensure resilience for the future.

Members of the Committee raised a number of queries over various aspects of the strategy, including how sustainable drainage principles (SUDS) could be incorporated, the inclusion of modular housing, the insertion of links to appropriate guidance documents, whether other place plans could be included as Ryde had been, the retention of the Military Road as an essential route, the inclusion of buffer zones of 50 metres for ancient woodland. Responses were provided by officers to each of the points raised.

RESOLVED:

That the following recommendations be considered by Cabinet:

- a) That Cabinet consider how the DIPS might be amended to address the issues starkly highlighted by the recent flooding.
- b) That Cabinet strengthen and update the links regarding references to policies and strategies such as IOW Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, SUDS Manual, IOW Planning Enforcement Strategy and for them to be included in section 1.15.
- c) That Cabinet consider weaving modular housing into the options and type of housing design and make additional reference within the DIPS.
- d) That Cabinet incorporate the completed Bay Plan, to mirror the approach taken in including the Ryde Plan in the draft strategy, and any additional local plans.
- e) That Cabinet review issues raised by town, parish, and community councils regarding sewage capacity and for the management of those to be included in the DIPS.
- f) That Cabinet ensure Military Road is treated as an essential transport link.
- g) That Cabinet consider amending the buffer zone for ancient woodland to 50m as agreed by the House of Lords.

30. **Committee's Work Plan**

This was deferred until the next meeting of the Committee on 4 January 2024.

CHAIRMAN

Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods & Regeneration - Progress on Actions & Outcomes

Meeting Date	Agreed Action	Responsibility	Update	Actioned
Outstanding Actions				
4 May 2023	Annual Waste & Recycling Survey The committee to visit the Waste Education Centre on the Forest Park site once it is ready.	Strategic Manager Environment	Waiting for a visit to be organised once the Waste Education Centre is open. Centre is due to open in Autumn 2023	
Actions Completed (Since Last Meeting)				
5 October 2023	Member's Questions The committee to consider whether appropriate to change the committees name following the disbandment of the Neighbourhoods and Regeneration departments.	Chairman of the committee	The committee agreed to defer the discussion around changing the committee's name until a future governance vote has taken place.	Dec-23
12 December 2023	Draft Island Planning Strategy The committee discussed and agreed seven recommendations be put forward to Cabinet for consideration	Chairman of the committee	Recommendations have been passed to Cabinet for their consideration at the 11 January 2024 meeting	Dec-23

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Purpose: For Information

Agenda Item Introduction

Committee	POLICY AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS AND REGENERATION
Date	4 JANUARY 2024
Topic	VISITOR ECONOMY

1. Background

- 1.1 The committee to consider the 2023 tourist season and marketing plans for 2024 with a presentation from Visit Isle of Wight alongside collaboration from Isle of Wight Council officers.

2. Focus for Scrutiny

- 2.1 What is the status of tourism on the island?
- 2.2 What have been the issues and concerns raised over the last 12 months and how can improvements be made?
- 2.3 What is the direct engagement with the Isle of Wight council and town, parish, and community councils to improve the island offer?
- 2.4 What engagement has been made with the skills sector to raise the island offer?
- 2.5 What processes are in place to support stakeholders in developing their offer?
- 2.6 What engagement is there in ensuring tourist facilities are good and well maintained?
- 2.7 What is the selection criteria for targeting advertising campaigns?

3. Approach

- 3.1 The committee to receive a verbal presentation from Visit Isle of Wight alongside collaboration from Isle of Wight Council officers.

4. Document(s) Attached

- 4.1 N/A

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Agenda Item Introduction

Committee	POLICY AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS AND REGENERATION
Date	4 JANUARY 2024
Topic	COASTAL PATH MAINTENANCE AND BEACH ACCESS

1. Background

- 1.1 The committee requested a review of the delivery of the agreed budget that relates to coastal path maintenance and beach access.

2. Focus for Scrutiny

- 2.1 To receive background information on how funding for the Coastal path is made up – i.e. Central Government Funding, Regional funding, IOW Council funding, any other if relevant
- 2.2 To receive a breakdown on how funding has been spent across the coastal areas of the Island
- 2.3 Identification of any spend not for construction or maintenance of footpaths
- 2.4 Identification of forward projects and budget estimates
- 2.5 To understand the link with the Shoreline Management policy

3. Approach

- 3.1 To receive a committee report.

4. Document(s) Attached

- 4.1 PRow Response to Scrutiny
- 4.2 Appendix A: KING CHARLES III ENGLAND COAST PATH
- 4.3 Appendix B: Public Rights of Way Network: Flooding/Storm Coastal Damage Oct-Dec 2023
- 4.4 Appendix C: Photographs of completed works in support of grant claim

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COMMUNITY SERVICES SCRUTINY

RESPONSE TO FOCUS FOR SCRUTINY

TOPIC	Coastal Path Maintenance and Beach Access
PROPOSED COMMITTEE DATE	4 January 2024
BACKGROUND	To review the delivery of the agreed budget that relates to coastal path maintenance and beach access.
FOCUS FOR SCRUTINY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To receive background information on how funding for the Coastal path is made up – i.e. Central Government Funding, Regional funding, IOW Council funding, any other if relevant• To receive a breakdown on how funding has been spent across the coastal areas of the Island• Identification of any spend not for construction or maintenance of footpaths• Identification of forward projects and budget estimates• Does this tie in with the Shoreline Management policy?
RESPONSE (Introduction, context and limitations)	<p>The Public Rights of Way Service is prescribed by statutory duties to record, maintain and protect the 530 mile network of public rights of way recorded on the definitive map.</p> <p>A coastal path route for the Island is believed to have been devised in the 1960s (the earliest known map/guide was published in 1973). This route is along public rights of way, the adopted highway network and other IWC owned land/assets.</p> <p>The Service is responsible for approximately 58 access points/paths (recorded on the definitive map) to the beach/shore.</p> <p>This response does not relate to numerous beach accesses which are not recorded on the definitive map (e.g. steps built into coastal sea wall defences and temporary/portable timber beach access steps provided in the summer at locations such as Sandown and Appley beaches). This information will need to be provided by Commercial and Coastal Services, if required.</p> <p>The Committee will be aware of the extensive cliff erosion and landslides which have occurred as a result of storms Babet and Ciaran and continuing wet weather, and most notably the extensive damage at Bonchurch landslip on 10 December 2023. Due to the sheer extent of wet weather and this occurring so early in the winter season, further landslides, cliff erosion and resulting path closures is inevitable.</p> <p>This paper will include a summary of the current position of the King Charles III England Coast Path scheme (ECP) (see Appendix A).</p> <p>Unless the ECP aligns along a beach and thus uses a beach access (which is uncommon) then the ECP scheme does not provide for the repair or improvement of such accesses and liability for improvement and repairs for the vast majority (circa 58) remains solely with the</p>

	<p>Council.</p> <p>The existing coastal path, ECP and beach accesses are important for Island residents and visitors and support health and wellbeing. They are beneficial to the tourist industry and the Island economy and support the image which the Island projects of being a leading location for coastal living and holidaying.</p>
Funding and Spend	<p>Maintenance of the public rights of way network (including the current promoted coastal path route) is funded corporately by way of a revenue budget. As of 2023/24 a contractors and materials budget totalling £31,219 was provided to maintain the entire 530 mile network. In addition, the Service has historically been provided with an annual “core” capital budget in the region of £100k per annum to carry out specific improvement schemes and to continue the signage programme. Occasionally, the Service benefits from S106 funding to improve specific coast paths/locations. The current coastal path route (definitive map sections) and all definitive map beach accesses are required to be funded from these three sources.</p> <p>Formation of the ECP route is funded by DEFRA by way of an establishment grant. All necessary works to form ECP are 100% funded (with no match funding required). However, a Local Authority is expected to deliver establishment and a 10% project management fee can be claimed.</p> <p>In addition, Council time in supporting NE with the scheme (prior to opening) is funded by way of a Planning Grant.</p> <p>To date the Council has benefited from an establishment grant in the sum of £214,031 to deliver the majority of the works on stretches 4 and 5 (Binnel Bay to Colwell Chine) of the ECP. This includes a 10% management fee. Appendix A summaries the ECP scheme and provides further information on the funding associated with it.</p>
Forward projects and budget estimates	<p>See Appendix A for ECP.</p> <p>Appendix B sets out the current coastal path and beach access closures as a result of recent and historic coastal erosion and landslips. Most of these are recent. Accordingly, the full extent of the damage will not be known until after the end of the winter season when ground conditions usually begin to stabilise. The timescale for reopening (if possible) and estimates are therefore highly speculative.</p>
Shoreline Management Plan	<p>There is no direct “tie in” between Public Rights of Way, the England Coast Path and the Shoreline Management Plan. The surfaces of existing public rights of way recorded on the definitive map are statutorily bound to be maintained and remain open so long as the land over which they run physically exist. Generally, there is no duty to maintain or restore land over which a public right of way runs in the event of it being destroyed by natural causes.</p> <p>The ECP scheme will have regard for policy and plans relating to the coast, but the legislation relating to ECP does not provide for construction or maintenance of coastal defences and in the event of the route being lost to coastal erosion the “roll back” and modification</p>

	provisions will be engaged (see Appendix A).
Conclusions	<p>ECP: Following completion of establishment works and stretches being formally opened a resource issue will need to be resolved in order that the route (being a National Trail required to be maintained to a high standard) can remain a success on the Island, supporting both the rural and tourist economies. Limited maintenance funding is currently granted by DEFRA but has to be matched funded by the Access Authority. A dedicated England Coast Officer is recommended to monitor and manage ECP on the Island in order to effectively drawdown maintenance funding from DEFRA, oversee repairs, deal with “roll back” and modification processes and project manage route changes. Formation and the running of an ECP Trail Partnership will also be essential. There is no capacity within the Service at current staff levels to take on these additional duties or for match funding to be found from existing budgets. Additional resource was identified as being required at the time the Council requested for the Island to be included in the ECP scheme (see Appendix A).</p> <p>Beach Accesses: Recent storms and resulting path closures (see Appendix B) highlights the continuing liability and high cost for the Council to repair, maintain and keep open beach accesses recorded on the definitive map. This is likely to be a continuing and indefinite trend and additional resource is required to maintain and reopen these paths (when physically possible) in a timely fashion.</p>

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COMMUNITY SERVICES SCRUTINY**RESPONSE TO FOCUS FOR SCRUTINY****APPENDIX A: KING CHARLES III ENGLAND COAST PATH****Introduction:**

The King Charles III England Coast Path (ECP) scheme provides for a public walking route around the coast of England. It is governed by the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 and policy on where the path can be aligned is set out in a document known as the “Approved Scheme”: [Natural England’s Approved Scheme, 2013](#)

Natural England (NE) on behalf of DEFRA is charged with implementing the ECP scheme.

The Isle of Wight was not included in the original ECP proposal. However, after lobbying (mainly by The Ramblers Association) the Council was consulted on its inclusion in 2012. The Council provided a corporate response supporting the inclusion of the Island in the scheme. The Island was formally included, and Natural England (NE) commenced work in 2014.

Due to the delay in the Island being included in the scheme (and for other reasons associated with coastal erosion, problematic/complicated landownership issues and resource/staff matters) the scheme remains in its infancy and no parts of the route are yet formally open.

Coastal Margin and Roll Back:

As well as the route itself, the scheme provides for what is known as “spreading room” and “coastal margin”. In general, this provides the public with a right to roam on land between the ECP route and the sea. However, there are many exceptions to this (as outlined in the Approved Scheme). For example, spreading room would not apply to a private garden or a “paid for” attraction. There are also areas where spreading room will be subject to a restriction on public access e.g., to protect sensitive land and wildlife.

No works are provided in the coastal margin as part of the ECP scheme. Access is on the basis that the public use their own judgment on ground conditions and safety. As per the legislation, the level of occupier liability is reduced when new coastal access rights are created along the ECP or within the coastal margin. A landowner is not responsible for any damage or injury caused by any physical feature on the land, whether it’s a natural feature of the landscape or a man-made one.

Any definitive map beach access points are not covered by the scheme in terms of improvement or maintenance (unless they are on the ECP alignment, which is uncommon).

The scheme also provides for what is known as “roll back”. Where the route is lost to coastal erosion the scheme provides that the path will move inland. Again, private residences etc would be avoided (with the path having to go further inland to avoid such areas). Where roll back is significant, a formal modification process is undertaken which goes out to public consultation.

The Process:

Natural England on behalf of DEFRA is charged with implementing the ECP scheme i.e., to plan, negotiate and decide (publish) the route. The process they follow is:

- Stage 1: Prepare
- Stage 2: Develop
- Stage 3: Propose
- Stage 4: Determine
- Stage 5: Open

Detailed information on each stage is set out in the Approved Scheme.

Progress: Isle of Wight:

NE have divided ECP on the Island into 10 separate stretches. The table at the foot of this paper sets out the progress on each stretch with links to further details of the proposals.

Funding:

Formation of the ECP route is funded by DEFRA by way of an establishment grant. All necessary works to form ECP are 100% funded (with no match funding required). However, a Local Authority is expected to deliver establishment and a 10% project management fee can be claimed.

In addition, Council time in supporting NE with the scheme (prior to opening) is funded by way of a Planning Grant.

The Council employed an England Coast Path Officer from February 2021 until he left the Council in June 2023. His replacement is due to start on 2nd January. In addition, a Rights of Way Maintenance Officer assists the England Coast Path Officer for 2.5 days per week. Salaries for the England Coast Path Officer and 2.5 Maintenance Officer time are covered by the DEFRA Planning and Establishment grants. The ability to claim for funding under both grants ends when a stretch has been opened.

Maintenance and Management:

Once a section of ECP is formally open, its management and maintenance becomes the responsibility of a Local Authority. ECP is a National Trail and it is expected that it will be maintained to National Trail standard (see below). Limited funding is available from DEFRA for the maintenance of National Trails and this must also be match funded by the Local Authority. In order to effectively manage and maintain ECP (and to deal with future route re-alignments) resource will be required, ideally in the form of the continuing employment of an England Coast Path Officer, who will also be responsible for forming and running a trail partnership.

National Trail Partnerships:

National Trails are managed by local trail partnerships, with guidance and support from Natural England. They are responsible for:

- receiving funding from Natural England on behalf of the local partnership
- reporting to Natural England on progress towards achieving the national quality standards

National Trail Funding:

A National Trail receives a funding contribution from Natural England to make sure they are maintained to a high standard. A local match contribution is required equivalent to at least £1 for every £3 provided by Natural England. The funding received by each trail varies depending on length and other factors affecting the cost of maintenance – it is likely to be limited and a requirement to bid for available funding will be necessary. It is not possible to obtain National Trail funding for sections ECP recorded on the definitive map.

There are 4 quality standards set by Natural England for National Trails. They cover a range of factors from path condition to the social and economic benefits of the trail:

- *Experience:* The trails should be managed in a way which allows as many people as possible to enjoy a wide variety of walking and riding experiences along National Trails and through the English landscape.

- **Enhancement:** Constant improvements should be made to the trail and its associated routes. It should contribute to the enhancement of the landscape, nature and historic features within the trail corridor.
- **Engagement:** Build and sustain a community of interest in caring for the trail and the landscape through which it passes.
- **Economy:** The trails should create opportunities for local businesses to benefit from the use of the trails.

Progress on the King Charles III England Coast Path on the Isle of Wight

Stretch	Location	Stage	Link to report	Estimated cost to establish as per report	Cost to date	Comments
1	East Cowes to Wootton	2 – Develop	NA	TBC	NA	NE propose to publish route in early 2024
2	Wootton to Culver Down	4 – Determine	ECP IOW 2	£118,636	NA	Awaiting determination by DEFRA/PINS
3	Culver Down to Binnel Bay	4 – Determine	ECP IOW 3	£74,331	NA	Awaiting determination by DEFRA/PINS *
4	Binnel Bay to Chilton Chine	5 – Approved	ECP IOW 4	£118,639	£214,031	Works 80% complete
5	Chilton Chine to Colwell Chine	5 – Approved	ECP IOW 5	£28,462	inc. in above	Works 80% complete
6	Colwell Chine to Hamstead	4 – Determine	ECP IOW 6	£141,822	NA	Awaiting determination by DEFRA/PINS
7	Hamstead to Thorness Bay	4 – Determine	ECP IOW 7	£465,238	NA	Awaiting determination by DEFRA/PINS
8	Thorness Bay to Gurnard	5 – Approved	ECP IOW 8	£86,353	0	Works to commence in 2024
9	Gurnard to West Cowes	6 – Approved	ECP IOW 9	£28,277	0	Works to commence in 2024
10	The Medina Estuary	4 - Determine	ECP IOW 10	£56,574	NA	Awaiting determination by DEFRA/PINS

* Note: stretch 3 is subject to Modification Reports:

Luccombe: [Proposed changes to the submitted ECP proposals for IOW3: Luccombe](#)

Shanklin Chine: [Proposed changes to the submitted ECP proposals for IOW3: Shanklin Chine](#)

Subsequent modification on stretch 3 is likely to be necessary following significant landslide at Bonchurch landslip on 10 December 2023. The scale of damage is yet to be fully assessed but photographs and video footage indicate that all existing paths in the area have been destroyed, with little likelihood of reopening opportunities.

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Public Rights of Way Network: Flooding/Storm Coastal Damage Oct-Dec 2023

Path No.	Location	Damage	Urgent Mitigation	TTRO	Required Works	Completed	Cost	Comments
			(closed barriers, signage)		Notes	Reopened (date)	Estimated	
BS1/SW25	Shepherds chine	surface / steps	signed closed	Required	New Steps	summer 2024	£4,000.00	
BS103	Brook Chine	Steps	signed closed	Required	New Steps	summer 2024	£3,000.00	
BS58	Grange Farm	Bridge damage	signed closed	Required	New Bridge	summer 2024	£10,000.00	Possible ECP/DEFRA funded
BS58	Grange Farm	Bridge lost	Signed Closed	Required	Salvage Bridge	summer 2024	£500.00	
CB24	Thorness to Gurnard	landslip	signed closed	Required	Fencing/boardwalk	summer 2024	£25,000.00	Possible ECP /DEFRA funded
F13	Brambles Chine Steps	lost bottom flights	signed closed	Required	Replacement	summer 2024	£15,000.00	Possible ECP /DEFRA funded
F60	Shippards Chine	Drainage	Not Required	Not Required	Ditching	NA	£1,000.00	
R91	Seaview	Damage	Not Required	Not Required	Repair	NA	£1,000.00	
R92	Seaview Sea Wall	Surface	Not Required	Not Required	Repair surface	NA	£1,000.00	
S3	Hamstead Boardwalk	boardwalk damage	signed	Required	New boardwalks	summer 2024	£40,000.00	Possible ECP/DEFRA funded
T22	Alum Bay Steps	landslip	signed and barriered	Required	realign steps	summer 2024	£10,000.00	
T34	Totland pier end	seawall damage / stones	signed closed	Required	coastal dealing	summer 2024	NA	No cost to Public Rights of Way
V65/66 etc	Bonchurch landslip	TBC	signed and barriered	Required	TBC	TBC	TBC	Early indication is tthat reopening opportunities will not exist
V93a	Orchard Bay	Steps	signed and barriered	Required	replacement steps	summer 2024	£5,000.00	
TOTAL							£115,500.00	

Public Rights of Way Network: Long Term Coastal Closures

SS74	Appley Steps	Cliff erosion	Signed and barriered	Required	reinstatement	TBC	£80,000.00	to be reviewed
V124	Undercliff to Binnel	landslip	Signed and barriered	Required	reinstatement	TBC	TBC	reopening may not be possible
SS2	Luccombe coast path	landslip	Signed and barriered	Required	TBC	TBC	TBC	reopening unlikely to be possible
TOTAL							£80,000.00	

Public Rights of Way Network: Permanent Coastal Closures

C34	Whale Chine	Chine erosion / loss of land - no reopening opportunity
NT47, 48, 49, 50, 51	Niton Landslip	landslip/erosion with no reopening opportunity
SS3	Luccombe Chine	Chine erosion / loss of land - no reopening opportunity

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IOW-4 & IOW-5 Photographs of completed works in support of grant claim
Grant references: ecm_65540 / G-S-IOW_2022

Line 1

IOW_4_S002 / IOW_INF_810



Line 2

IOW_4_S002 / IOW_INF_768



Line 3

IOW_4_S002 / IOW_INF_811



Line 4

IOW_4_S003 / IOW_INF_812



Line 5

IOW_4_S003 / IOW_INF_813



Line 6

IOW_4_S003 / IOW_INF_706



Line 7

IOW_4_S006&007/IOW_INF_770



Line 8

IOW_4_S009 / IOW_INF_771



Line 9

IOW_4_S011/IOW_INF_772



Line 10

IOW_4_S011 / IOW_INF_399



Line 11

IOW_4_S013/IOW_INF_815



Line 14

IOW_4_S015 / IOW_INF_774



Line 15 IOW_4_S009 to S015/IOW_INF_826



Line 17 IOW_4_S016 / IOW_INF_817



Line 18 IOW_4_S017/IOW_INF_818



Line 19 IOW_4_S018 / IOW_INF_819



Line 20 IOW_4_S020/IOW_INF_781



Line 21 IOW_4_S029 / IOW_INF_822



Line 22 IOW_4_S036/IOW_INF_129



Line 23 IOW_4_S036 / IOW_INF_784



Line 25 IOW_4_S048/IOW_INF_551



Line 26 IOW_4_S050/ IOW_INF_830



Line 27 IOW_4_S057/IOW_INF_806



Line 28 IOW_4_S057/ IOW_INF_827



Line 29 IOW_4_S059a/IOW_INF_791



Line 30 IOW_4_S060 & 61/ IOW_INF_823



Line 31 IOW_4_S064/IOW_INF_592



Line 32 IOW_4_S065/ IOW_INF_591



Line 33 IOW_4_S065/IOW_INF_593



Line 34 IOW_4_S072/ IOW_INF_146



Line 35 IOW_4_S075/IOW_INF_824



Line 36 IOW_4_S080/ IOW_INF_796



Line 37 IOW_4_S083/IOW_INF_798



Line 38 IOW_4_S086/ IOW_INF_821



Line 41 IOW_4_S090/IOW_INF_031



Line 42 IOW_4_S098/ IOW_INF_034



Line 43 IOW_4_S099/IOW_INF_647



Line 44 IOW_4_S101/ IOW_INF_035



Line 45 IOW_4_S101/IOW_INF_803



Line 46 IOW_4_S106/ IOW_INF_038



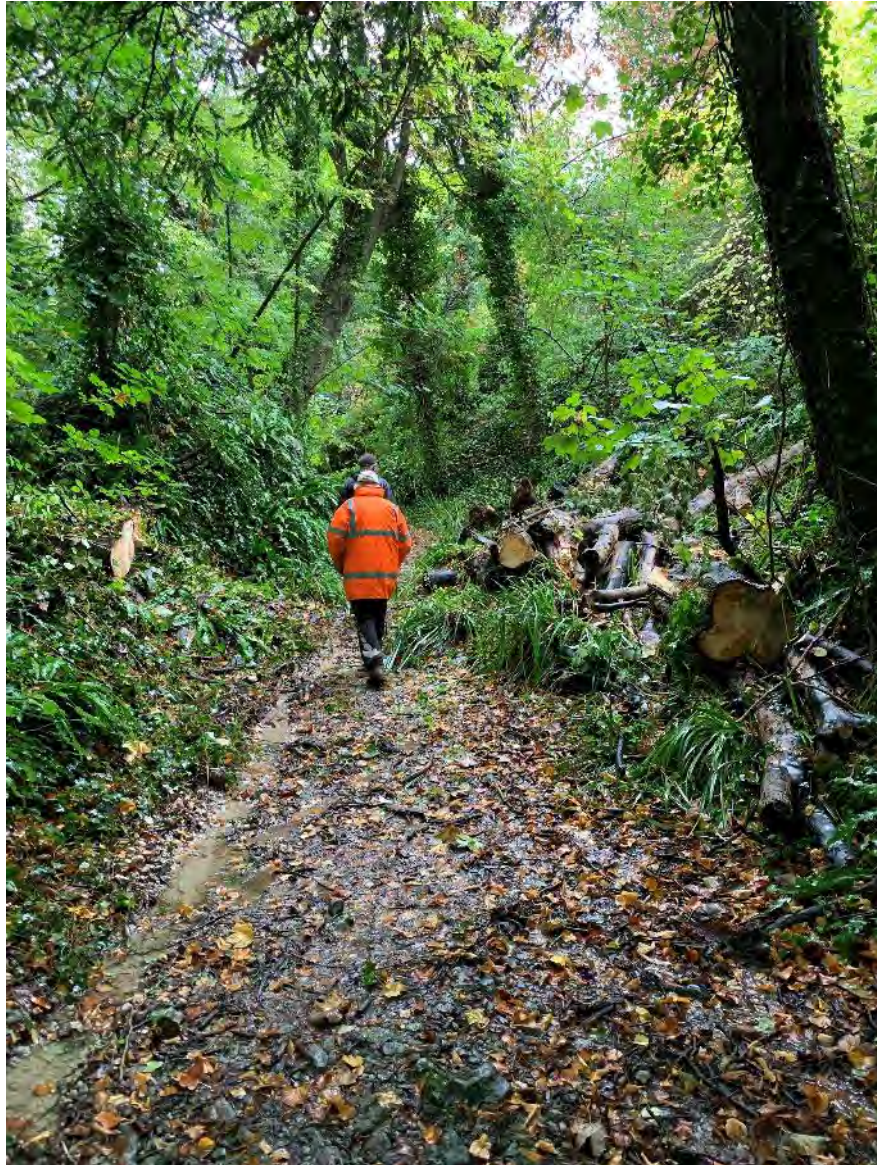
Line 47 IOW_4_S109/IOW_INF_805



Line 48 IOW_4_S010 to 018/ Tree Works (1)



Line 48 IOW_4_S010 to S018/Tree Works (2)



Line 49 IOW_4_S019/ Tree Works



Line 50 IOW_4_S020/Tree Works



Line 51 IOW_4_S023 to S025/ Tree Works (1)



Line 51 IOW_4_S023 to S025/ Tree Works (2)



Line 52 IOW_4_S026 to S028/Tree Works





Intentionally empty space

Line 54 IOW_4_S050/Tree Works



Line 55 IOW_5_S002/ IOW_INF_047



Line 56 IOW_5_S002/IOW_INF_047



Line 57 IOW_5_S013/ IOW_INF_059



Line 58 IOW_5_S014/IOW_INF_710



Line 59 IOW_5_S020,21,22/ IOW_INF_711



Line 61 IOW_5_S059/IOW_INF_716



Line 62 IOW_5_S061/ IOW_INF_694



Line 63 IOW_5_S061/IOW_INF_695



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Line 64 IOW_5_S054 to 59/ Tree Works (1)



Line 64 IOW_5_S054 to 59/Tree Works (2)



Line 65 IOW_5_S062 to 68/ Tree Works (1)



Line 65 IOW_5_S062 to 68/Tree Works (2)



Line 74 IOW_4_S117/ IOW_INF_042





Report End

Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods & Regeneration - Workplan 2022/25

The committee assists Cabinet in the development and implementation of key plans, policies and activities set out in the Corporate Plan relating to the delivery of relevant services, including:

Waste & Recycling
Highways &
Transportation
Regeneration

Economic Growth
Housing
Local Enterprise Partnership

Countryside & Environment
Planning
Heritage

Date	Agenda Items	Description & Background	Lead Officer/Cabinet Member
4 January 2024	Visitor Economy	To consider the previous tourist season, to include visitor numbers, and upcoming marketing plans from Visit IW as well as issues and concerns raised over the last 12 months and how tourism can be improved.	Cabinet Member for Economy, Regeneration, Culture and Leisure
	Coastal Path Maintenance & Beach Access	To review the delivery of the agreed budget that relates to coastal path maintenance and beach access as per the scoping document approved by the committee in October 2023	Cabinet Member for Planning, Coastal Protection and Flooding Leader (with responsibility for Transport and Infrastructure, Highways PFI and Transport Strategy, Strategic Oversight and External Partnerships)
11 March 2024 - INFORMAL	TBC		
2 May 2024	Industries of the Future	To hear from the engineering and service industries that already exist on the Island, and their approaches, to support them and encourage others to inwardly invest into the island.	Cabinet Member for Economy, Regeneration, Culture and Leisure
	Beach Management Framework 2021-2026	The committee to monitor the progress of the framework in line with the action plan and target dates that were approved by Cabinet in January 2021.	Cabinet Member for Planning, Coastal Protection and Flooding

	LGA Planning Peer Review Action Plan	To review the progress that took place in 2023-24 on the peer review action plan and to be sighted on the priorities for 2024-25	Cabinet Member for Planning, Coastal Protection and Flooding
July 2024	Island Infrastructure	To consider the internal infrastructure of the Island for households and businesses to look ahead to a long term strategy.	Leader (with responsibility for Transport and Infrastructure, Highways PFI and Transport Strategy, Strategic Oversight and External Partnerships)
	Highways PFI Contract	To review the current contract in depth to understand the successes and challenges.	Leader (with responsibility for Transport and Infrastructure, Highways PFI and Transport Strategy, Strategic Oversight and External Partnerships)
	Regeneration Strategy	To review the progress with delivery of the strategy following the senior management restructure	Cabinet Member for Economy, Regeneration, Culture and Leisure
October 2024	Skills Development	To consider the level of skilled people on the Island and investigate ways to encourage people to stay or return to work on the Island.	Cabinet Member for Economy, Regeneration, Culture and Leisure
January 2025	Visitor Economy	To consider the previous tourist season and upcoming marketing plans from Visit IW as well as issues and concerns raised over the last 12 months and how can tourism can be improved.	Cabinet Member for Economy, Regeneration, Culture and Leisure
	Corporate Plan - Waste Management	The committee to monitor progress with the Corporate Plan activity of annually reducing the volume of non-essential waste sent to landfill to achieve net zero by April 2025.	Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services Community Protection, and ICT