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S U M M O N S

MEETING: Community and Environment Board
DATE: 7 September 2009
TIME: 6.00pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1, Town Hall, Gosport
Democratic Services contact: Lisa Reade

LINDA EDWARDS
BOROUGH SOLICITOR

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Councillor Burgess (Chairman)
Councillor Kimber (Vice Chairman)

Councillor Beavis	Councillor Forder
Councillor Cully	Councillor Mitchell-Smith
Councillor Edgar	Councillor Murphy
Councillor Mrs Forder	Councillor Wright

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AGENDA

RECOMMENDED
MINUTE FORMAT

PART A ITEMS

1. APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All Members present are required to declare, at this point in the meeting or as soon as possible thereafter, any personal or personal and prejudicial interest in any item(s) being considered at this meeting.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT BOARD HELD ON 15 JUNE 2009

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meetings of the Community and Environment Board held on 15 June 2009 (copy herewith).

4. DEPUTATIONS – STANDING ORDER 3.5

(NOTE: The Board is required to receive a deputation(s) on a matter which is before the meeting of the Board provided that notice of the intended deputation and its object shall have been received by the Borough Solicitor by 12 noon on Thursday 3 September 2009. The total time for deputations in favour and against a proposal shall not exceed 10 minutes).

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS – STANDING ORDER 3.6

(NOTE: The Board is required to allow a total of 15 minutes for questions from Members of the public on matters within the terms of reference of the Board provided that notice of such Question(s) shall have been submitted to the Borough Solicitor by 12 noon on Thursday 3 September 2009).

6. PRESENTATION – COASTAL PARTNERSHIP

Presentation by Lyall Cairns – Coastal Defence Partnership Manager

Part II
Contact Officer:
David Martin
Ext. 5512

Continued

7. NORTH SOLENT SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Parts II
Contact Officer:
David Martin
Ext. 5512

1. *To inform Members of the draft proposed policies from the emerging draft North Solent Shoreline Management Plan*
2. *To inform Members that the key purpose of the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) process is to inform Defra of the potential future flood and coastal defence requirements and the associated potential financial requirements, for the England and Wales shoreline covered by each of the SMP's that are being prepared nationally, which in turn will indicate the policy at a national scale*

8. SALE OF LAND ADJACENT TO 59 HANBIDGE CRESCENT

Part II
Contact Officer:
Mark Pam
Ext. 5563

To consider a request by the owner of 59 Hanbidge Crescent to purchase the freehold interest of the land shown on the attached plan for the consideration of £2800. The Constitution of the Council requires that where the value of the land exceeds £2000, or where the land is part of a piece of land worth in excess of £2000 that such requests be approved by the Board and referred to the Policy and Organisation Board for approval.

9. IMPROVEMENTS TO PRIVETT PARK ENCLOSURE / GOSPORT BOROUGH FOOTBALL CLUB

Part II
Contact Officer:
Glen Wilkinson
Ext. 5421

To seek Board approval for the use of Capital funds for improvements to Privett Park Enclosure / Gosport Borough Football Club.

10. BROCKHURST ALLOTMENTS

Part II
Contact Officer:
Alan Gibson
Ext. 5720

To seek Board approval for the use of funds received by the Council from the sale of land at Camden Allotments, to remove and dispose of surplus groundwork material

11. ANY OTHER ITEMS

Which the Chairman determines should be considered, by reason of special circumstances, as a matter of urgency.

Board/Committee:	COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT BOARD
Date of meeting:	MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2009
Title:	NORTH SOLENT SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN
Author:	LEISURE AND CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER
Status:	FOR DECISION

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to:

1. To inform Members of the draft proposed policies from the emerging draft North Solent Shoreline Management Plan
2. To inform Members that the key purpose of the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) process is to inform Defra of the potential future flood and coastal defence requirements and the associated potential financial requirements, for the England and Wales shoreline covered by each of the SMP's that are being prepared nationally, which in turn will indicate the policy at a national scale.

Recommendation

That:

- (i) the Board approve in principle that the draft North Solent SMP progress to public consultation
- (ii) the Board approve in principle the policies prior to public consultation (but be minded that final SMP policies may be different to those proposed due to further economic and environmental assessments).
- (iii) the Board approve in principle the proposed draft SMP policies
- (iv) Officers inform and report to this Board on Final SMP policies following public consultation.
- (v) Officers make representation to the Environment Agency to request that the compensatory habitat requirements identified in the Appropriate Assessment be secured and delivered through the Regional Habitat Creation Programme.

1. **Background**

WHAT IS A SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN?

- 1.1 A Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) is a non-statutory document that aims to:
- balance the management of coastal flooding and erosion risk, with natural processes, and the consequences of climate change
 - determine technically, economically and sustainable policies for management of the shoreline over the following 3 epochs;
 - present day (0-20 years);
 - medium-term (20-50 years);
 - long-term (50-100 years).
- 1.2 SMP's are an important component of the Department for Environment, and Rural Affairs' (Defra) strategic framework for the future management of coastal erosion and tidal flood risks to people, the developed and natural environments. SMP's require economic and environmental assessments to demonstrate the viability of any proposed policy.
- 1.3 SMP's inform and are supported by, the statutory planning process. SMP's take account of existing planning initiatives, legislative requirements and make use of the best available data and science.
- 1.4 Due to the current legislative and funding arrangements, climate change and environmental considerations it may be inappropriate in some locations to protect or continue defending land or property from flooding or erosion.
- 1.5 Discrete lengths of coastline have been defined based on their natural sediment movements, coastal processes and the assets and features at potential risk of flooding and/or erosion, these are termed Policy Units. Policy Units are not based on their administrative boundaries (See Annex 1). A single policy has been applied per epoch per Policy Unit.
- 1.6 The SMP policies as defined by Defra are:

Policy	Comment
Hold the line (HTL)	Maintain or upgrade level of protection provided by defences
Advance the line (ATL)	Build new defences seaward of existing defences
Managed realignment (MR)	Allowing retreat of shoreline with management to control or limit movement
No active intervention (NAI)	Not to invest in providing or maintaining defences

NORTH SOLENT SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN

- 1.7 The North Solent SMP is the first revision to the Western Solent and Southampton Water SMP and the East Solent and Harbours SMP, which were completed in 1998 and 1997, respectively. The coastline covered by this Plan extends from Selsey Bill, in the east, to Hurst Spit, in the west, and includes Portsmouth, Langstone and Chichester Harbours.
- 1.8 Annex 1 presents the draft Policy Unit boundaries, which have been determined after consideration of the coastal processes, environmental designations and requirements, as well as the features and issues along that coastal frontage within the tidal flood risk and coastal erosion risk zones.
- 1.9 Annex 2 presents the tidal flood risk mapping that covers the Gosport BC frontage and details the number and type of properties potentially at risk assuming existing defences were not maintained and failed.
- 1.10 Annex 3 presents the erosion risk mapping that covers the Gosport BC frontage and details the number of properties potentially at risk from erosion, under two scenarios – (1) if existing defences were not maintained and failed; and (2) if the existing defences and current management practices continued.
- 1.11 The North Solent shoreline is typical of much of the UK in that:
Approx. 80% is defended or has active beach management
Approx. 60% of the shoreline is privately owned
Approx. 80% is covered by one or more International and/or European nature conservation designations.

These factors necessitate that there is a significant requirement for compensatory habitats to be created to off set losses or damage to these designated sites. Compensatory habitat is required when European Designated Sites (Special Areas of Conservation (SAC), Special Protection Areas (SPA) and Ramsar Sites) are damaged or experience loss due to flood risk management works or coastal squeeze. Coastal squeeze is the term for when coastal habitats are prevented from migrating landwards under rising sea levels by fixed defences, i.e. these habitats are being squeezed and eroded. The North Solent SMP has been a key contributor to the development and continued evolution of the Environment Agency Regional Habitat Creation Programme (see section 1.21)

- 1.12 The Client Steering Group of the North Solent SMP is a partnership of local, regional and national authorities and agencies that have various responsibilities and powers for managing the coast; these are listed below:-

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| • New Forest District Council
(Lead Authority) | • Environment Agency (Southern
Region; Solent & South Downs Area) |
| • Test Valley Borough Council | • Hampshire County Council |
| • Southampton City Council | • West Sussex County Council |

- Eastleigh Borough Council
- Winchester City Council
- Fareham Borough Council
- **Gosport Borough Council**
- Portsmouth City Council
- Havant Borough Council
- Chichester District Council
- New Forest National Park Authority
- Chichester Harbour Conservancy
- Natural England
- Neighbouring SMP Groups;
 - Isle of Wight SMP
 - Hurst Spit to Durlston Head SMP
 - Beachy Head to Selsey Bill SMP

- 1.13 The Environment Agency has permissive powers to undertake works to protect low-lying land from flooding (flood defence) and to manage flood risk. Maritime Local Authorities have certain permissive powers to undertake works to defend the coastline from erosion by the sea (coast protection). A number of the Local Authorities within the Solent are unusual in that they are also responsible for many sea defences to protect low lying land against flooding by the sea.
- 1.14 Elected Member representatives from each of the authorities have been involved throughout the development of the SMP and have been consulted at various stages to comment and approve specific outputs, such as tidal flood risk and erosion risk maps and analysis.
- 1.15 Stakeholder involvement in the preparation of the second round of SMPs is of key importance. Workshops with Planners and Development Control, Archaeologists and Heritage Officers, Key Stakeholders, Landowners, Environmental and Ecological Officers have been held and various issues and concerns have been raised and discussed, and considered in the various assessments.

FIRST DRAFT REPEAT SMP POLICIES

- 1.16 Table 1 presents the first draft proposed SMP policies. Please note that policies may be subject to change following further economic appraisal and environmental assessments, and the Appropriate Assessment.
- 1.17 Policy Unit 5B03 : Lee-on-the-Solent to Meon Road, Titchfield Haven – whilst the preferred draft policy states Hold The Line over all three epochs to defend the properties there is some potential to Managed Realignment the coastline at Titchfield Haven.
- 1.18 Policy Unit 5B02 : Gilkicker Point to Lee-on-the-Solent – the preferred policy for this unit is No Active Intervention to allow the natural coastal process to develop the coastline over the three epochs. However, the SMP also recognises that localised coast protection works will be required in order to protect the road infrastructure.
- 1.19 Officers will report to Members if the final preferred policies are different to those proposed in first draft, due to further assessment and analysis.
- 1.20 Officers will inform Members of the final preferred SMP policies, during public consultation, which is programmed for 12 weeks starting in September 2009.

Table 1 - First draft proposed SMP Policies

Gosport Borough Council

Policy Unit			<i>Epoch 1</i> 0-20yrs	Epoch 2 20-50yrs	Epoch 3 50-100 yrs
5B03	Lee-on-the-Solent	Meon Road, Titchfield Haven	Hold The Line	Hold The Line	Hold The Line
5B02	Gilkicker Point	Lee-on-the-Solent	No Active Intervention	No Active Intervention	No Active Intervention
5B01	Portsmouth Harbour Entrance	Gilkicker Point	Hold The Line	Hold The Line	Hold The Line
5A25	Quay Lane (MOD Boundary)	Portsmouth Harbour Entrance	Hold The Line	Hold The Line	Hold The Line
5A24	Fleetlands (MOD Boundary)	Quay Lane (MOD Boundary)	Hold The Line	Hold The Line	Hold The Line

REGIONAL HABITAT CREATION PROGRAMME

- 1.21 The Regional Habitat Creation Programme (RHCP) has been developed in close consultation with Natural England and Local Authorities. It aims to provide a strategic and proactive approach for the provision and delivery of compensatory habitats. Defra have also set the Environment Agency Outcome Measures for Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) habitat creation and remedies for Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) in unfavourable condition. The processes by which new habitat can be created, funded and assessed are complex, therefore the programme will be updated as new information becomes available.
- 1.22 The benefits of taking a strategic approach by the Habitat Creation Programme:-
- provides a framework within which site acquisition can be undertaken proactively
 - allows opportunities to be realised as they arise
 - habitats will be created before they are lost
 - land can be purchased at a fair price
 - larger, more ecologically robust sites, can be created to offset a number of small scale losses
 - provides a delivery mechanism for the habitat requirements of flood risk management plans and projects enabling timely approvals
- 1.23 Habitat Creation programmes are Defra's recommended vehicle for delivering strategic habitat compensation and are funded in advance of any coastal works that would have a detrimental environmental impact on a designated site. The Habitat Creation Programme compiles the compensatory habitat creation needs for the Region from the Appropriate Assessments carried out for the different SMPs in the Region. Habitat needs are therefore based on the estimated impacts of approved SMP policies for all frontages, including Local Authority and third party frontages. It is not necessary for the anticipated compensatory habitats to be in place at the time that the SMP is approved, but only when the damage is likely to occur. The Programme therefore aims to secure sites and develop habitat in a timely manner in advance of damage occurring. The RHCP will be identified within the Appropriate Assessment as the proposed delivery vehicle for compensating for habitat losses, so parties agreeing to the SMP are also agreeing to the method for compensating for its impacts.
- 1.24 The Southern Regional Habitat Creation Programme has provisionally included the following habitat needs for the North Solent, based on the findings of the Solent Dynamic Coast Project:
- Epoch 1 - 0-20 years: 153ha Intertidal habitat and 463ha Grazing Marsh
 - Epoch 2 - 20-50 years: 148.5ha Intertidal habitat and 70ha Grazing Marsh
 - Epoch 3 - 50-100 years: 88.5ha Intertidal habitat

These figures will be updated once the policies for the SMP have been agreed and the Appropriate Assessment carried out.

- 1.25 Delivery of the Habitat Creation Programme will involve partnership working between the Environment Agency, Natural England, Local Authorities and private landowners to ensure that habitat creation sites are secured and developed as efficiently as possible to enable timely delivery of flood and coastal erosion risk management projects for the benefit of all parties.

2. Public Consultation

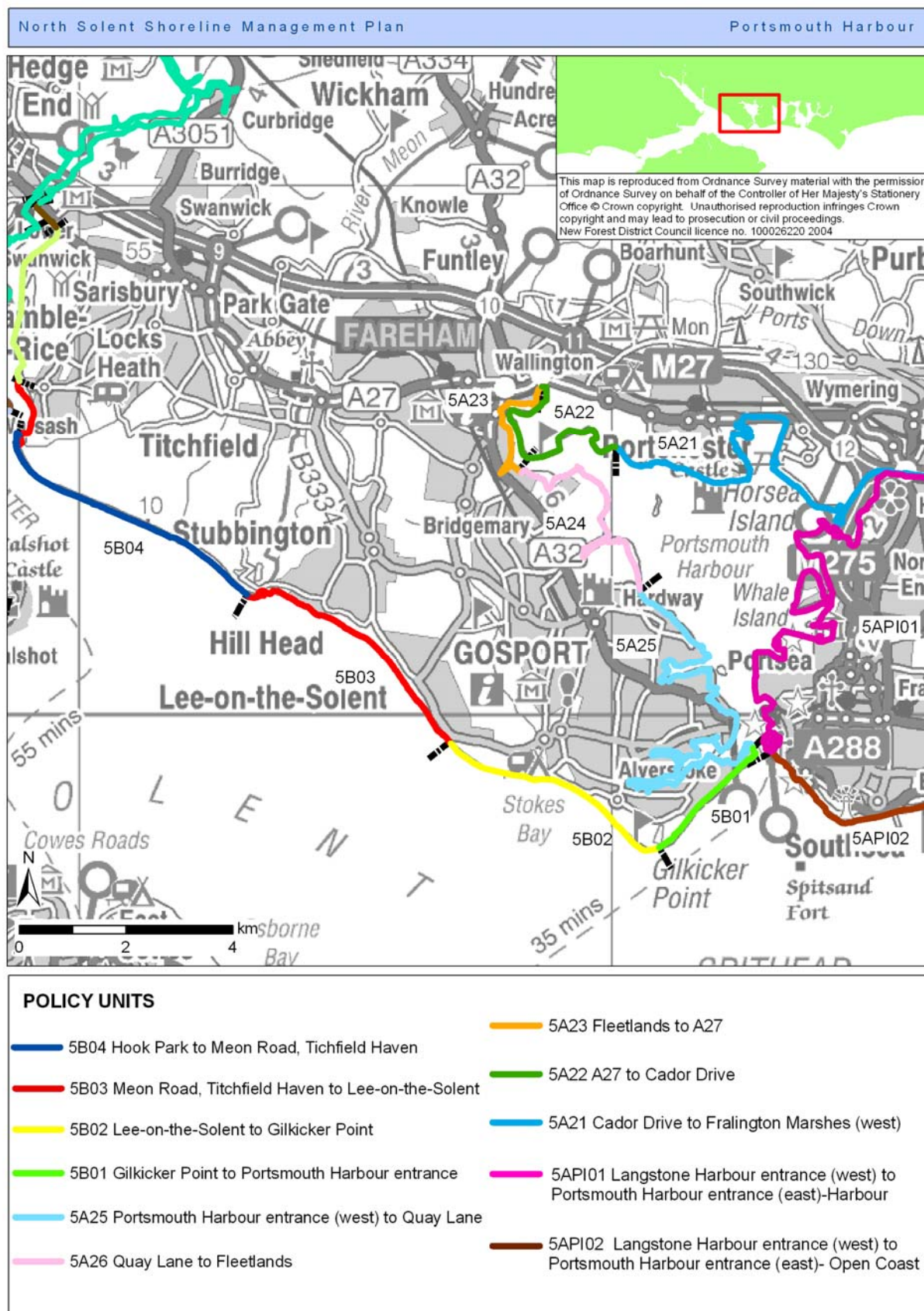
- 2.1 The public consultation will make stakeholders and the general public aware of the draft plan and provide them with an opportunity to comment.
- 2.2 The communications team will be involved to select the most suitable methods of disseminating the North Solent SMP draft preferred policies to the public. It is expected that several public exhibitions will take place across the North Solent SMP area during the 12 week consultation period starting in September.
- 2.3 Once all comments have been received a consultation report will be made publicly available addressing how the feedback has been dealt with.

3. Risk Assessment

- 3.1 The SMP process is a sustainable approach to managing the coastline.

Financial implications:	<p>None arising from this report. Any Coastal Flood and Erosion Risk Management Strategies or Individual schemes arising from this SMP will be 100% grant funded through the national Flood Defence Capital Grant.</p> <p>Compensation habitat requirements will be financed and secured through the Environment Agency's Regional Habitat Creation Programme.</p>
Legal implications:	None arising from this report.
Service Improvement Plan implications:	-
Corporate Plan	The recommendations and proposals in the study are consistent with the key principles underpinning the Council's vision in the Corporate Strategy 2008 – 2011.
Risk Assessment	This was identified in the previous report to the Board on 1st November 2004.
Background papers:	-
Appendices/Enclosures:	<p>Annex 1. Maps of Policy Units</p> <p>Annex 2. Tidal Flood Risk Maps and Analysis</p> <p>Annex 3. Coastal Erosion Risk Maps and Analysis</p>
Report author/Lead Officer:	David Martin

Annex 1. Map of Policy Units for the GBC shoreline

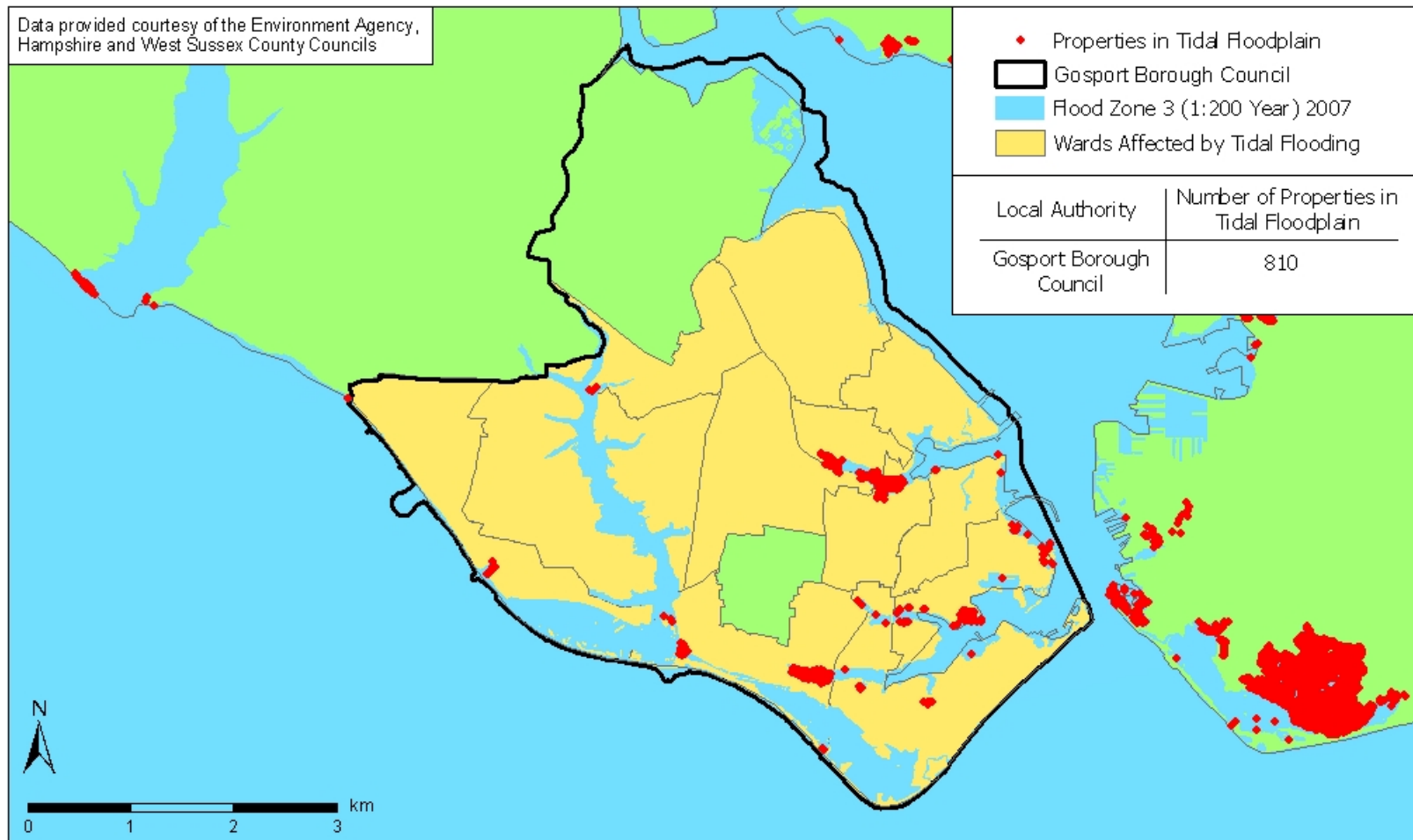


Annex 2. Tidal Flood Risk Maps and Analysis

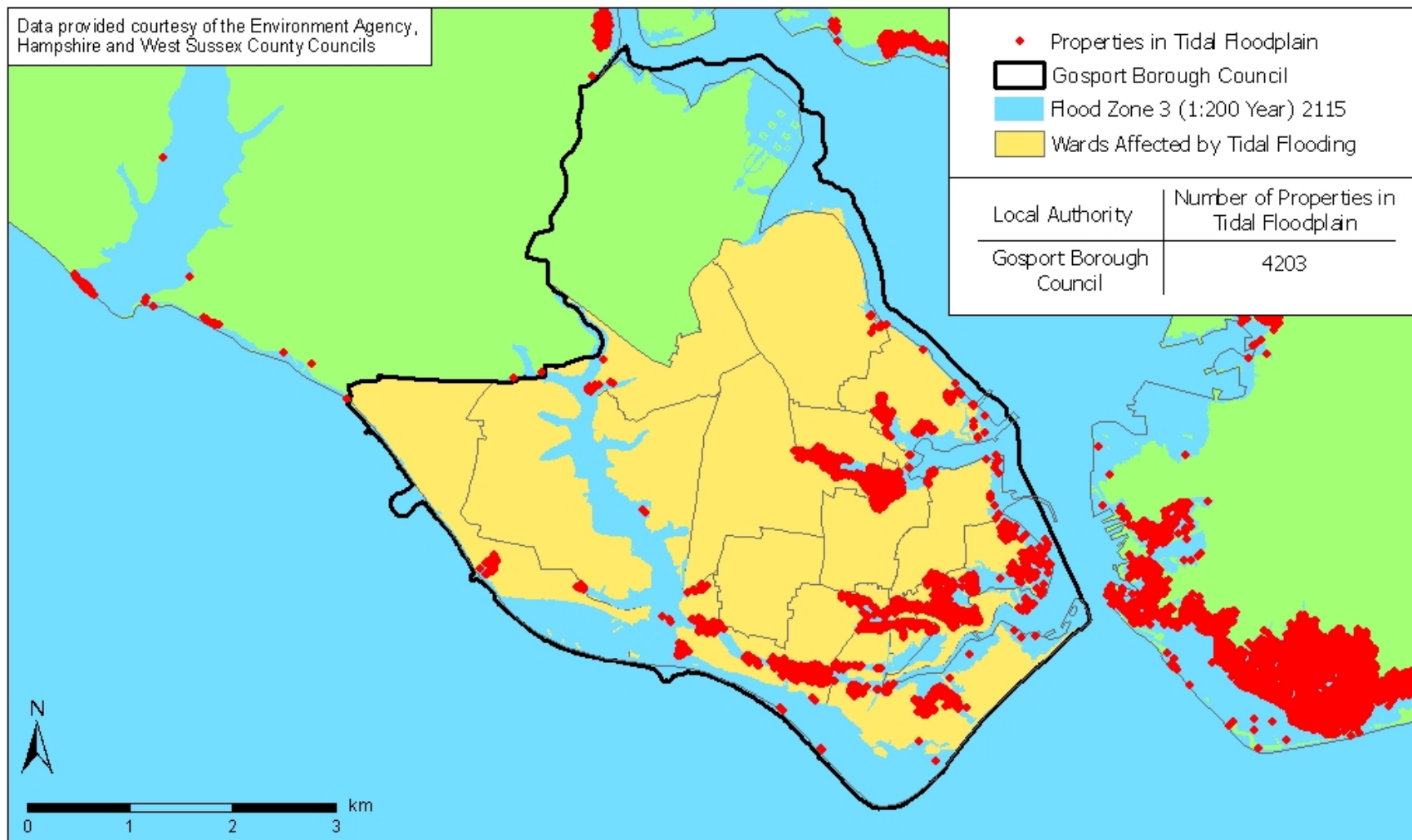
Local Authority	Electoral Ward	Number of properties in tidal flood-plain from a 1 in 200 year event		Commercial		Residential	
		2007	2115	2007	2115	2007	2115
Gosport Borough Council	Alverstoke	214	563	9	16	205	547
	Anglesey	25	360	3	13	22	347
	Brockhurst	16	171	1	16	15	155
	Christchurch	50	231	2	26	48	205
	Elson	0	11	0	10	0	1
	Forton	175	365	6	66	169	299
	Grange	0	6	0	3	0	3
	Hardway	0	210	0	10	0	200
	Lee East	3	1	0	0	3	1
	Lee West	8	40	1	3	7	37
	Leesland	122	316	2	7	120	309
	Privett	0	2	0	0	0	2
	Rowner & Holbrook	18	58	0	0	0	58
	Town	179	1,869	29	128	150	1,741

	Number of properties in tidal floodplain from a 1 in 200 year event		Commercial		Residential	
	2007	2115	2007	2115	2007	2115
Chichester District	2,404	5,140	91	174	2,313	4,966
Havant Borough	1,171	3,382	61	136	1,110	3,246
Portsmouth City	15,217	29,241	1,142	1,668	13,900	27,573
Gosport Borough	810	4,203	53	298	757	3,905
Fareham Borough	793	1,957	130	228	660	1,729
Winchester City	4	4	1	1	3	3
Eastleigh Borough	80	104	51	36	29	68
Southampton City	2,559	7,060	684	913	1,875	6,147
Test Valley Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Forest District	1,100	2,826	205	391	895	2,435
Total	24,138	53,917	2,422	3,845	21,931	50,072

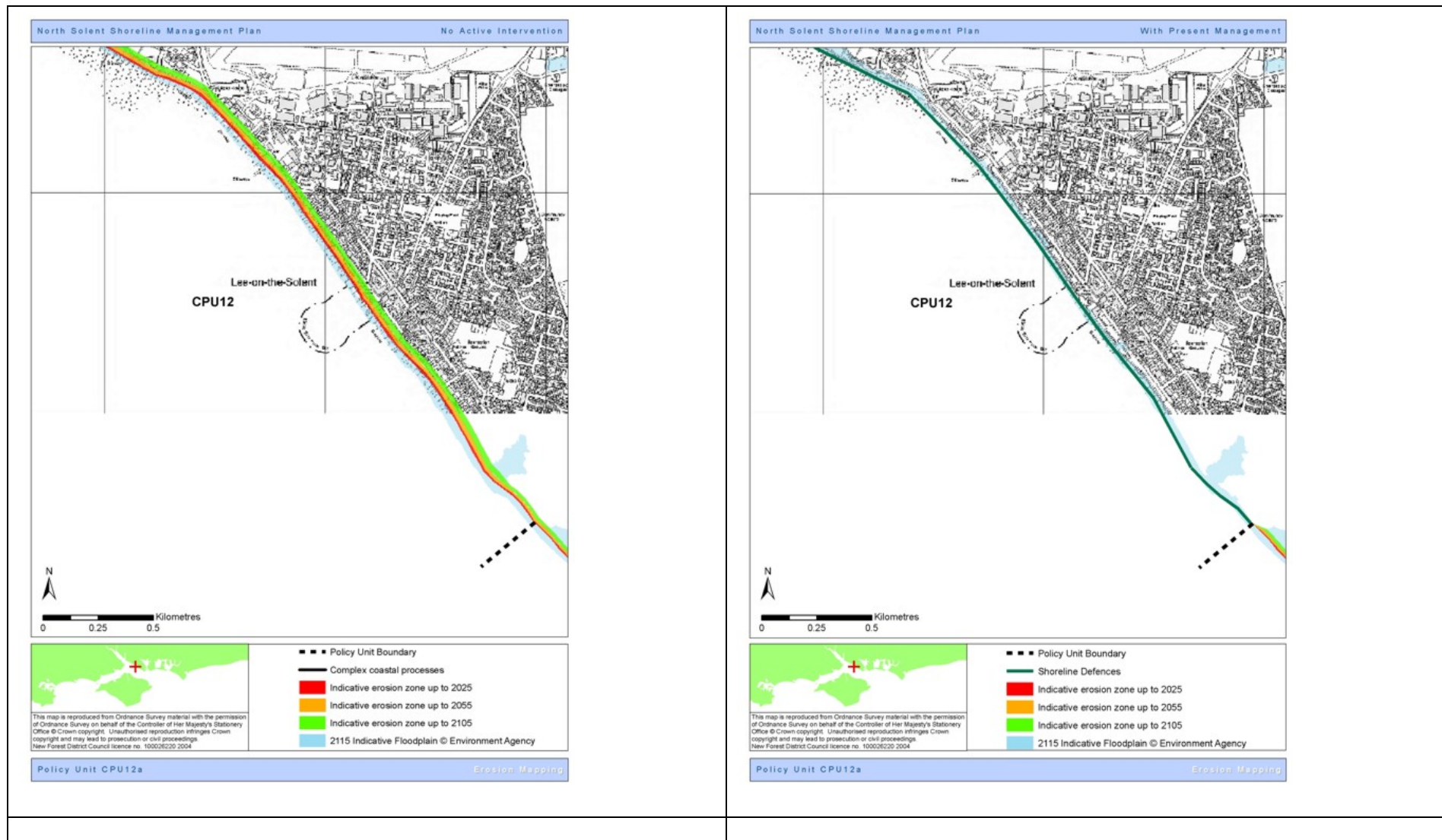
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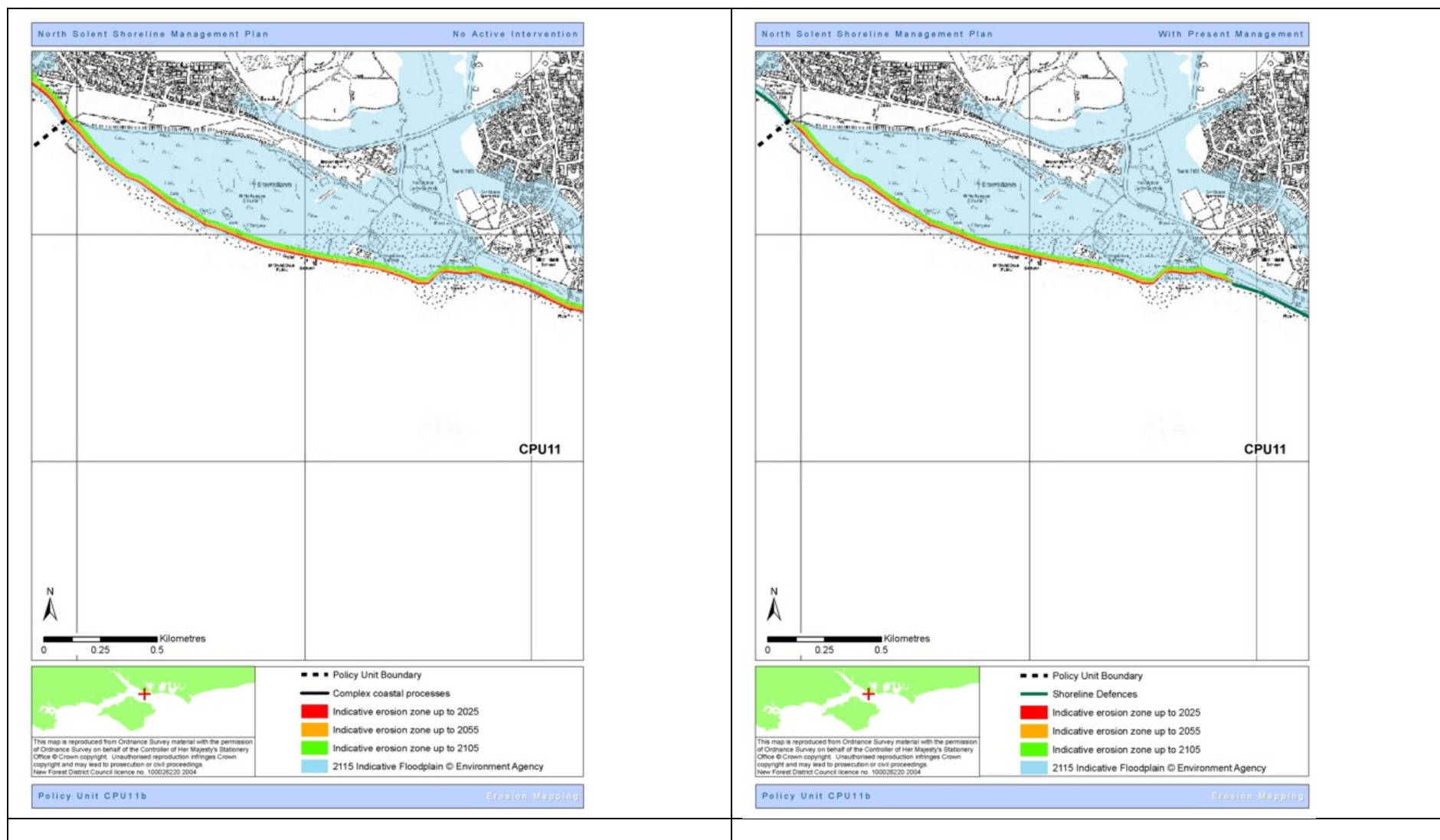


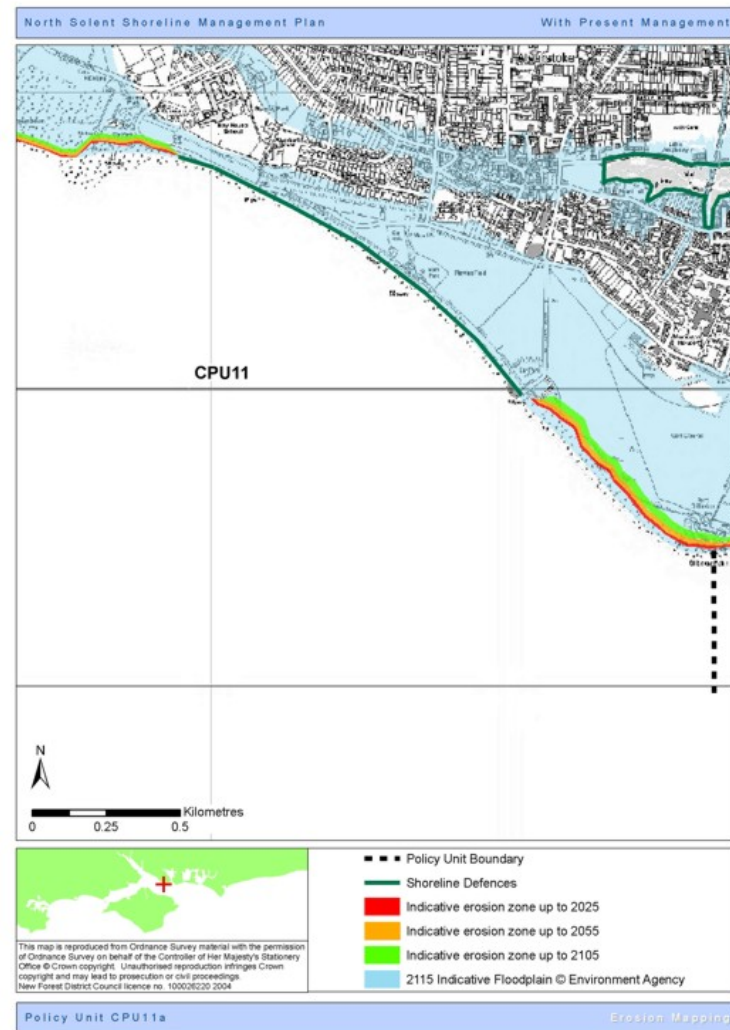
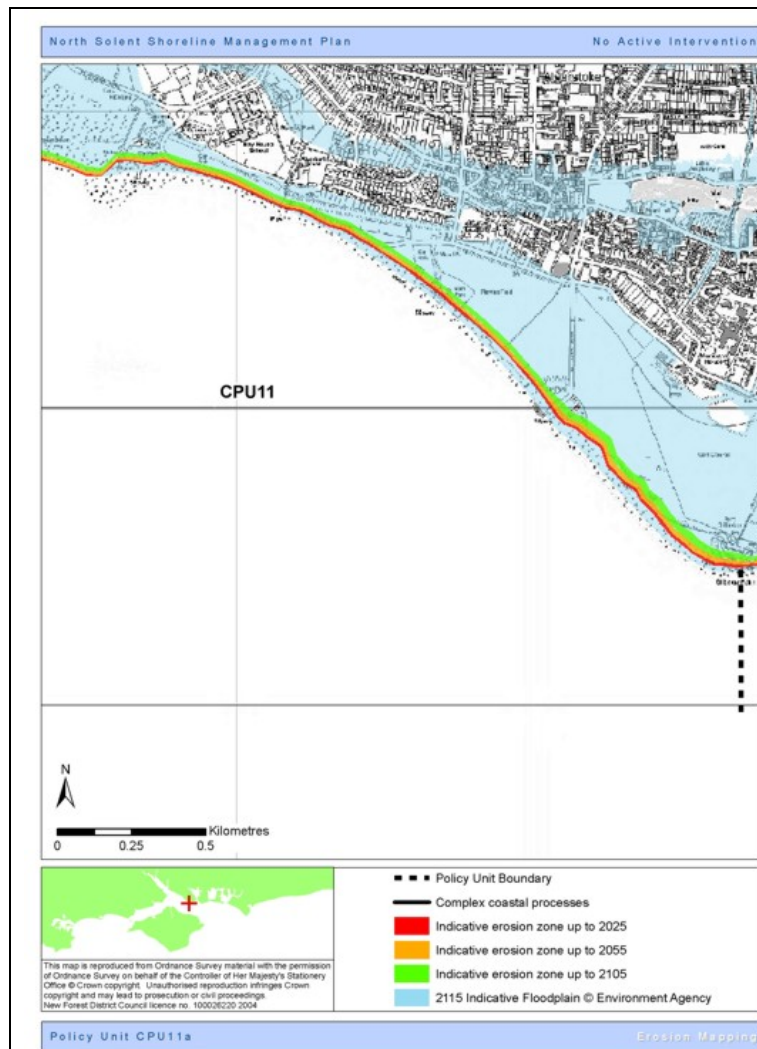
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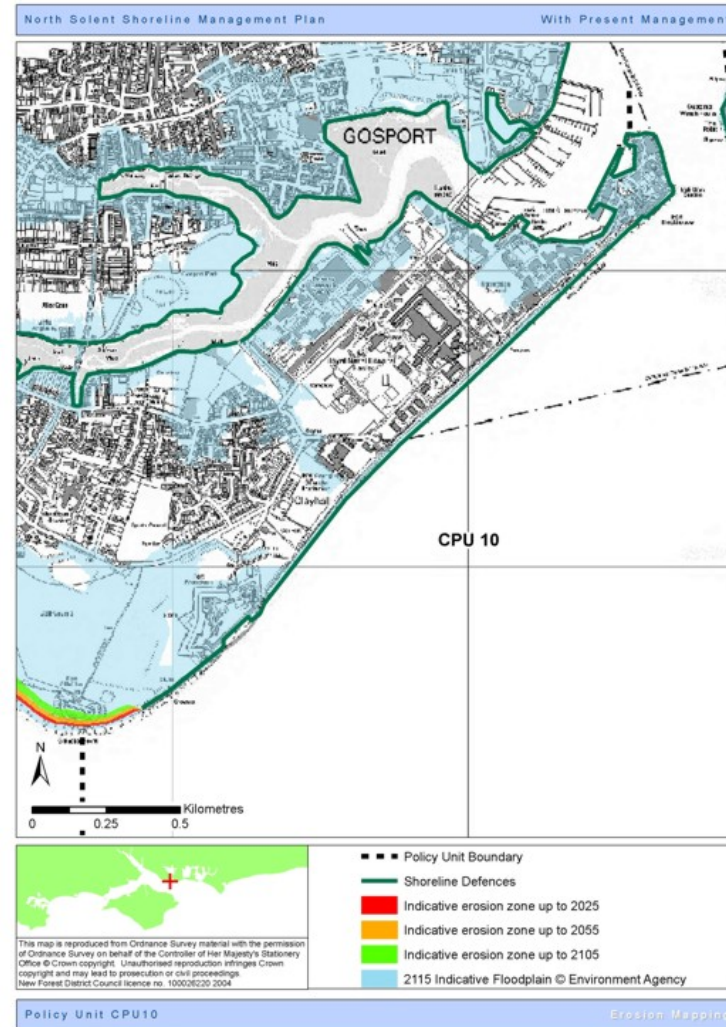
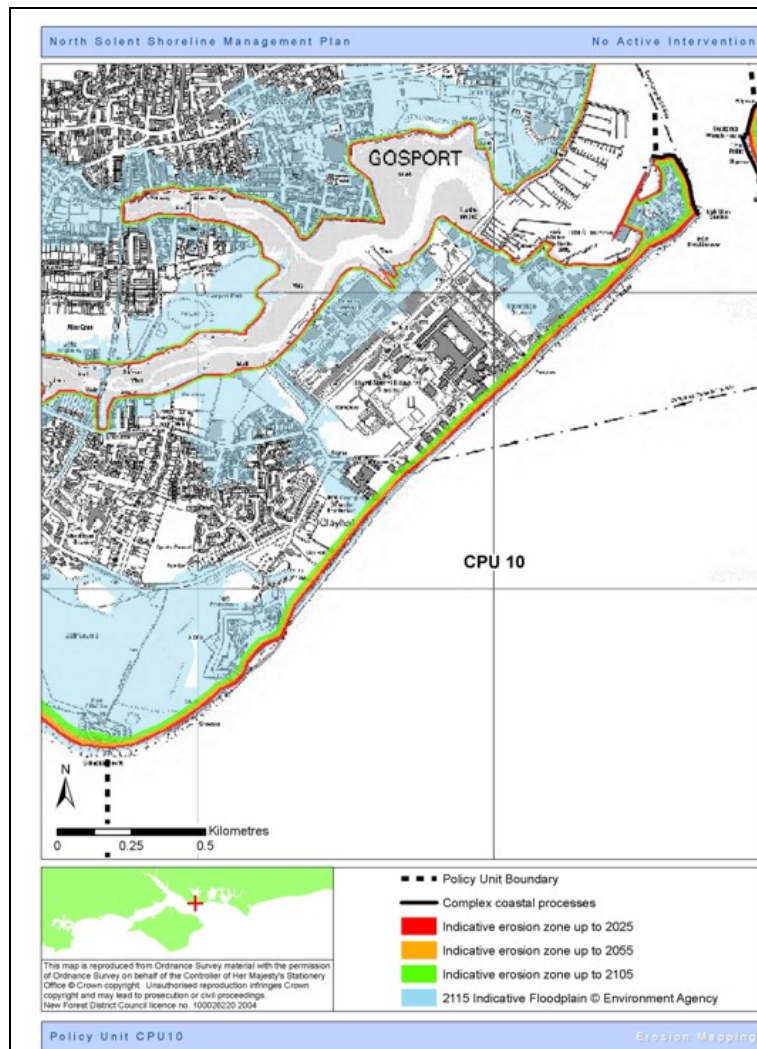


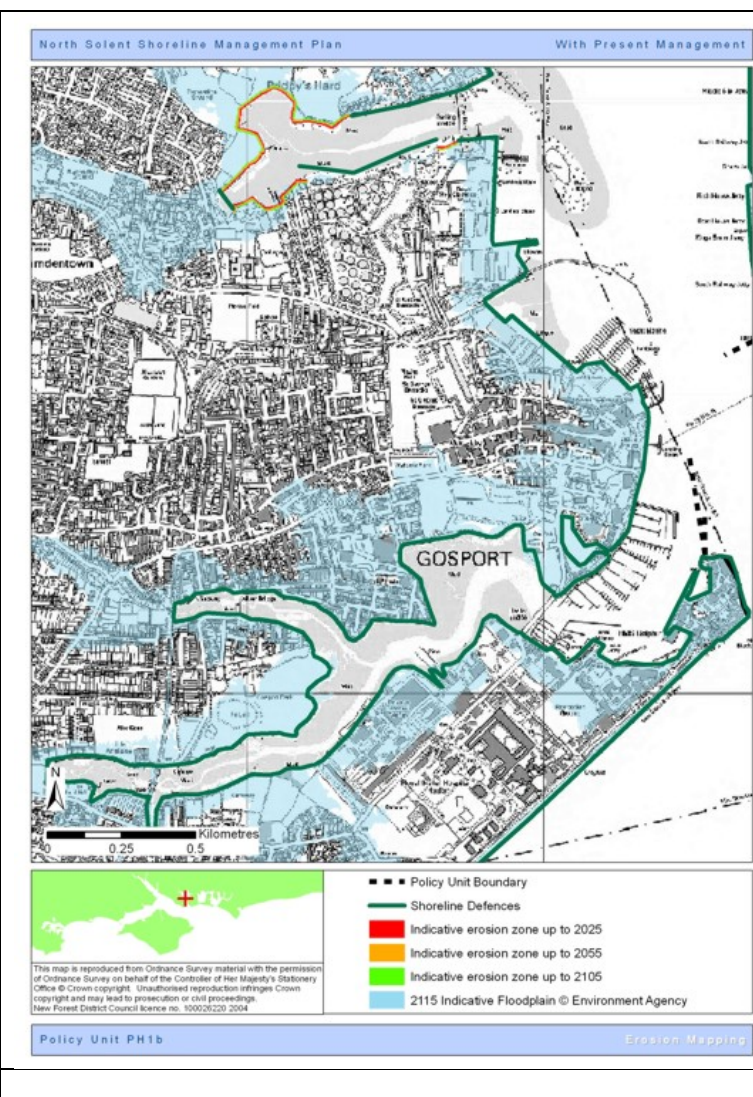
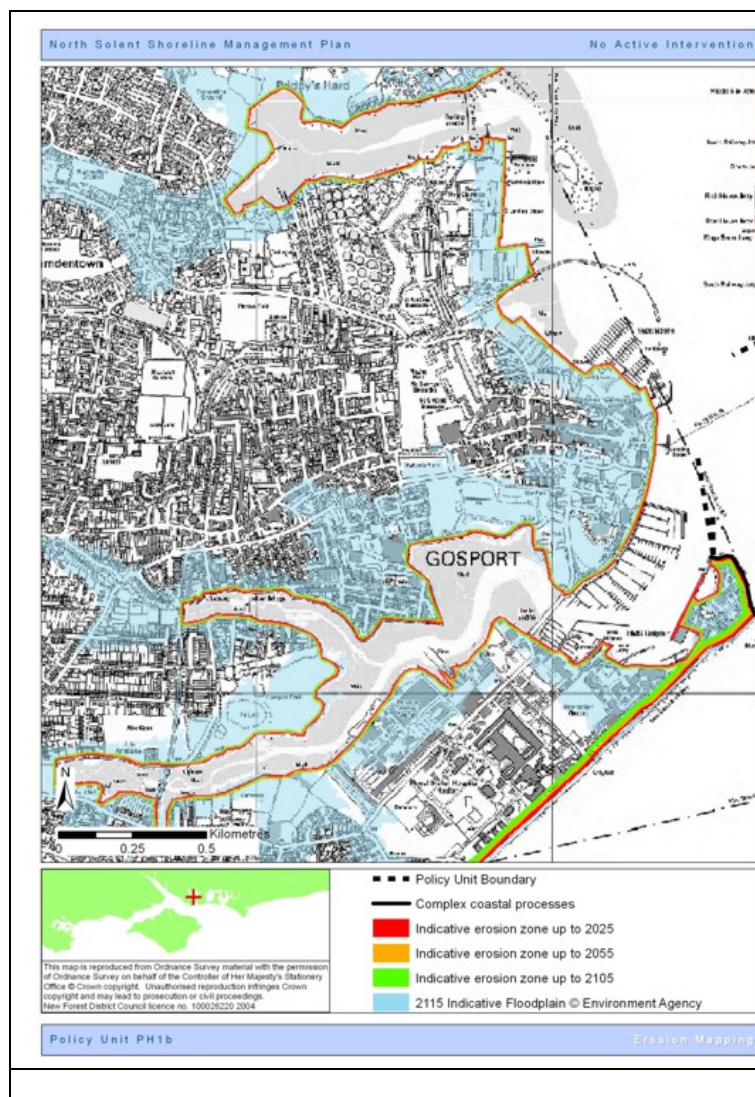
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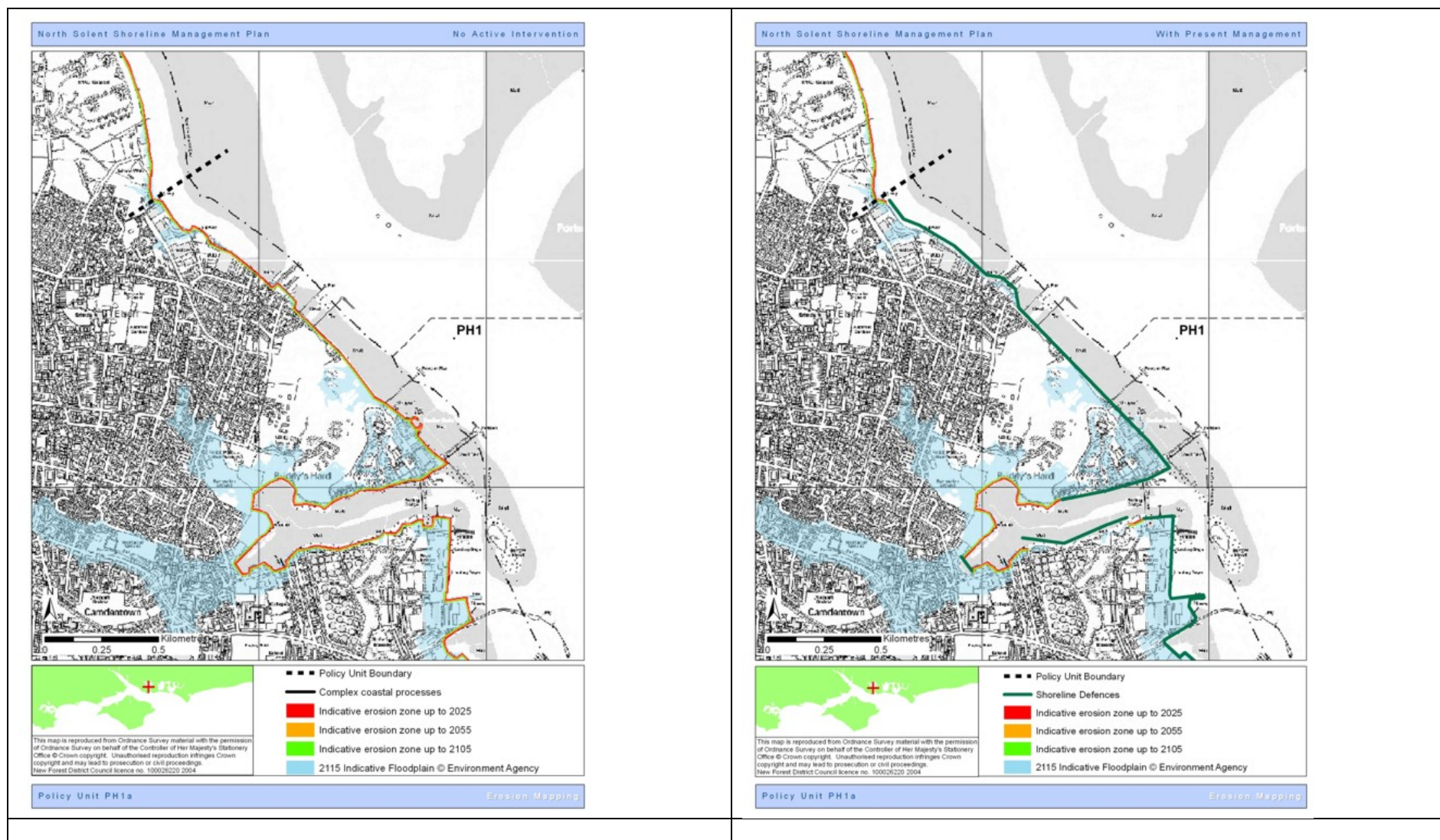


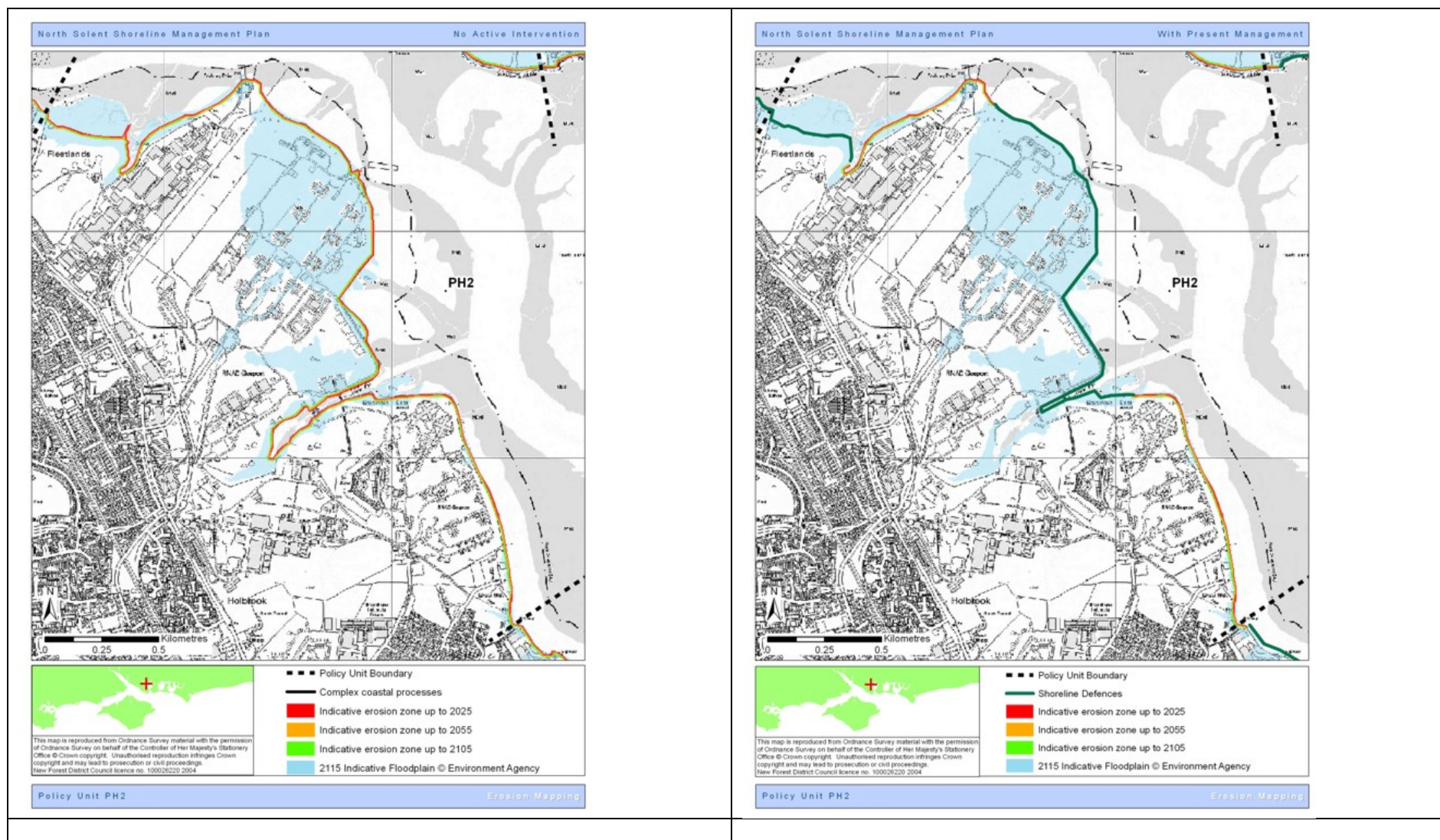


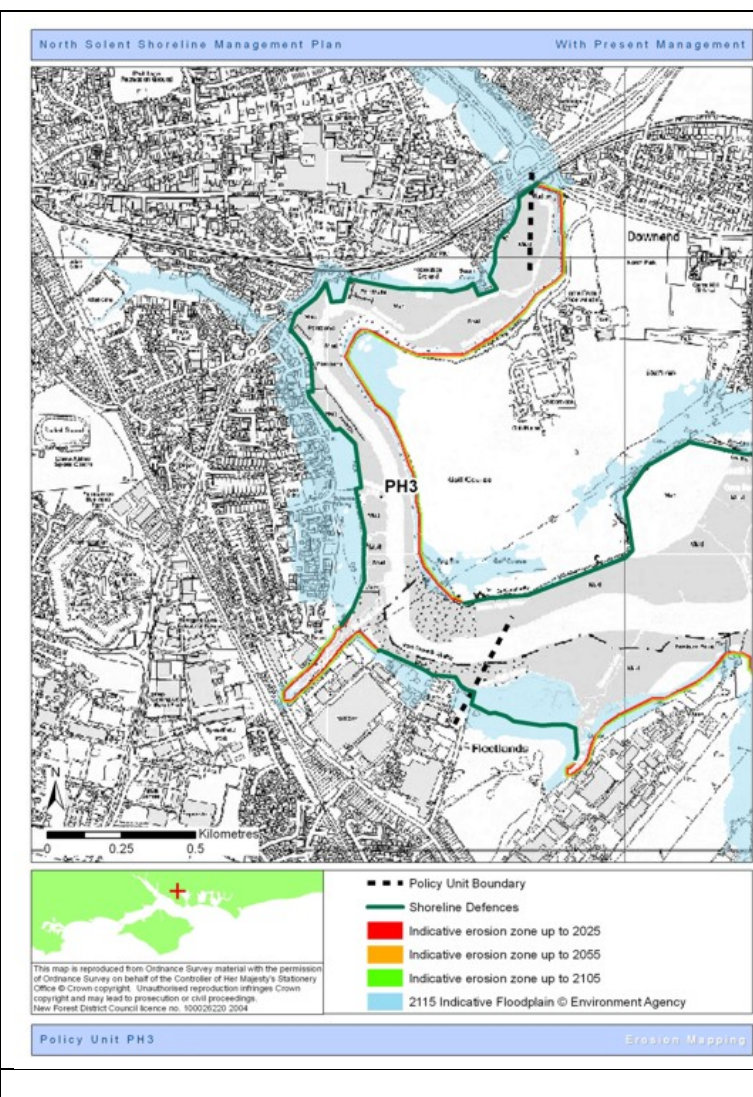
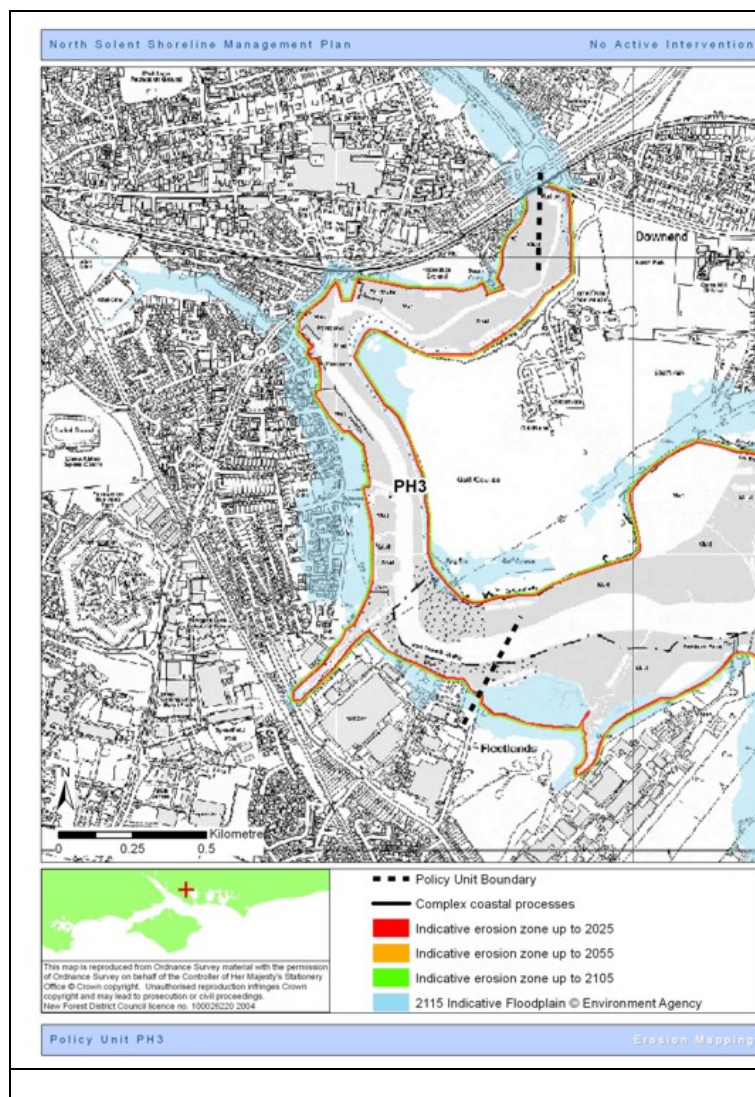












Local Authority	Electoral Ward	Number of properties in erosion risk zones per epoch under No Active Intervention scenario		
		Epoch 1 (0-20 years)	Epoch 2 (20-50 years)	Epoch 3 (50-100 years)
Gosport Borough Council	Alverstoke	0	2	0
	Anglesey	1	2	0
	Lee West	0	2	11
LA Total		1	6	11

Local Authority	Electoral Ward	Number of properties in erosion risk zones per epoch under With Present Management scenario		
		Epoch 1 (0-20 years)	Epoch 2 (20-50 years)	Epoch 3 (50-100 years)
Gosport Borough Council	Alverstoke	0	0	0
	Anglesey	0	0	0
	Lee West	0	0	0
LA Total		0	0	0

Local Authority	Number of properties in erosion risk zones per epoch (not cumulative)					
	No Active Intervention scenario	With Present Management scenario	No Active Intervention scenario	With Present Management scenario	No Active Intervention scenario	With Present Management scenario
	Epoch 1 (0-20 years)		Epoch 2 (20-50 years)		Epoch 3 (50-100 years)	
Chichester District	76	0	383	1	805	0
Havant Borough	0	0	271	0	455	0
Portsmouth City	14	0	8	0	66	0
Gosport Borough	1	0	6	0	11	0
Fareham Borough	3	0	34	32	39	4
Winchester City	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eastleigh Borough	4	1	1	0	22	1
Southampton City	0	0	4	0	94	2
Test Valley Borough	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Forest District	1	1	2	0	30	6
SMP Total	99	2	709	33	1522	13

AGENDA ITEM NO. 08

Board/Committee:	Community & Environment
Date of Meeting:	7 th September 2009
Title:	Sale of Land Adjacent to 59 Hanbidge Crescent
Author:	Development Services Manager
Status:	For Decision

Purpose

To consider a request by the owner of 59 Hanbidge Crescent to purchase the freehold interest of the land shown on the attached plan for the consideration of £2800. The Constitution of the Council requires that where the value of the land exceeds £2000, or where the land is part of a piece of land worth in excess of £2000 that such requests be approved by the Board and referred to the Policy and Organisation Board for approval.

Recommendation

That the Board approves the sale and refers the matter to the Policy & Organisation Board

1 Background

- 1.1 The request to purchase this piece of land has been dealt with through the adopted land sale procedure and all relevant officers and the ward councillors have been consulted. No objections have been raised

2 Report

- 2.1 The purchaser wishes to extend his garden and has approached the Council regarding the sale of the land. The area to be sold is 104m².
- 2.2 A market value of the land of £2800 has been agreed with the proposed purchaser, which represents best consideration.
- 2.3 The use of the land would be restricted solely for garden purposes and the appropriate legal restriction would be incorporated in the conveyance to ensure that the Council's position is protected.
- 2.4 The land forms part of the communal estate created with a right for use for the estate residents. However the land is rarely used by residents either formally or informally and a large part of the land will remain. Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 the sale of land used for open space is required to be advertised for two consecutive weeks in the local press and the Council must consider any objections to the proposed sale.

- 2.5 The purchaser has sought and received planning permission to change the use of the land from Open Space to a private garden and the sale documents would stipulate that the purchaser must comply with any and all planning conditions imposed
- 2.6 There are no Human Rights or Race and Equality Issues relating to this sale of land
- 2.7 There are no sustainability issues relating to the sale of the land
- 2.8 There is no prevention of crime and disorder issues relating to the sale of the land.
- 2.9 The financial implications of the sale are a receipt of £2800. There will also be a small saving in the grounds maintenance contract as the sale will result in a reduction of 104m² from the area.

3 Risk Assessment

- 3.1 As the purchaser has signed an undertaking to pay all fees and charges, there is no financial risk to the Council, other than the failure to receive £2800 and the continued liability to maintain the land.

4 Conclusion

- 4.1 The sale of the land is at no risk to the Council, which if approved will result in £2800 receipt, on provision that there are subsequently no sustainable objections to the advertisement to sell.

Financial Services comments:	If approved, the £2,800 receipt will be credited to revenue in line with the de-minimus limit for recognising capital receipts of £10,000 (Local Government Act 2003)
Legal Services comments:	The Council is obliged to receive best consideration for the land and will be required, as set out in the report, to advertise the sale of the current Open Space in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972
Service Improvement Plan implications:	None
Corporate Plan:	None applicable
Risk Assessment:	Refer to paragraph 3.1 in report
Background papers:	None
Appendices/Enclosures:	Plan 1
Report author/ Lead Officer:	Head of Property Services x5564

AGENDA ITEM NO. 09

Board/Committee:	COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT BOARD
Date of meeting:	MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2009
Title:	IMPROVEMENTS TO PRIVETT PARK ENCLOSURE / GOSPORT BOROUGH FOOTBALL CLUB
Author:	LEISURE AND CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER
Status:	FOR DECISION

Purpose

To seek Board approval for the use of Capital funds for improvements to Privett Park Enclosure / Gosport Borough Football Club.

Recommendation

The Board is recommended to approve the use of £98,000 of Capital funds towards the estimated £150,000 cost of implementing the proposed ground improvements.

1. Background

- 1.1 The report seeks to obtain approval and funding to provide new and improved player and spectator facilities at Privett Park Enclosure.
- 1.2 Whilst predominantly used by Gosport Borough Football Club, the ground hosts up to 100 matches each season including Gosport & Fareham Schoolboys matches(7), Gosport Borough Ladies (4), Youth Teams (17), local companies (6), local league and schools Cup Finals (10) and Charity Matches (5).
- 1.3 Recent promotion to a higher league qualifies the Club to apply for an increased level of grant from the Football Stadia Improvement Fund, which could help to upgrade the existing stadium.
- 1.3 The scheme would provide a safer and more efficient system for spectator access and egress and more effectively cater for the increased number of users.
- 1.4 Disabled spectators would be provided with an undercover spectator area, which is presently not available.
- 1.5 Proposed works include the following:
 - provide a covered new stand to the east side of the pitch

- provide an additional new turnstile and improve the entrance area to the ground
 - upgrade the visiting team changing facilities
 - provide a new southern boundary fence line.
- 1.6 The capital programme includes a sum of £98,000 from GBC resources as a contribution to the overall scheme. If the Board approves this scheme, an application will be made to the Football Stadia Improvement Fund to assist in the funding of the scheme.
- 1.7 The scheme is estimated to cost approximately £150,000, to be funded by a combination of £98,000 from the Council's Capital Fund and up to £52,000 from the Football Stadia Improvement Fund.

2. Risk Assessment

- 2.1 If Council funding is not forthcoming, then the scheme would not be able to proceed as officers are advised that the external funding is to a maximum of 40%.
- 2.2 If the scheme was to be reduced, then some of the proposed new and improved facilities would not be available for players and spectators to benefit from.
- 2.3 An opportunity could be lost to build upon the momentum created by the first team's recent success on the pitch and subsequent access to a higher level of external grant aid.

3. Conclusions

- 3.1 The proposed scheme will further enhance the extremely popular well-used Enclosure facilities.
- 3.2 Up to £52,000 of external funding may be forthcoming from the Football Stadia Improvement Fund.

Financial Services comments:	To be funded from a combination of capital funding and a grant from the Football Stadia Improvement Fund.
Legal Services comments:	None for the purposes of this report.
Service Improvement Plan implications:	Subject to approval by this Board, the actions will be included within the Plan for 2009/10.
Corporate Plan:	The proposals contribute to the Council's strategic priorities of: (i) better leisure facilities with increased usage (ii) enhanced customer service
Risk Assessment:	As identified in Section 3 of the report.
Background papers:	
Appendices / Enclosures:	
Report Author / Lead Officer:	Glen Wilkinson

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

Board/Committee:	COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT BOARD
Date of meeting:	MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2009
Title:	BROCKHURST ALLOTMENTS
Author:	LEISURE AND CULTURAL SERVICES MANAGER
Status:	FOR DECISION

Purpose

To seek Board approval for the use of funds received by the Council from the sale of land at Camden Allotments, to remove and dispose of surplus groundwork material.

Recommendation

The Board is recommended to approve the use of £8,750 from the above funding.

1. Background

BROCKHURST ALLOTMENTS

Members will be aware that an area of land on the Camden Allotment was sold on 19 August 2003, resulting in a capital receipt of £200,000. This is identified separately in the Council's accounts for Allotment use. A list of projects that have been funded from this source to date is attached as Appendix A to this report.

The remaining balance is £126,210.

- 1.1 In February 2005, the Council established an Allotments Stakeholders' Consultative Group consisting of representatives from the following:

- i) Allotment Association Members
- ii) Non- Allotment Association Members
- iii) Councillors
- iv) Portsmouth Diocese
- v) Council Officers

- 1.2 The Group was established to review each of the ten allotment locations throughout the Borough and to consider issues such as:

- i) Existing operational Practices/Service Provision
- ii) Future improvements required

- iii) Available Funding
- iv) Prioritisation of action identified

2. Brockhurst Allotments

- 2.1 Work to increase the current level of service provision at the facility is underway and includes for the provision of additional car parking and upgrading of the perimeter fence.
- 2.2 It is proposed to enhance further the facility provision by the removal of a large amount of surplus material that has accumulated over many years; the material is restricting use of the land and attracting vermin.
- 2.3 This work will enable the land in question to be utilised for further Allotments which follows on from the request from Members at the June meeting to increase provision where possible.
- 2.3 As the Stakeholders Group does not have any delegated authority, it is necessary to submit any proposals requiring funding to this Board for approval.

3. Risk Assessment

- 3.1 The proposal will remove the vermin element and any danger to Allotment tenants caused by material.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The proposal will greatly assist in enhancing the current level of service provision and, will demonstrate to Allotment users the Council's commitment to seeking improvement at their facilities.

Financial implications:	If approved, this expenditure of £8,750 will reduce the remaining capital receipt to £117,460.
Legal implications:	The Council has the power to make improvements to Allotments under the relevant legislation.
Service Improvement Plan implications:	Subject to approval by this Board, the actions will be included within the Plan for 2009/10
Corporate Plan	The proposal is in line with the Council's Strategic Priority for: "Better leisure facilities with increased usage".
Risk Assessment	The proposal seeks to address the risks identified.
Background papers:	None.
Appendices/Enclosures:	Appendix 1: Allotment Project Cost Breakdown to date
Report author/Lead Officer:	Alan Gibson

APPENDIX 1

Allotment projects undertaken to date by use of funding from the Camden Allotment land sale funds.

Location and Description	£
Gosport and Lee Upgrading all facility locking mechanisms	7,940
Camden Upgrading perimeter security fence lines	34,700
Elson and Leesland Upgrading perimeter security fence lines	12,400
Camden: The provision of skip and car parking facilities	8,750
Leesland and Tukes Avenue: The provision of car parking facilities and security railings	10,000