

Report to: **Scrutiny Committee**



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Forward Plan – Exmouth Emergency Seawall Repairs

Report summary:

To consider the resolution from Council on 6 March 2024 and whether the Scrutiny Committee wishes to carry out further investigation and set up a Task and Finish Forum to undertake the work.

On 6 March 2024, Council considered a report on emergency repairs to the Exmouth sea wall and was asked for decisions on its repairs and additional funding.

A motion was proposed by Councillor Loudoun, seconded by Councillor Goodman, that the Council agree to refer this matter to the Scrutiny Committee in order that it can interrogate the reasons relating to the failure of the sea wall and the previous approvals that led to businesses and associated infrastructure being built next to it.

This motion was agreed by Council, and the Scrutiny Committee is now asked to consider whether it wishes to add this item to its work programme.

Is the proposed decision in accordance with:

Budget Yes No

Policy Framework Yes No

Recommendation:

1. To consider the resolution from Council on 6 March 2024 and whether the Scrutiny Committee wishes to carry out further investigation, including detailed scoping, and set up a Task and Finish Forum (TaFF) to undertake the work.
2. If so, to identify the next steps in setting up a Task and Finish Forum including scoping, a timetable for the investigations to be conducted and a date for presenting the outcomes of the TaFF back to the Scrutiny Committee.

Reason for recommendation:

To respond to the resolution from Council on 6 March 2024 in respect of the motion as set out above.

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Portfolio(s) (check which apply):

- Climate Action and Emergency Response
- Coast, Country and Environment
- Council and Corporate Co-ordination

- Communications and Democracy
- Economy
- Finance and Assets
- Strategic Planning
- Sustainable Homes and Communities
- Culture, Leisure, Sport and Tourism

Equalities impact Low Impact

Climate change Low Impact

Risk: Low Risk;

Links to background information

Link to [Council Plan](#)

Priorities (check which apply)

- Better homes and communities for all
- A greener East Devon
- A resilient economy

Financial implications:

At this stage there are no direct budget implications but will require officer time within a number of service areas.

Legal implications:

There are no substantive legal issues to be added to this report, depending on the scoping, legal resources either internal or external may be required to review previous transaction.