



Beach Amenity Development Plan

Exmouth, Budleigh, Sidmouth, Beer & Seaton

East Devon District Council's award winning beaches are enjoyed by over $\frac{3}{4}$ of a million visitors a year and offer a much loved leisure space to over 95 thousand local residents.

Our beaches and foreshores are renowned for their high quality environments acknowledged by seven beach awards including four Blue Flags

This document sets out how these areas will be managed and improved over the next five years (2024-29).

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Executive Summary

The Beach Amenity Development plan lays out the steps needed to manage and improve our outstanding coastal asset to ensure it remains safe, enjoyable, and sustainable for residents and visitors for years to come.

The first part of the document sets out the plan's close links with our council plan ([Council Plan 2021-23 | East Devon District Council](#)) and its vision to make a positive difference to our residents and visitors lives and the environment of East Devon, and with the council's Greenspace strategy.

The second part lays out an action plan for delivery, identifying where, what, when, and the resources and approvals needed. There are four types of project within this plan, those that can delivered as part of usual business, those that require approval only at a senior management level, those that have already been approved by members, and those that are more aspirational and will require future approval.

Likewise some of these projects can be delivered within existing budgets, whilst others still require resource allocation as part of future budgets, or the success of applications for external grants.

A simple colour coding system in the action plan makes the status of each project clear. Those that still require approval or finance will not go ahead unless this is gained.

It should be noted that this plan focuses on the management of the beach amenity. It does not consider in detail the geomorphological management of the beaches, which is instead covered through the shoreline management planning process and the subsequent beach management plans led by our engineering team.



Links to Council Plan Priorities:

[Note: these are the priorities for the 2019-23 Council plan, this section will be edited to refer to the priorities of the 2024-28 Council plan as soon as that document is released]

Council plan priority one: Better homes and communities for all

Our beaches are heavily used by their local communities, as recreational space for dog walking, fishing, walking, running, family days out, and various forms of water sports. Managing and balancing all these conflicting priorities is both one of our biggest challenges and greatest opportunities. Examples of recent beach focused community projects include the art project to transform the Abode of Love in Exmouth (pictured above), jointly between Streetscene, Thelma Hubert Gallery, and Seadog Art, and the Seaton Disability access project which is now in its second year.

Community volunteering is also strong at our beaches including close working with Keep Britain Tidy and with community led groups like Sidmouth Plastic warriors and the various plastic free groups. All our beaches are regularly cleaned by community volunteers supported by Streetscene

The need for beach infrastructure maintenance and improvement offer considerable opportunity for town and parish councils to choose to direct the investment of CIL and S:106 funds into projects that directly benefit the communities involved.

Council plan priority two: A greener East Devon

The beaches are a key part of East Devon's environment, and to our sustainable tourism strategy ([link](#)). While they are already good there are substantial opportunities as laid out in the following pages to do more around the provision of sustainable transport infrastructure, and better management of waste and recycling.

Sewage, CSO discharges, and their impact on water quality is a key area of concern for all our beaches, and there is more to do jointly between Streetscene, Environmental health, and Countryside in working with the EA and SWW to monitor these discharges, press SWW to control them, and educate the public about proactive steps that can be taken to reduce demand on the sewer system. There

are also steps to be taken around providing visitors with access to better real time information so that they can make informed choices about whether to use the water.

For our climate change and carbon neutral agenda we have a fantastic resource just off shore, the Lyme Bay Fisheries and Conservation Reserve. [Lyme Bay Fisheries & Conservation Reserve \(lymebayreserve.co.uk\)](http://lymebayreserve.co.uk) Seabed flora which is undisturbed by bottom trawling is circa eleven times more effective at carbon capture than temperate woodland. Meaning that the 90 square miles of reserve has the capacity to absorb more carbon than all the woodland in Devon. EDDC are a partner in the LBFCR together with fishermen working from our harbour at Axmouth and from Beer Beach. There is opportunity for the LBFCR to follow Plymouth sound in becoming a Marine National Park and gaining greater protection.

Council plan priority three: Building a resilient economy

Beaches lie at the heart of the district's tourism offer with data from Visit Britain suggesting that 54% of visits to Devon are driven by a desire to 'go to the seaside'. Prior to the pandemic tourism was worth £352 million to the economy of the district (post lock down data is not yet available),

The beaches host 69 small business varying from long established fishermen through national recognised water sports brands, to recent start-ups offering mindful yoga and sound baths. The potential exists to both support the existing businesses through infrastructure improvements, and to encourage and support new start ups

Potential also exists to support the resilience of the councils own economy by attracting funding for beach infrastructure projects through sponsorship, grants and partnerships. For example the Seaton access project pilot was joint funded with Seaton Town Council and has since attracted nearly 10k more grant funding.



Vision Statement

Everyone will be able to experience and enjoy our beaches regardless of their health or mobility.

Beach management will be appropriately staffed and resourced

Beach facilities will be well maintained, fit for purpose and sustainable

We will harness the enthusiasm of local communities and involve them in our beach management work.

Our response to the climate emergency and the environmental crisis will guide our beach management

External funding of beach improvements will be maximised to secure their financial sustainability

The beaches will be maintained and improved as spaces for informal recreation and wellbeing activity

The quality of our beach management will be benchmarked against internationally recognised standards

Our beaches will be safe and enjoyable spaces for everyone to use. We will model and develop best practice as an example to all.

Beach users will be encouraged to behave sustainably, minimising packaging waste.



Principle 1: Access for all

Everyone will be able to experience and enjoy our beaches regardless of their health or mobility

This is an area where substantial improvements are needed. On the plus side all the beaches have wheelchair accessible parking, at least one disabled toilet, and with the exception of Beer, a hard surface wheel chair accessible promenade.

Although there are sloped accesses to all the beaches these were largely built for boat or vehicle access and are in many cases steeper than the 1:10 gradient standard for wheelchair access or egress, also due to the nature of the beach surface, wheelchair access to the beach itself is extremely difficult which has the effect of separating users from their families.

There is a beach wheel chair project at Exmouth, and at Seaton we are trialling track matting in the summer months (pictured) but there is a need to do more.

For visually impaired users although most (but not all) steps have white toe lines there is a lack of tactile pathing at edges in some locations, and of braille or large text options on beach signage.

Improvements needed include

1.1 Improvements to disability access tracks on shingle beaches across the district (currently installed at Seaton and Beer with a grant application in preparation for Sidmouth and Budleigh)

1.2 Trial of Mobimatt to improve wheel chair access across sand to the intertidal (to trial at Exmouth jointly with beach wheel chair project, subject to external funding being gained)

1.3 Development of a work plan to resurface, improve and rebuild ramped accesses to improve their accessibility and compliance with the Equality act creating at least one fully compliant access at every beach (not required at Beer or Budleigh)

1.4 Completion of the step toe-lining project across all beaches and a trial of tactile edge lining

1.5 Working with Fieldfare trust on more disabled accessible signage, and disabled accessible information via website

1.6 Trial of push button opening on disabled toilet at Seaton as part of the toilet refurb (although push buttons are well established best practice in interior spaces , it remains to be seen how well they will stand up to a salt spray environment)



Principle 2: Beach Infrastructure.

Beach facilities will be well maintained, fit for purpose and sustainable.

At a basic level all the beaches have the base line infrastructure which is needed. Good solid proms, slipways, stepped accesses, toilets, benches, beach huts, car parking and so on.

However beyond the minimum standard there is considerable room for improvement to take things to the next level. A lot of the infrastructure present is nearing the end of its useful life and needs to be reviewed, repaired, and/or replaced.

As noted in Principle 2 disabled access is particularly poor and there is considerable scope to improve this when rebuilding infrastructure, for example ensuring that beach access ramps are at most 1:10, ensuring that needless steps and changes of level are ideally eliminated, or at minimum not introduced and so on

There is also considerable scope to consider income generating opportunities, in creating new or improved concessions and facilities, and removing barriers to working with those seeking concessions.

Sustainability also needs to be considered both in terms of the life of the infrastructure itself, and in terms of facilitating means of sustainable arrival per our climate change ambitions

Specific considerations include

2.1 Working with the Place-making team from Property services create a detailed and map based plan for each beach identifying opportunities for new or expanded concessions, zoning of use where appropriate and new/improved facilities required (trial with Exmouth before rolling out to other beaches)

2.2 Review of sustainable transport opportunities for all beaches from the simple e.g cycle racks or better signing to stations and bus routes, to the more complex e.g EV chargers and bikes.

2.3: Review of beach hut provision and potential for additions, different operating models etc

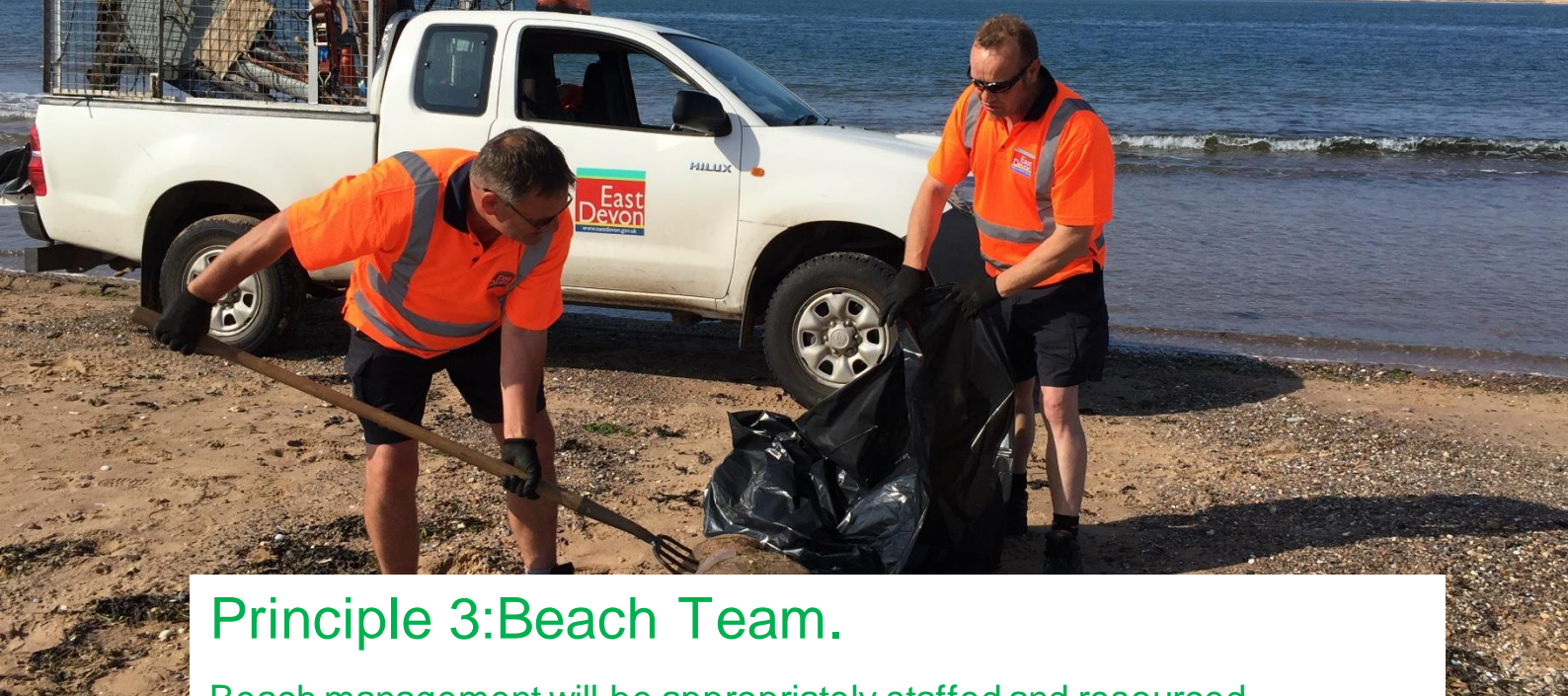
2.4: Review bench and seating provision identifying opportunities for additional memorial income

2.5: Continual review and improvement of beach signage to ensure visitor information is up to date and accessible. Also review electronic signage for better real time information on

water quality and safety, aim to trial new signs at Exmouth – potential for sponsorship via SWW

2.8: Review of drinking water provision, Refil points, taps, and beach showers as many are out of order or badly sited

2.9: At Budleigh review the likely impact of winter/year round visitors resulting from the Lower Otter project developing an offer for bird watchers, and plan facilities use accordingly, including collaborative signing and potentially hides or screens at Lime Kiln car park and the beach



Principle 3: Beach Team.

Beach management will be appropriately staffed and resourced, recognising that our beaches are pivotal to our tourism offer, and the economy of the district.

Well maintained, safe, vibrant beaches lie at the core of East Devon's appeal to visitors, whose tourism is critical to the economy of the district. They are also a strong draw for people choosing to live in the area.

It therefore follows that increased investment in the management of the beaches can be drawn from the increased council tax receipts as the population of the district increases with Cranbrook, Plum Park, Godmores farm etc.

Additionally the implementation of this plan will drive up both the resilience of existing local businesses, and the potential for new start ups, whose business rates can be drawn upon.

Thirdly the delivery of Principles 4 and 7 has the potential to unlock considerable resources which are currently outside our grasp.

The effective implementation of this plan, and the underlying on going work, therefore will play a large part in the delivering all three of the Council Plan priorities, and in delivery of the tourism strategy and the climate change strategy.

Focussing all this work on one officer creates a single point of failure antiethical to the principles of corporate resilience. Although this can be managed to an extent in the short term via written process enabling more effective cover by colleagues, in the longer term it is essential that the beach team be expanded.

Key result areas include

3:1 The appointment of an Assistant Beach Safety Officer (0.5FTE) to take on the more routine work, to give the Beach Safety officer the time and capacity to focus on the key deliverables

3:2 The appointment of a volunteer coordinator (0.5FTE) to focus on the delivery of the objectives under principal 4, managing both direct volunteers and the relationship with community groups.

There is potential that 3:2 and 3:3 could be combined into one full time role for the right individual

3:3 Review and improvement of lifeguard arrangements to include establishing peak time lifeguarding at Budleigh, and scoping of the potential future need for lifeguarding at Seaton and Beer

3.4 Proactive engagement with other departments to develop synergistic roles which could add capacity to the team. E.g the potential for a campervans officer funded through increased car park revenues

3.5 once the volunteers coordinator (10.3) is in post the development of key volunteer roles to deliver simple beach checks and timely reporting of faults and defects.



Principle 4: Community involvement

We will harness the enthusiasm of local communities and involve them in our beach management work.

There is already strong a strong culture of volunteer involvement at all our beaches, through engagement by partner organisations, and close working with town and parish councils

All the beaches except Beer are cleaned at least monthly (weekly at Exmouth) by volunteers from Plastic Free Exmouth, CleanBeach Budleigh, Sidmouth Plastic warriors, and Plastic Free Seaton. Beer is cleaned less frequently by a group coordinated by the town council. In the summer there are also a considerable number of one off cleans by scouts, cubs, brownies, schools, and employee groups.

All the beaches except Budleigh also have two minute beach clean boards promoting micro volunteering.

At Exmouth the National CoastWatch Institute lookout is staffed by volunteers as is the Exmouth Beach Rescue club supplementary lifeguard service. At Sidmouth there is a citizen science project looking at water quality, and Sidmouth in bloom maintain a beach garden of nationally rare beach flora.

There are still substantial opportunities to extend our volunteer offer, but to action these would require the funding of additional staff capacity.

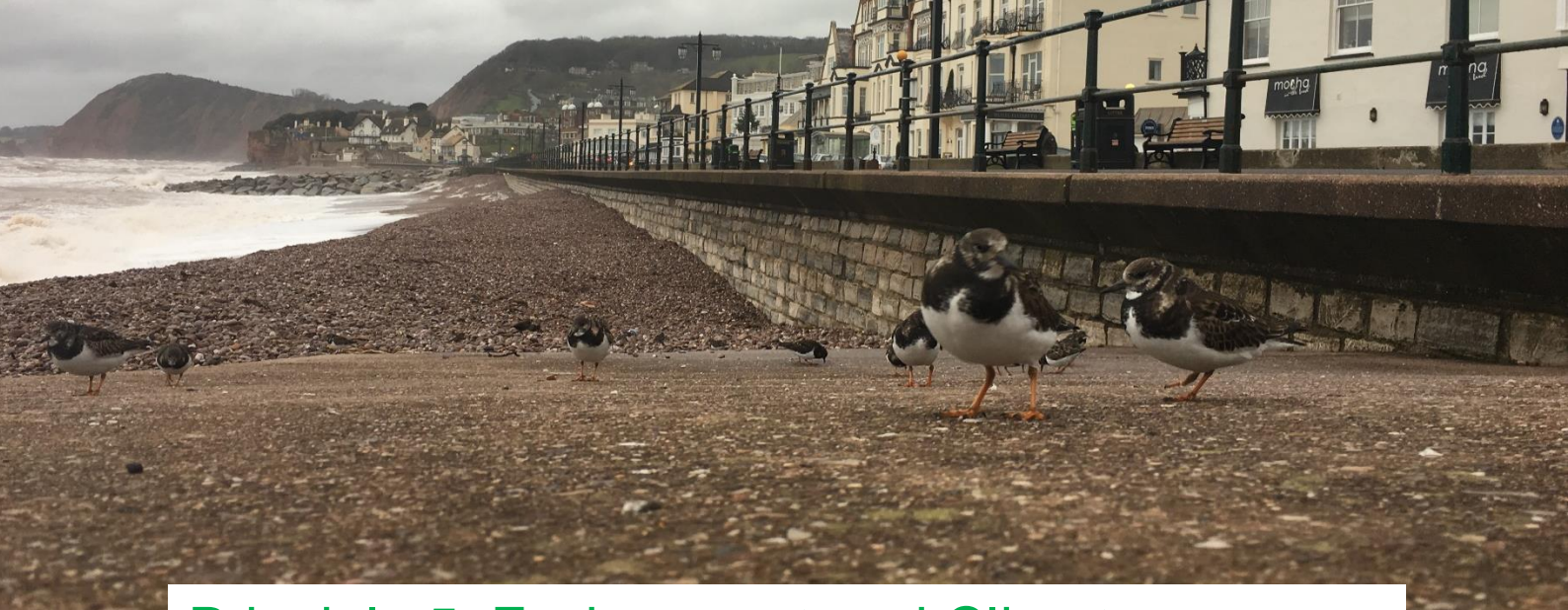
Improvements needed would include:

4.1: The funding and recruitment of a volunteer coordinator to facilitate the other objectives below (see principle 10)

4.2: Proactive promotion of beach cleans, including working with existing groups and encouraging them to come together and share resource, grant applications etc (cross over into town working around adopt a spot type projects as trialled at Sidmouth)

4.3 Recruitment of direct volunteers to carry out basic beach checks, presence of PRE, cleanliness of signs etc

4.5: Working with Devon loves dogs to recruit ambassadors to model good behaviours and educate dog owners about the seasonal dog ban



Principle 5: Environment and Climate

Our response to the climate emergency and the environmental crisis will guide our beach management.

Most of the Environmental management from the beaches is passive and non interventionist, ie focusing on things we don't do rather than those we actively do. A major area being the management of marine plastic through our waste programs, there are around 11 million tonnes of plastic enter the oceans globally every year and we are committed to doing our part to reduce that figure.

We are also mindful of the impact of our operations on the habitats that surround us and ensure that this as low as possible, we don't use harmful chemicals such as alagecides on slipways instead resorting to manual cleaning with brush and pressure washers, and we ensure that all beach operations are licenced where appropriate by the MMO and SWW.

Sewage entering our seas and contaminating beaches is a major concern, we are committed to working with colleagues from the EA and SAS to hold South West Water accountable and influence them to reduce or if possible eliminate sewage discharges at our beaches

In regard to climate change as mentioned earlier our major area of influence is the preservation of the Lyme Bay Fisheries and Conservation Reserve, through our work with Blue Marine and with the East Devon Fishermans Association. A key aim is to move the status of the LBFCR to that of Marine National Park.

As discussed in Principle 6 we are committed to encouraging sustainable tourism and are bench marked in this through our yearly Blue Flag and seaside award applications

Key result areas would be

5.1 LBFCR to become a Marine National Park (joint working with Dorset council and with Blue Marine and local fishermen)

5.2 Water quality at our beaches to remain excellent (per principal 8)

5.3 A reduction in the number of combined sewer outfall discharges at our beaches to an average of 20 based on the EA data set (this target inline with the SWW waterfit target)

5.4 Beach live information to be displayed in real time at every beach (via the electronic signage) and short term water quality information made more accessible to visitors

5.5 A 20% reduction in single use plastic within our waste flow from the beaches in the next 5 years with an eventual target of 100% elimination



Principle 6: Grants and sponsorship

External funding of beach improvements will be maximised to secure their financial sustainability.

This is currently a very under explored area as far as beaches are concerned, aside from securing a small amount of money for the Seaton Disability Track project from the AONB, the potential to grant fund infrastructure or community desired improvements remains untapped.

Likewise other councils have direct funded infrastructure such as liferings and holders through sponsorship from local businesses, and part funded their Blue Flag schemes through contributions from hotels and resorts which benefit from the award status.

Care is needed to ensure that the sponsor has aims and objectives in tune with ours and that the brand association is not perceived negatively.

Direct giving from individuals through just giving style pages is also an area to be explored, the best options for these being things that could not reasonably be expected to be funded from central resources, and where the project has a strong community focus and is being delivered in partnership

Specific areas to explore include

6.1: Trial of applications to lottery funding for beach infrastructure (the Seaton disability access tracking)

6.2 Trial of direct giving/sponsorship for the Disability trackway project at Sidmouth (Each tile costs circa £50, ideal for micro-donation)

6.3 Scoping of sponsorship possibilities for Public rescue equipment

6.4 Scoping of potential partnership with Town councils/others to fund lifeguarding

6.5 Review of whether memorials could be expanded beyond benches to other items of infrastructure. Potential for memorial structures (potentially tying back to the litter monster initiative under principle 4

6.6 Scoping of whether shared funding models for Blue flags / Seaside awards are possible e.g potential for chambers of commerce to help fund, or large hotels, campsites, watersports providers etc.



Principle 7: Health and Wellbeing

The beaches will be maintained and improved as spaces for informal recreation and wellbeing activity.

It is well established enjoyment of the outdoors greatly benefits both physical and mental wellbeing. The beaches are a fantastic space for this for residents and visitors alike. Our management in this regard need be only light touch focusing on ensuring use is safe, (per Principal 5), and that quiet enjoyment is not compromised by other use. It is partly for this reason that we do not encourage noisier activities or events at the beaches such as jetski, power boat or amplified music

Our beaches all have at least one water sports concession (two at Exmouth), providing both hire and tuition to ensure that people are able to access water sports in a safe and structured way.

All the beaches have rowing, gig rowing and sailing clubs, with a canoe club also being based at Axmouth harbour. Exmouth also hosts large scale sporting events including Beach Rugby, and the National Sea Rowing championship.

Every beach except Beer also has a sea swimming club or society, and Exmouth and Sidmouth have both hosted LED Sea swimming taster sessions.

On the land the beaches have licensees offering yoga, Pilates etc. Exmouth and Seaton host a weekly Parkrun, whilst there are regular races and other such events at all the beaches except Beer.

With so much already happening needful improvements are relatively few.

7.1 Defibrillator provision to be audited and improved (jointly with town councils, the Forever Tommy trust, and other partners)

7.2 Facilities for sea swimmers such as coin operated lockers to be trialled (at Exmouth jointly with RNLI and if successful rolled out across other beaches)

7.3 Drinking water provision to be improved with more Refil points as well as taps

7.4 Beach web pages need to include more information on activities and links to the concessions and clubs/societies which provide them

7.5 Beach facilities for community based sport such as beach volleyball to be investigated and trialled



Principle 8: Quality Standards

The quality of our beach management will be benchmarked against internationally recognised standards.

It is important for our beaches to be benchmarked against objective standards set outside the organisation in order to ensure that their high quality is recognisable by those with objective eyes

The Blue flag is the internationally recognised standard for beaches, indicating commitment to disability access, water quality, facilities provision, waste management and Environmental education. We currently have Blue Flags for four of our six beaches.

Seaside awards are a lighter standard but still recognised at a national level, they are intended for those beaches that have not yet or cannot achieve Blue flag status. We currently have Seaside awards for 4 of our 6 beaches

Equally important and indeed a component of these awards is the Bathing Water Classification awarded each year by the Environment Agency. All our beaches are classed Excellent and have been for the last seven years.

Our concessionaires offering watersports and the like are quality assessed by their own industry bodies, for example Exmouth Watersports are voluntarily considered a school by Ofsted and their provision is currently rated excellent

Key targets in this area are

8.1 Blue Flags for every beach except Budleigh and Sidmouth-Jacobs ladder (these two being unable to meet the set criteria)

8.2 Seaside awards for Budleigh and Jacobs Ladder

8.3 Every beach to retain its Excellent water quality classification



Principle 9: Reuse, Return, Recycle...

Beach users will be encouraged to behave sustainably, minimising packaging waste.

Although in an ideal world visitors would bring only reusable items and take them all away with them, the reality is that beach visits generate considerable waste, and increased tourism although desirable from an economic perspective brings with it increased waste and increased pressure on the infrastructure and logistics

There are currently 49 permanent general waste bins at the beaches and 42 recycling stations, supplemented in the high season by additional litter stations at high use areas. These are generally emptied three or four times daily making up a large part of the daily bin run activity and its associated cost in both money and carbon.

Some locations most notably Beer and Budleigh have a substantial issue with concessions putting trade waste into the general waste stream.

Additional to the bins there is also regular litter picking of the seafront to collect dropped litter by both staff and volunteers

Improvements needed include

9.1: Work with concessions to reduce waste at point of sale (refillable cup schemes, low packaging items, elimination of single use plastic)

9.2: Work with concessions to ensure that trade waste is responsibly disposed of and does not enter the general waste stream

9.3: Work with beach based fishermen to ensure fish waste is responsibly disposed of and does not become a biohazard

9.4: Audit and as necessary increase Refil points and taps to reduce reliance on single use bottles

9.5 Increase the size of recycling bins relative to waste bins at key points (trial at Exmouth)

9.6: Trial the use of innovative collection options such as sea monsters, fish etc to improve recycling uptake (trial jointly with Exmouth town council currently running)



Principle 10: Risk Management:

Our beaches will be safe and enjoyable spaces for everyone to use. We will model and develop best practice as an example to all.

Management of hazards and risks, and the safety of our staff, residents, visitors, and other users of our land is of paramount importance.

Various duties are placed on us by the Health and Safety at Work Act, the Occupiers Liability act, and other such legislation, but our aspiration is to go considerably beyond the minimum standard necessary and to be a model of good practice.

All our beaches have a safety assessment carried out by the RNLI (three yearly or after substantial changes whichever is sooner), which is supplemented by a risk assessment carried out on the same model by our Beach Safety Officer (annually or after accident or substantial change whichever is sooner), which together inform all our control measures

We also have a suite of other assessments and inspections relating to the various aspects of coastal risk management, such as cliff inspections, winch inspections, public rescue equipment inspections and so on.

Bathing water quality is assessed weekly by the EA during the formal bathing season May 15 to September 30th , and these results made available on site and via our website. (see principle 9)

Beach signage follows the RNLI established best practice and conveys the message in words, pictures and HSE approved symbols. Signage and signage content is reviewed yearly as part of the Risk assessment process.

Water sports concessionaires, licensees, and event organisers are required to submit suitable and sufficient risk assessments and appropriate insurance every time their permission is reviewed.

All beaches are regularly inspected by our beach safety officer and other staff and any defects or unacceptable risks are dealt with as quickly as possible either in house or with contractors.

All staff working on beaches are subject to both task and site specific risk assessments and robust Safe Systems of Work, and all contractors are managed under the CDM regulations to ensure that they are implementing likewise.

Improvements necessary

10.1 Implement improved controls as identified in each yearly Risk assessment and three yearly Beach Safety Assessment

10.2 Create and have adopted a Water Safety and Drowning Prevention policy, in line with the National Water Safety Federation guidance – adopted July 23, now needs to be reviewed yearly.

10.3 Review all our lifeguard cover in the light of changes to best practice since the Camber sands incident, and agree sustainable funding for this in the long term (agreed and approved in outline by cabinet)

10.4 Review the boats on beaches and winches on beaches licences to ensure they require licensees to comply with LOLER and other such approved codes of practice, that they have sufficient insurance, and that they are enforceable where licensee conduct is not compliant.

10.5 Review beach concessions to ensure that they require safe working practices and regular risk assessments.

ACTION PLAN

Note on approval status

None needed = this work is part of the day to day for the Beach Safety Officer (or other lead) and they are already authorised to complete it

Operational = This work can be approved by the Assistant Director Streetscene or other senior manager without reference to cabinet.

Agreed/agreed in principle = Cabinet have already approved this work

Not yet approved = this work will be subject to separate cabinet approval in the fullness of time, either as part of budget setting or as a separate paper.

That the actions in this plan are necessarily dynamic and open to revision as delivery goes forward, there will be regular proactive engagement with ward members to seek their input, ideas and comments.

Action	Lead officer	Approval status	Costs
FY 23/24			
A1) agreement of sustainable funding model for lifeguarding at Exmouth - done	AD Streetscene	Agreed in principle by cabinet. Costs in 24/5 budget paper	£73.5k in 2024, there after to increase by 2.5% plus RPI for next five years
A2) Agreement of peak time life guarding at Budleigh not happening this year, move to 24/25	AD Streetscene	Agreed in principle by cabinet. Costs in 24/5 budget paper	£23.5k in 2024 thereafter to increase by RPI for the next 5 years
A3) Improvements to Budleigh cycle racks - done	BSO	None needed	No cost to EDDC funded entirely by BTC

A4) Work to repair/ replace Jacobs ladder railings and repair access ramp	Engineers	Already approved and budgeted	Circa 20k
A5) Establishment of a beaches and foreshore working party jointly with STC	BSO	None needed	No costs
A6) Defibrillator for Jacobs ladder beach to support sea swimming and beach use for fitness plus use by an aging population ... move to 24/25	BSO	Already budgeted and approved	Circa £3k full cost, but agreement with STC to 50% split
A7) Additional access matting at Beer – purchased, installation scheduled for feb	BSO	None needed	£5300 fully funded by AfA grant, no net cost to EDDC
A8) review and scoping of drinking water improvements and beach showers at all beaches	BSO	None needed	no cost
A9) Beach web page review and improvements	BSO and EM	None needed	No cost
A10) Establishment of water safety webpages	BSO and EM	Approved as part of water safety policy adoption	no cost
A11) Liaison with fishermen on responsible waste disposal -done	BSO	None needed	no cost
A12) Blue flag and seaside award application -done	BSO	None needed	£4800
A13) Water quality standards including weekly display of sampling data. Repeated yearly -done	BSO	None needed	No cost
A14) working with SWW and other partners to reduce CSO discharges	BSO and EH	None needed	No cost
A15) Development of Role profiles for Assistant BSO and Volunteer coordinator posts	BSO/OM/AD	Operational	No cost
FY 24/25			
B1) Exmouth signage improvements	BSO	Operational	£1500
B2) Exmouth Kite surfing sign	BSO	Operational	£500
B3) Scoping of improvements to Exmouth cycling infrastructure	BSO	None needed	No cost
B4) Scoping of BBQ Improvements across all beaches	BSO	None needed	No cost
B5) Scoping of options to aid fishing businesses at budleigh	BSO/Property	None needed	No cost

B6) separation of fishermen from recreational boat storage and alteration to business rate arrangements	BSO/Property	None needed	No cost to EDDC
B7) Disability matting trial at Budleigh (phase 1)	BSO	In 2024/5 budget papers	Full cost £3507 (2023 prices) but agreement in principal with BTC to split costs 50% so net EDDC cost £1753.5
B8) Disability access matting trial Sidmouth phase 1	BSO	In 2024/5 budget papers	£5160 full cost, agreement in principal to 50% split cost with STC making EDDC cost £2580. May also be supported by grant funding if successful
B9) Completion of signage work on Sidmouth prom. Signs are in hand, need additional posts and contractors to erect	BSO	operational	£1240 at 2023 prices
B10) completion of signage work on Seaton Prom, signs are in hand, needs posts and contractors to erect	BSO	Operational	£1650 at 2023 prices
B11) Completion of toe lining project	BSO	Operational	Circa £1k
B12) Development of more accessible beach information signs	BSO and Strata designer	None necessary in development phase	No cost in development phase
B13) Review of boat and winch licences for greater safety and optimising management and income	BSO and legal	None necessary	No costs
B14) Blue flag and seaside award application	BSO	None needed	£4800
B15) LBCFR application to become a marine national park	Blue marine (BSO to rep)	Operational	no cost to EDDC

B16) Working with the placemaking team start scoping work for beach concessions – this work to continue into future years as necessary	BSO/placemaking	operational	no cost except staff time
FY25/26			
C 1) Exmouth Cycling infra structure improvements	BSO	Not yet approved – to be in 2025/6 budget paper	Unknown until scoping work (B3) is complete
C2) Improvements to Exmouth and Budleigh BBQ facilities	BSO/Engineers	Not yet approved- to be in 2025/6 budget paper	Unknown until scoping work (B4) is complete
C3) Trial of Mobimat beach access matting with Exmouth Town Council	BSO	Not yet approved to be in 2025/6 budget paper	£8585 (2023 prices), maybe split with ETC
C4) Extension of railings behind Budleigh Fishermens' area	Engineers	Not yet approved to be in 2025/6 budget paper	£4395 (2023 prices)
C5) Implementation of drinking water improvements across beach portfolio	BSO	Not yet approved. Will be in 2025/6 budget papers	Unknown until scoping work (A8) is complete
C6) Implementation of accessible signage	BSO	Not yet approved will be in 2025/6 budget papers	Unknown until development per B12 is complete
C7) Reduction of waste through concession requirements	Property	None needed	No costs
C8) Proactive promotion of beach cleans (can't be done til volunteer coordinator in post)	VC	Operational	3k for litter picking equipment
C9) recruitment of volunteers to perform simple checks	VC	Operational	No costs
C10) Review of memorials across all beaches to maximise income and provision of facilities	BSO	None needed	Should be net gain in income

C11) Review of potential sponsorship opportunities for beach infrastructure and blue flags	BSO	Operational	Should be net gain in income
C12) Blue flag and seaside award application	BSO	None needed	£4800 (or less subject to (C11))
C13) Trial of better electronic signage at Exmouth	BSO	Not yet approved will be subject to separate cabinet paper	£17k (at 2023 prices) Potential for sponsorship from SWW
C14) Recruitment of Assistant BSO and VC posts (cannot be recruited any sooner as the window for the 2024/5 budget submission has passed)	BSO and OM	Not yet approved will be in 25/6 budget papers	£28,370 (at 2023 grades) G3 plus on costs and vehicle to be fully costed during work on (A15)
FY 26/27			
D1) Improvements to support Budleigh fishing community	BSO/property	Not yet approved to be separate capital bid in 25/7 budget paper	Unknown until scoping work (B5) is complete. Maybe supported by Defra grant
D2) Disability access matting at Budleigh (phase 2) extension to Donkey's turn (cannot be completed earlier as there is a need to wait until full impacts of LORP are clear)	BSO	Not yet approved to be a separate capital bid in 26/7 budget round	£21k (2023 prices) will be supported by a grant bid for 60% of costs if successful
D3) Resurfacing of Jacobs ladder to eliminate trip hazards and constant patch repairs and create sustainable wheelchair access	Engineers	Not yet approved, to be a separate capital bid in 26/7 budget round	Estimated to be circa 50k at 2023 prices

D4) Sidmouth disability matting phase 2 (can't be implemented before the Sidmouth BMP works)	BSO	Not yet approved to be in 26/7 budget papers	£4300 (at 2023 prices)
D5) Dog ambassadors with Devon Loves dogs (can't be implemented until VC is in post)	VC	Will be subject to separate paper for approval	Circa £5k for promotional material (maybe defrayed through advertising or sponsorship)
D6) Blue flag and seaside award application	BSO	None needed	£4800 (or less subject to (C11))
FY 27/28			
E1) Completion of Seaton disability matting project	BSO	Not yet approved, to be capital bid in the 27/8 budget round	£26k (at 2023 prices) may be supported by a grant application for 60%
E2) completion of Sidmouth disability matting project (follows on from D4)	BSO	Not yet approved to be a capital bid in 27/8	£30k (at 2023 prices) may be supported by a grant application for 60%
E3) Blue flag and seaside award application	BSO	None needed	£4800 (or less subject to (C11))
E4) if trial (C13) is successful rollout of better electronic water quality and safety signage to other beaches	BSO	Not yet approved To be subject to separate cabinet paper in 2025	£51k (3 screens beer not being practical due to lack of signal) potential for sponsorship from SWW per (c13)

