

Exe Estuary Management Partnership: Management Group – March 2018

Summary of Revised Governance Arrangements for the EEMP

	1. Partnership Committee	2. Executive	3. Stakeholder Forum
Summary Purpose	Strategic lead;	Operational and technical lead;	Community lead and stakeholder engagement
Membership	<p>All signatories to the MoA ie funding partners and statutory bodies, plus Forum/stakeholder representatives.</p> <p>Voting Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4 x Local Authorities; DCC, ECC, EDDC, TDC, - councillor + officer support (restricted to one vote per organisation) ▪ 2 x Town Councils: DTC, ETC - councillor or officer ▪ 4 x Parish Councils: BCPC, CSGPC, SPC, WPC - councillor or officer ▪ 3 x Statutory Agencies: EA, IFCA, NE, ▪ 5 x Other Interests: BC, LFHA, Powderham, RSPB, RYA ▪ 2 x Forum / Stakeholders: Chair + Vice Chair <p>Non-Voting Advisors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Exe Stakeholder representative ▪ SEDHRP Manager 	<p>Key bodies responsible for management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 4 x officer reps from funding local authorities: DCC, ECC, EDDC, TDC ▪ 1 x rep of funding Town and Parish Councils (normally Exmouth TC), ▪ 2 x reps from statutory bodies: NE, IFCA ▪ Partnership Chair ▪ Forum Chair OR Vice Chair ▪ Max. 2 x non-statutory Funding Partners to represent interest groups (1 x nature conservation, 1 x recreational / commercial) 	<p>Open invitation to any group or member of the public who has registered in advance.</p> <p>Includes Partnership Committee, water and land based user, conservation interests, interested members of the public.</p>
Chair	Partnership Chair ie Councillor of Host Authority	Officer of Host Authority	Forum - Community representative, elected by Forum Informal Group – Partnership or Forum Chair (to be decided)
Key Responsibilities	<p>As set out in ToR;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide strategic overview ▪ Approve Management Plan and Annual Delivery Plan and Annual Review ▪ Set priorities for Man Plan implementation ▪ Agree budget ▪ Ensure resources are secured ▪ Agree overall direction / approach 	<p>As set out in ToR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Oversee budget ▪ Advice on staffing issues ▪ Agree work programme of Exe Estuary Officer ▪ Draft Management Plan and Delivery Plans for approval ▪ Monitoring of delivery ▪ Guidance on projects and initiatives; ▪ Technical advice on planning and statutory requirements 	<p>As set out in ToR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provision of information ▪ Consultative opportunity ▪ Two-way communication and open discussion of estuary related matters ▪ Consensus seeking in preparation of plans and strategies
Meeting Frequency	2 x per annum – September and March	3 x per annum – February, June and October	1 x formal Forum per annum – February 1 x informal Stakeholder Group – September or as required, for detailed discussion around specific issues or topics related to Exe Estuary management
Transparency	A representative of a group or public may request to attend and be allowed to speak, but not vote, at discretion of Chair	Closed meeting due to sensitivity of staffing / budget discussions	Open meeting
Potential Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reduction of number of meetings that conduct business and engage with all funders. ▪ If additional stakeholder reps, how to ensure equity in representation of interests. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Slight (one) reduction in meetings. ▪ Problem of one representative for several organisations. ▪ Smaller funders may feel excluded but will still be represented on Partnership Committee. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Enhanced role for a stronger Forum now formally representing stakeholders on management bodies. ▪ Additional opportunity for wider engagement.