What's Happening on the North West Coast 2022 Survey

**Survey Introduction**

The North West Coastal Forum is a multi-sector, non-profit, partnership working together across boundaries to deliver economic, environmental and social benefits for coastal communities in North West England by promoting and helping to deliver integrated coastal zone management to secure the long-term sustainability of the North West coast.

We have received funding through the Championing Coastal Coordination fund to create a comprehensive ‘What’s Happening on the North West Coast’ report which brings together strategic actions and policies at sub-regional or regional scale of significance for the North West coast, and which contribute to creating a more sustainable future for our coast. This will be a freely available, online and updatable resource.

The aim of creating this resource is to help organisations working on the coast to identify key gaps in activity and find opportunities for shared learning, best practice and future collaboration.

To do this we need your help - **please respond to the survey below and return to** **caroline.salthouse@nwcoastalforum.org.uk** **by 31st January.**

NB you do not need to fill out the whole survey – for example if you do not currently undertake strategic activity but have views on the value of such a report to your organisation or work area your views would be welcome.

**Please forward this survey to colleagues in other departments and your partnerships as needed.**

If you have any queries about the survey or report please contact Caroline Salthouse, Manager, North West Coastal Forum on the email above.

**For reference:**

**What ‘coast’ means:** we use a very broad concept of coast (the extent of maritime influence inland and the extent of terrestrial influence out to sea) and recognise that things that influence coastal areas and communities can come from a long way inland or a long way out at sea.

**Scotland, Wales and our cross border estuaries:** although the NWCF’s remit is the English coast from the Solway to the Dee we have always recognised the need to consider the 2 cross border estuaries (Solway Firth and Dee Estuary) in their entirety, so Scottish and Welsh activities and policies affecting the Solway and the Dee are relevant to include in the new ‘What’s Happening’ report.

**Section 1: Contact Details**

Please be assured that any personal contact information you give will not be shared and will only be used for the purposes of this survey. No contact information will be included in the 'What's Happening' report unless you specifically request it, and we would contact you and doublecheck we understand your wishes before including any such details. The NWCF’s privacy policy can be found at <https://www.nwcoastalforum.org.uk/resources/privacy-and-cookie-policy-may-2018/>

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| **What is your name?** |
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| **What is your organisation or project or partnership?** |
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| **What is your role within the organisation or project or partnership? *(optional)*** |
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| **Contact email *(needed in case we need to check our understanding of your response)*** |
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| **Contact telephone *(optional)*** |
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**Section 2: Using the ‘What's Happening on the North West Coast 2022’ report**

Please give us your thoughts on how useful the report is likely to be to you or your organisation / partnership / project:

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| **Is it likely to be useful to you/your organisation to have an annually updated resource such as the proposed 'What's Happening on the NW Coast' report?** |
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| **How might you or your organisation / partnership / project use and value it?** |
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**Section 3: Draft Vision and Strategic Outcomes**

In 2008 the North West Coastal Forum worked with partners and the public to develop 'Bridging the Gap Between Land& Sea: The North West Regional Coastal Strategy 2008-2032'. This document set out a vision for the North West Coast, underpinned by 6 strategic outcomes. The Strategy went through a full public consultation, but this was some time ago and **we need to test whether these are still relevant today.**

***VISION:*** *Our vision for the North West coast is that, by 2032, it will be a place of diverse use and beauty, with thriving, and sustainable communities where quality of life is matched by economic success, social equity and well-being; where the immense natural and cultural resources that characterise our coastline and near-shore areas are appreciated as key regional assets and are protected and managed for the long-term benefit of all; above all a place where our children and our children’s children wish to be.*

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| **Is the Vision still relevant?** |
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| **Is there anything missing or that needs changing to bring the Vision up to date?** |
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***STRATEGIC OUTCOMES:***

1. *Well-integrated planning and management of the coastal zone including achieving coherence between adjacent terrestrial and marine spatial plans*
2. *The economic, social and cultural potential of the North West coast achieved in ways which safeguard, enhance, restore and sustainably use our natural and cultural assets*
3. *Improved wellbeing of coastal communities*
4. *Improved recreational opportunities and visitor experience*
5. *A high quality natural and built coastal environment able to adapt to climate and other change*
6. *Raised appreciation of the coast, its value and its needs*

*(NB the numbering does not suggest any hierarchy; it is for ease of reference when responding below):*

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| **Are the Strategic Outcomes above still relevant?** |
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| **Is there anything missing or that needs changing to bring the Strategic Outcomes up to date?** |
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**Section 4: Information to include in the new report**

If your organisation is developing regional or sub-regional policies and strategies or undertaking activities, including research work, either alone or in partnership with others, that are potentially significant for or of interest to coastal communities, industry and the marine and coastal environment of the North West – including the Scottish and Welsh parts of the Solway Firth and Dee Estuary - please describe in the table below.

Where possible, please indicate which of the Strategic Objectives your activity, policy or strategy relates to or let us know if they are cross cutting and impact several. To make this a little easier each Strategic Objective has been assigned a 2 letter code as follows:

PM - Well-integrated planning and management of the coastal zone including achieving coherence between adjacent terrestrial and marine spatial plans

EP - The economic, social and cultural potential of the North West coast achieved in ways which safeguard, enhance, restore and sustainably use our natural and cultural assets

CC - Improved wellbeing of coastal communities

RV - Improved recreational opportunities and visitor experience

HQ - A high quality natural and built coastal environment able to adapt to climate and other change

RA - Raised appreciation of the coast, its value and its needs

***Please repeat the table below as many times as you need if you have several relevant activities.***

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| **Provide a brief summary (max. 50words) of the activity/policy/strategy:** |
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| **Name the other partners involved, including your organisation (please highlight the lead organisation):** |
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| **Give an indication of the expected implementation timeframe for the work:** |
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| **Provide a short (less than 50 words) summary of progress to date:** |
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| **Which Strategic Outcome or Outcomes does this activity/policy/strategy address?(use the 2 letter code or codes as needed):** |
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| **Is the format outlined above OK? If not what changes are needed?** |
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| **Is there any additional information you would like to include in the report, e.g. website address, etc.?** |
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**Section 5: And finally…**

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| **If you have any other comments on the proposed What's Happening on the North West Coast 2022 report please use the box below to record them:** |
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**Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.**

We will use your feedback to provide something which we hope will be really useful for those working on the North West coast.

Thank you again,

***Caroline Salthouse***

Manager, North West Coastal Forum