
CROUCH AND ROACH ESTUARY MANAGEMENT PLAN

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report seeks the support of the Council for the Crouch and Roach Estuary Management Plan. These two documents have been produced by the Crouch and Roach Estuary Project, with funding from several partners, including Rochford District Council. Extensive community consultation and involvement has been undertaken.

2 THE DOCUMENTS

- 2.1 The Steering Group of the Project authorised the project officer to produce two different management plans. The first document (see Appendix 1) is a general release document that explains the various proposed actions that have been identified by the Project. The second is the full management plan, which includes the research work carried out to date. It is intended to widely distribute the action plan, but to limit release of the full management plan to funding partners. A copy of the full plan has been placed in the Members' Library.
- 2.2 The plans identify the actions needed to ensure effective and efficient management of the Crouch and Roach Estuaries. They also identify the main players in developing the actions shown in the management plans.
- 2.3 Rochford District Council has a direct role to play in the following actions:

15, 31, 39, 44, 45 & 46
- 2.4 Rochford District Council, as a funding partner, has an indirect role to play in the following actions:

1 – 10, 12, 14, 16 – 20, 24 – 28, 32 – 38, 40, 41, 47, 48 & 50
- 2.5 Many of the areas where Rochford District Council has an indirect involvement will be through the Crouch and Roach Estuary Management Project and through the Steering Group of the Project, rather than requiring independent action on its own.

3 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are significant environmental implications if the Project does not deliver on its stated objectives. The area covered by the Project has significant implications for nature conservation, leisure, tourism and business, as well as for the wider community living and working nearby.

4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Council has made total contributions to the Project of £25,000 (£15,000 to date and £10,000 in 2005/06 from Planning Delivery Grant). There is likely to be a continued need for funding to ensure the completion of the projects identified in the action plan. Any requests for further funding will be reported to Members.

5 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

- (1) That the Crouch and Roach Estuary Management Plan (full version and action plan) be adopted.
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Head of Planning Services to approve minor amendments to the documents detailed in (1) above, as may be required, to maintain the accuracy of the published Management Plan. (HPS)

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Background Papers:-

None

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