

**UPDATE ON COASTAL EROSION RISK INFORMATION**  
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**1.0 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This note follows on from earlier updates and outlines the latest information on National Coastal Erosion Risk Mapping project (NCERM).
- 1.2 Work on the project is now on hold pending clarification of direction for implementation from the new Government.

**2.0 PROJECT PROGRESS**

- 2.1 Defra Ministers and the Local Government Association wish to discuss the erosion risk project before the findings are implemented. We need to be clear on the Government's objectives in relation to how and when the data should be published before we commit our and Local Authority resources to validating data. All current work on data production and final validation of the erosion risk outputs with Local Authorities will therefore stop until we have Ministerial direction. We expect to have an agreed way forward in mid October following a meeting between the Defra Minister Richard Benyon, Lord Chris Smith and Dame Margaret Eaton of LGA.
- 2.2 SMP Policy information should still be provided to the project team as it becomes available, so that data production & validation can recommence once the approach is agreed.
- 2.3 All direct engagement on coastal erosion risk information is on hold.
- 2.4 Training and development for FCRM teams on engagement, including shared learning with LAs is continuing as is the work to ensure engagement will continue in the business from 2011/12.
- 2.5 For a decision on publication we will await clear direction from Ministers of the preferred approach. The products being prepared are:
- Professional partners: GIS database, high level statistics and SMP comparison note.
  - Public: web-based erosion risk information with supporting information on coastal change.

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