

Approving D&S IFCA's Annual Report for 2022/2023

Officers' Recommendation

That the Annual Report 2022/2023, subject to any amendments identified by Members at the Authority meeting, is finalised, published, and sent to the Secretary of State.

Background

On 17th March 2022 the Authority approved the Annual Plan for 2022/2023. An Annual Report that reports on the workstreams set out within each Annual Plan must be produced as a requirement of S.178 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (MaCAA).

Last year the Authority was presented with an “internal” Annual Report, with a view to it being developed further prior to finalising it as the official Annual Report and sending to Defra. The Annual Report for 2022/2023 (Agenda Item 8 – Annex A) is slightly different, as although it can be adapted to recognise feedback from Members, it is already in a more advance state, in preparation to publish and send to the Secretary of State.

Considerations

Officers' have recognised that the Annual Plan is a form of communication and is an opportunity to showcase the achievements of the Authority. Therefore, Officers have worked to improve the presentation of the Annual Report 2022/2023 compared to previous editions.

Officers have recognised feedback from Members who, in March 2022, requested a clearer use of colour codes within Annual Reports and greater detail to explain why some on-going tasks have been identified by Officers as work that is both appropriate and important to continue into the next financial year – the 2023/2024 Annual Plan.

Construction

Officers have recognised that different readers prefer differing reporting styles, and the Annual Report 2022/2023 therefore provides a blend of “display” pages to showcase different elements of work, as well as retaining a table format that begins on page 28.

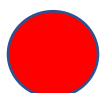
The colour coding throughout the Annual Report 2022/2023 is as follows:



Workstream Completed



Workstream Started



Workstream Not Started

Specific Tasks & National Success Criteria

The Annual Report 2022/2023 provides readers with updates on both specific tasks, as set out within the 2022-23 Annual Plan, but also reports on a range of more functional tasks that must be delivered to meet nationally agreed IFCA success criteria. Throughout the document Officers have highlighted the connection between different work being undertaken and the

success criteria, as well as providing the reader with information and where to look for evidence (documented outputs) of work that is published on the D&S IFCA website.

National Success Criteria

To support the positive delivery of the national vision, IFCAs agreed a set of national success criteria matched with corresponding working-level objectives. The vision, success criteria and national working objectives are designed to assist in the creation of a shared understanding of the aims and objectives of all IFCAs nationally and focus positive service delivery towards achievement of the national vision. These national IFCA performance criteria also link directly to the UK Marine Policy Statement.

Success Criteria 1:

IFCAs are recognised and heard, whilst working in partnership and engaging with stakeholders.

Success Criteria 2:

IFCAs implement a fair, effective and proportionate enforcement regime.

Success Criteria 3:

IFCAs use evidence based and appropriate measures to manage the sustainable exploitation of sea fisheries resources and deliver marine environmental protection within their districts.

Success Criteria 4:

IFCAs have appropriate governance in place and staff are trained and professional.

Success Criteria 5:

IFCAs make the best use of evidence to deliver their objectives.

As well as the five key areas of the Success Criteria, there are specific success criteria outcomes that relate to these categories. Outcomes include elements such as maintaining a website and publishing all non-reserved IFCA Committee papers.

Where appropriate, Officers' have set out the success criteria outcomes that are being met via the work being completed by the Authority.

Next Stages

Subject to approval of Members, Officers can make amendments to the Annual Report 2022/2023 to recognise feedback from Members. Following this, the Annual Report 2022/2023 will be finalised, marked electronically as the Annual Report 2022/2023, published, and sent to Defra.

Background Papers

- Authority meeting minutes (D&S IFCA Website Resource Library)
- D&S IFCA Annual Plan 2022-23 (that includes national success criteria)

End.