

## **D&S IFCA Funding Issues**

Email correspondence:

**Chief Officer to Victoria Prentis MP/CC Rachel Muckle at Defra – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021.**

Dear Ms Prentis

Please find attached a further letter from the Chair of D&S IFCA in response to your latest letter, dated 25th June 2021. I can report that the weather has reverted to standard Brixham fayre of mostly wind and rain, a far cry from the truly Mediterranean conditions that you experienced on your tour to Brixham. When we met, you thought that there would be merit in meeting more regularly with IFCAs and I have contacted colleagues in the Isles of Scilly, Cornwall and Southern IFCAs and they, like I, would welcome the opportunity to discuss local and regional issues that are affecting the IFCAs and their stakeholders with you. In your letter you note that IFCAs meet with Defra's officials on a regular basis but the opportunity to speak to senior Defra officials or Ministers are few and far between and I think that direct exchange of views and issues is very valuable. Given the Zoom and Teams world we now all find ourselves in, arranging such meetings is far less challenging and means the benefits are even greater.

I hope that we have the opportunity to meet again soon and if that were to be in Devon, then please bring summer back with you!

Regards

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