

D&S IFCA Funding Issues

Email correspondence:

Rachel Muckle (Defra) to CO/ CC Mike Williams/Tim Robbins/Robert Clark – 13th July 2021.

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CC Tim, Rob and Mike

Your latest letter to the Minister has been received and will be responded to formally in due course.

In the meantime, I'm encouraged to see that you have been engaging with my team's monthly meeting with D&S and the other IFCA's. Through that regular meeting you are invited to raise issues or of course request a meeting with me and my team as an individual IFCA.

Alongside these regular meetings, my team are undertaking a range of work including discussing legislative options with MHCLG and Defra lawyers. This legal advice is required before we can meet with your local authorities. Once we have the advice we will arrange a meeting with MHCLG, LGA Coastal Group and the funding authorities of the D&SIFCA, as you requested we do in your letter of May 25th. If you wish to hear an update, or be part of that meeting when its arranged, I am happy to have the team find us diary times to discuss as you suggest in your letter that you would like more engagement on this matter.

It is important to note that as well as considering the issues facing D&S, I have also to consider the implications for all IFCA's should legal advice open the potential to explore changes to funding or any other arrangements (Rob cc'd for awareness).

I'm pleased you had the opportunity to meet Minister Prentis during her Brixham visit and will work with her office to consider a regional or all IFCA's meeting to highlight the work you do at the coast.

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