

Annual Plan - 2024/2025

Officers' Recommendation

That Members approve the Annual Plan for Financial Year 2024/2025

Background

An Annual Plan must be produced as a requirement of S.177 Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (MaCAA). The Annual Plan (as set out as Annex A) identifies the key workstreams that officers intend the Authority to complete in 2024/2025.

If approved by Members, the Annual Plan (as presented) will be finalised and become the formal Annual Plan for 2024/2025. It will be marked Version 1.1, published on the website by 31st March 2024, and sent to the Secretary of State.

Construction of the Annual Plan

The Annual Plan is divided into two main sections:

Section 1 includes display pages with background information relating to new and continuing workstreams. It provides an overview of tasks relating to governance, management of fishing activities, trials of technology, enforcement, research, and communications.

Section 2, beginning on page 20, sets out National IFCA Success Criteria. The tasks have been assigned numbers to assist future reporting. Some of these tasks are more “business as usual” and correspond to the five separate Success Criteria.

Highlights

Key workstreams for 2024/2025 have been summarised on page 9. These are further explained in the Annual Plan and include:

- To progress towards the introduction of Remote Electronic Monitoring (REM) on all mobile fishing vessels operating in the District.
- To extend the REM trial onto potting vessels in the District.
- To gather data on crustacean catches, fishing effort and gear to inform future management measures.
- To continue with spatial monitoring on the towed gear fleet.
- To trial the use of durometers to measure the hardness of brown crab shell – as part of Crab & Lobster FMP.
- To re-make the Potting, Netting and Diving Permit Byelaws.
- To support Members with regular training webinars.
- To investigate commercial fishing activity – use of IVMS, Catch App and log book data.
- To engage with Marine Spatial Prioritisation Programme.
- To conduct further FMP work.
- To complete the remaining MPA Assessments.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Background Papers

- Authority meeting minutes (D&S IFCA Website Resource Library)
- D&S IFCA Annual Plan 2023/2024 (that includes national success criteria)

End.