



Draft Action Plan

Championing Coastal Coordination [3Cs]

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Introduction

The Championing Coastal Coordination (3Cs) programme is an initiative from the Environment Agency.

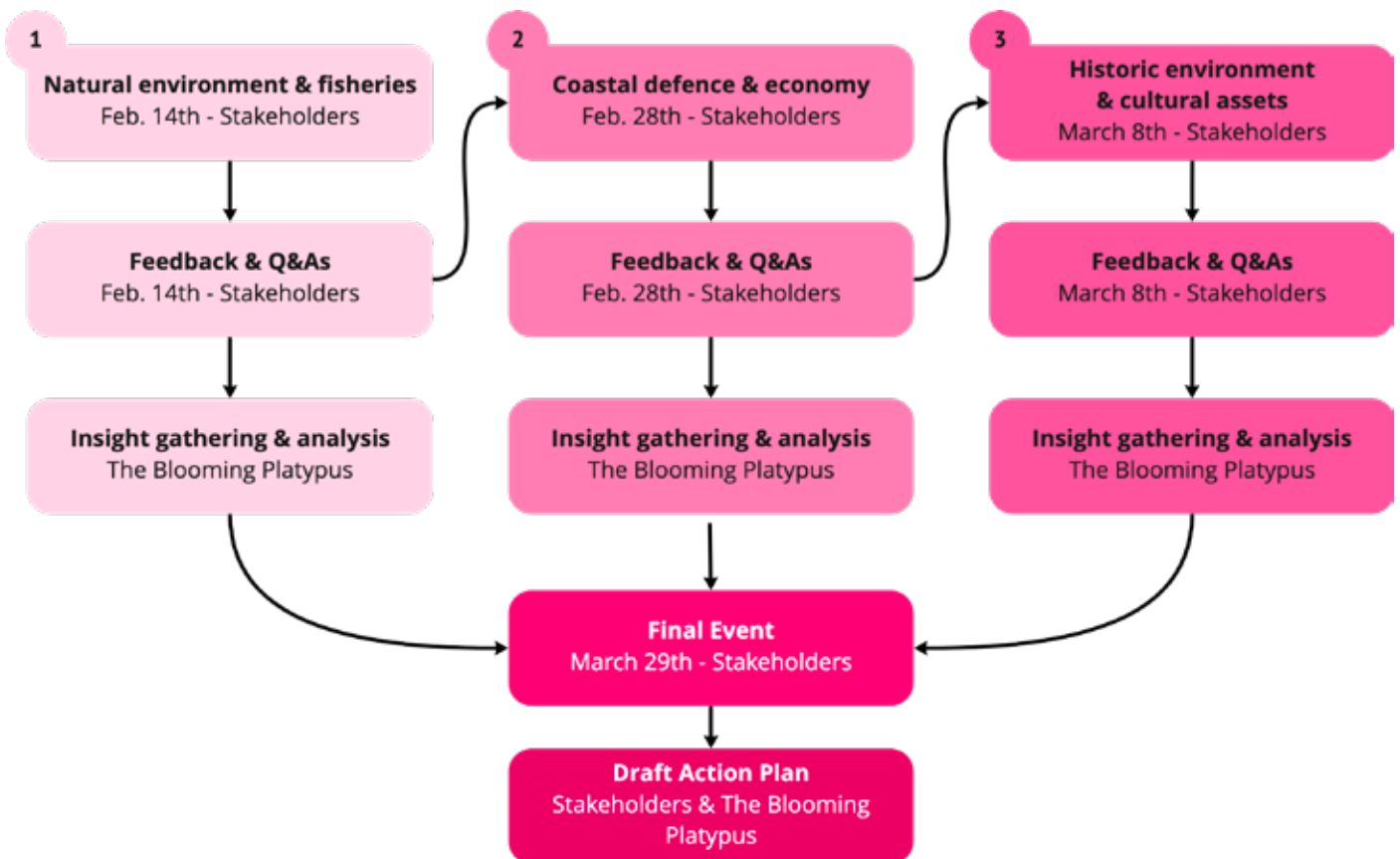
The 3Cs programme looked to examine best-practice at the coast in response to the challenges of our time, such as climate change and the biodiversity crisis, and how effective coordination of collaborative processes delivers better outcomes for all concerned.

This project is one of many regional demonstrations funded through 3Cs. It was initiated by Durham Heritage Coast and the Berwickshire and Northumberland Marine Nature Partnership and facilitated by The

Blooming Platypus. It brought together a range of stakeholders from the Scottish borders down to the Tees and beyond.

This project aimed to build a cross-sectoral understanding of the range of likely climate change impacts on our local coast and sea and begin to identify shared actions and collaborative responses to these.

This Draft Action Plan, which works alongside the 3Cs Project Report (PR), gathers the insights from the project process below [see PR p. 8 for more information]. It is not a final answer; instead, it highlights foci for action and offers a starting point to move forward.

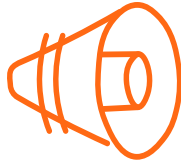


Overview of Themes



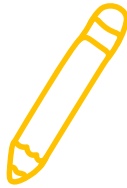
Collaboration

Capitalising on the knowledge, expertise, experience and drive present within the NE Coastal Network and broader stakeholders.



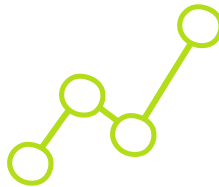
Public engagement

Engaging with the broader public through education, events or projects as they are 'experts by experience'.



Policy

Addressing the gaps and challenges emerging from geographic and time-bound governments and political agendas.



Data

Maximising the collection, the use and the signposting of data while disseminating new knowledge generated through data analysis.



Nature-focused solutions

Using nature and considering it every step of the way to address challenges resulting from climate change in a more holistic manner.

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01

Purposeful Collaboration

Being more strategic and purposeful in our collaborations, and thinking about whom we need to engage as addressing climate change is everyone's responsibility.



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Purposeful Collaboration

collaboration

policy

public engagement

When considering collaboration, we must be more strategic and purposeful and think about whom we need to engage. Climate change is not just the responsibility of experts, governments and charities. It is everyone's responsibility. As our goal is to enact change, often with limited human and financial resources, we have to think outside the box and get creative in working together.

KEY ACTIONS

- Identify & engage with the 'right' stakeholders [action 1]
 - Record & share good practice [action 3]
 - Share ownership with communities [action 5]
- [see Project Report p. 26]*

DESIRED OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS

- Get people to step forward to be actively involved.
- Involve diverse groups in the decision-making process
- Encourage individual responsibility & resilience.
- Make sustainable choices accessible to all.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS

Local authorities, governmental agencies, non-profit organisations, researchers, members of the public & their communities.

ENABLERS

- Make solutions accessible to all [action 2]
 - Think globally but act locally [action 4]
- [see Project Report p. 26]*

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- Who are the representatives/people missing around the table?
- Engage with existing local leaders and community groups interested or willing to get involved.
- What are the right tools and methods for a successful collaboration?

02

Always Educate

Giving all individuals the tools to fully understand challenges arising from climate change and empowering them to make a positive change.



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Always Educate

public engagement

data

collaboration

We need to look at ways to communicate better and educate the public & their communities. It will enable them to fully understand the extent of climate change's challenge and understand how they can make a positive change at their level. All materials and events created for education need to be positive, empowering and done in plain English.

KEY ACTIONS

- Share information simply [action 6]
 - Create a guide to climate change [action 8]
 - Raise awareness [action 9]
 - Document case studies [action 10]
- [see Project Report p. 27]

DESIRED OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS

- Clarify & simplify the messages for a more significant impact,
- Share information to empower the public & give them agency,
- Create consistent messaging across all stakeholders and platforms,
- Create regular campaigns using simple jargon-free language that is accessible to all.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS

North East Coastal Network & members of the public.

ENABLERS

- Identify audience groups [action 7]
 - Make solutions accessible to all [action 2]
 - Record & share good practice [action 3]
 - Use data to educate [action 19]
- [see Project Report p. 26, 27 & 29]

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- What is [are] the key message[s] we need to deliver?
- Collaborative production of data & materials.
- Who are the best people to work on this?

03

North East Coastal Network

Use the North East Coastal Network as a regional hub for Climate Change Actions by engaging all NE local authorities & stakeholders to set up a regional vision and plan of action.



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North East Coastal Network

policy

public engagement

There is an urgency to set up a regional vision and agenda to address the likely impact of climate change on our coasts, while recognising that adaptation must be local. A better joined-up thinking by engaging all NE local authorities and stakeholders would enable the monitoring and evaluation of the different practices and the creation of an adaptation plan.

KEY ACTIONS

- Create [validate] a Coastal Action Plan [action 11]
 - Improve joined-up thinking in policy [action 12]
 - Create a Centre for Capacity [action 14]
- [see Project Report p. 28]*

DESIRED OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS

- Form a united front to address the impact of climate change.
- Learn from each others and avoid the repetition of the same mistakes.
- Connect wider society and economic, with climate policy and biodiversity policy.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS

Local authorities, Government agencies, grass roots organisations & Parish Council.

ENABLERS

- Offer appropriate incentives to drive change [action 13]
 - Work across local authorities & political boundaries [action 15]
 - Think globally but act locally [action 4]
- [see Project Report p. 26 & 28]*

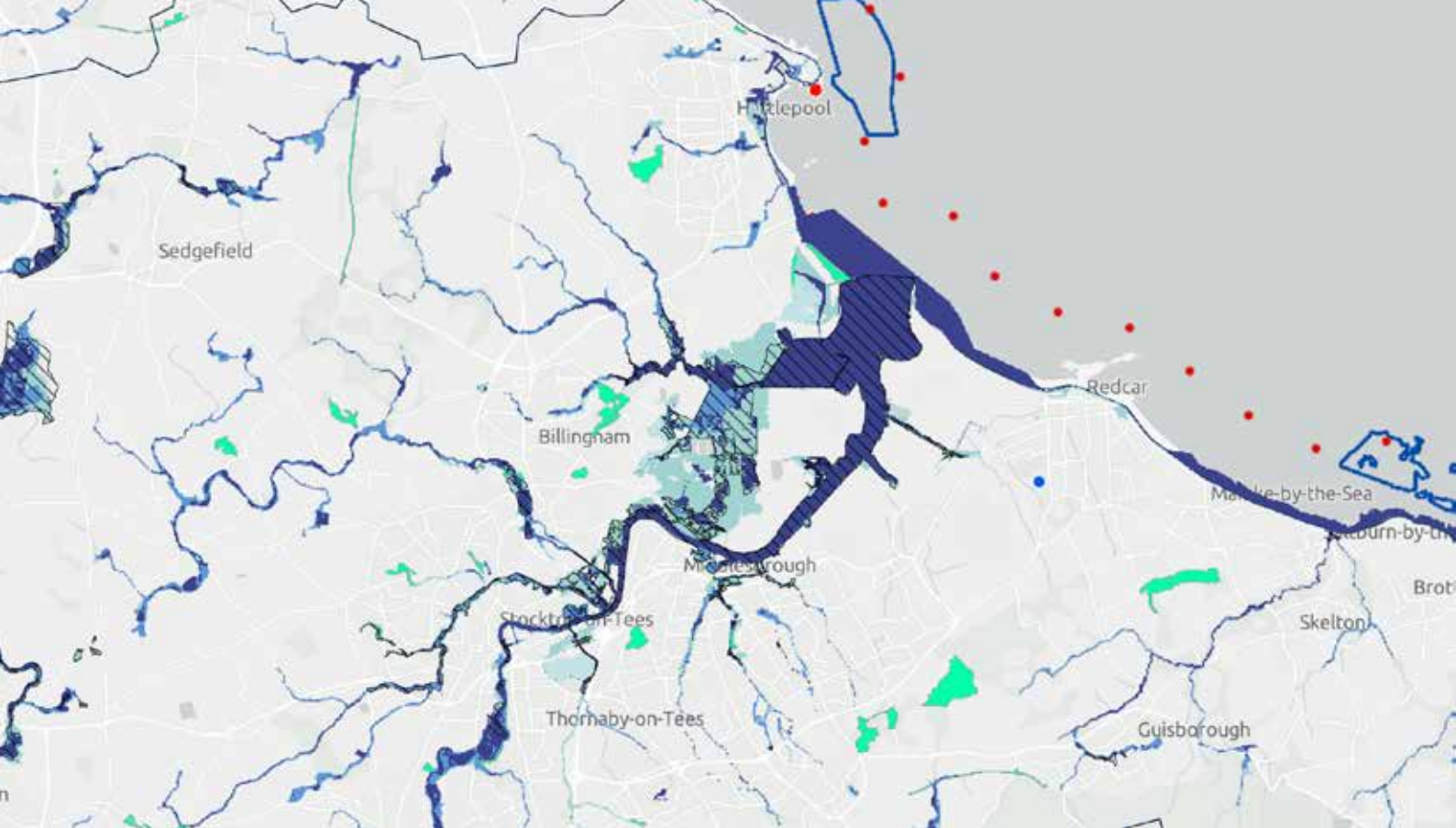
KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- To identify the right places to deliver future activities on the ground.
- How are we collecting & recording best & worst practice?
- How might we get a consensus?
- How can stakeholders influence national policy?
- What can we learn from the the SMP process?
- How can we join-up action on the coast to activity within wider catchments?

04

Make Data Accessible

Bringing together all public data from the North East Coastal Partnership members, so it can be easily retrieved, navigated, and used by partners and stakeholders.



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Make Data Accessible

- data
- policy
- collaboration

It is crucial to bring together all public data from the North East Coastal Network members, so it can be easily retrieved, navigated, and used. It would enable everyone to be on the same page whilst identifying the gaps to address. Further, it would ensure that data gathered during time-bound projects and initiatives are not lost but can contribute to further projects.

KEY ACTIONS

- Improve data signposting [action 15]
 - Map data [action 17]
 - Create a metadata catalogue [action 18]
- [see Project Report p. 29]*

DESIRED OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS

- Visualise & use the data already available,
- Identify the gaps in data,
- Work with researchers to collect missing data,
- Successful fulfilment of the duty to share data of public funded projects.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS

Environment Agency [Coastal Data Explorer], North East Coastal Network, academia, local authorities & funding agencies.

ENABLERS

- Share information [action 6]
 - Work across local authorities & political boundaries [action 15]
- [see Project Report p. 27 & 29]*

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- How do we make sure that we don't lose the nuances through the process?
- How do we make it in line with the expectations of local authorities & funding bodies?
- How is data updated? Things move fast.

05

Work with Nature

Using, where possible, nature's defences for a sustainable and environment-friendly approach to address climate change.



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Work with Nature

nature-focused solutions

collaboration

Climate change results from harmful and damaging human actions on nature. To avoid repeating mistakes from the past, we want to work with nature and not against it in addressing challenges arising from climate change. To do so, we must use, where possible, nature's defences for a sustainable and environment-friendly approach.

KEY ACTIONS

- Evidence success of nature-based solutions [action 20]
 - Work with nature [action 21]
 - Create and restore habitat [action 22]
 - Shift food habits [action 23]
- [see Project Report p. 30]

DESIRED OUTCOMES/OUTPUTS

- Identify the scientific evidence needed,
- Trial nature-based solutions and share results with stakeholders,
- Raise awareness about 'soft' solutions,
- Have a more sustainable and environmentally friendly approach to addressing climate change.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS

Researchers, local authorities & North East Coastal Network.

ENABLERS

- Create focus targets [action 24]
 - Think globally but act locally [action 4]
 - Record & share good practices [action 3]
- [see Project Report p. 26 & 30]

KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- There is a tension around waiting for evidence and getting people to invest in soft solutions,
- What are the proven nature-based solutions? Which others are likely to work and need trialling?
- How might we support and enable more sustainable practices?



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