

**PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
IN-DEPTH STUDY 2014/15**

TOPIC: *UNDERSTANDING EROSION OF THE FORESHORE*

FRAMEWORK FOR SCRUTINY / SCOPE OF PROJECT:

To understand the perceived changes to the beach and foreshore.

Issues to consider -

Possible effects and causes

Any patterns or similar changes to foreshore in neighbouring areas

Changes to habitats

Method: Through project team meetings and witness sessions.

Target date: April 2015

MEMBERSHIP:

Councillor Flewitt (Chairman), Councillors Ayling, Byford, Jarvis, Moyies, Mulrone, Royston and Ward.

Officer / partner support – Peter Geraghty, Richard Atkins (Technical Support) and Tim Row (project coordinator).

SOURCES OF EVIDENCE

The evidence base will be:

- (a) Data, profiles, trends and patterns
- (b) Review messages and key issues from relevant reports to Cabinet and the Scrutiny Committee
- (c) Information from neighbouring authorities and partners
- (d) Information held by statutory agencies
- (e) Stakeholders meetings

POTENTIAL WITNESSES:

- (a) Environment Agency;
- (b) East Anglian Coastal Monitoring Programme
- (c) Natural England;
- (d) Essex Wildlife Trust
- (e) RSPB
- (f) Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority
- (g) Essex University
- (h) Relevant SBC Officers

Scrutiny process is structured to add value and is supportive of the challenges already set to be delivered, but has limited resources, which need to be focused on providing the front line service and the priority outcomes for the Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

To make appropriate recommendations to the Council.