

# North Devon and Somerset Shoreline Management Plan

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# Some key reasons for local authorities having a role:

- **Local authorities have a responsibility to represent their local communities**
  - **Homes**
  - **Businesses**
  - **Environment**
  - **Community infrastructure**



# Where can local authorities help?

- Up to date information such as location of key infrastructure, flood risk assessments, economic and archaeological data.
- Help assess the risks to people and the built and natural environment
- Collection and consideration of stakeholders' concerns and objectives
- Planning policy
- Identify the consequences of putting SMP policy into practice

## The outputs?

- Policy statements for each management unit
- A realistic and affordable management plan for the SMP

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The process in outline is:

- **Collect data and confirm an understanding of coastal processes and how the shoreline is behaving**
- **Define key features, benefits, issues and set objectives**
- **Identify the risks**
- **Assess the objectives**
- **Consult on policy scenarios, amend and finalise the SMP**
- **Implement the SMP**

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## The planning system and community strategies

The SMP process should be supporting the planning system

- **Informing the Regional Spatial Strategy**
- **Identify areas at risk of flooding**
- **Predicting long term change in the coastline**
- **Developing appropriate LDF policy**
- **Identifying risks where there are coastal development plan sites**
- **Information on whether coast protection for a development is viable or would need mitigation**
- **Feeding into the local Community Strategy**

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# Local Authorities at the heart of the SMP process:

- **Preparation of the SMP**
- **Engaging the public in the process**
- **Delivering the SMP**



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