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CABINET

7 NOVEMBER 2014

**REFERENCE FROM SERVICE DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OF 22 SEPTEMBER 2014**

A.3 UPDATE ON THE COASTAL PROTECTION SCHEME FOR CLACTON-ON-SEA AND HOLLAND-ON-SEA

(Report Prepared by Colin Sweeney)

BACKGROUND

At its meeting held on 22 September 2014, the Committee received a presentation by Officers and a verbal update by Councillor N Turner, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Coast Protection, on the Coastal Protection Scheme for Clacton-on-Sea and Holland-on-Sea.

Members were advised that Phase 1 of the project for this year commenced on 22 July with the removal of groynes from the radar mast to just below the esplanade and a temporary beach access ramp had been established. In addition, large rocks had been shipped-in from Norway and beach material had been bought-in from a licensed dredge site to deliver an initial recharge (called rainbowing) and 20,000 cubic metres of materials had been used to build-up the area for fishtail groynes.

The Committee noted that the Visitor Centre there was open every day from 10.00am to 4.00pm and that this was proving very popular amongst visitors. Officers confirmed that there was a link on the Council's website, which gave project updates on a weekly basis and a further link to a time lapsed camera which filmed what was being done. Members were also pleased to note that the café at Holland Gap was attracting a lot of business during this time.

Members were advised that the Project's main recharge was due to start in late October and that the first phase of the work was to construct seven fishtail groynes, with Phase 2 of the works scheduled to start in March 2015. Subject to there being a fair winter, it was hoped that the works could continue throughout this time and enable completion as early as August next year.

In response to a Member's question, officers advised that the beach and promenade where the works were being carried out would remain closed during this time, although this could be reopened if work allowed.

Members were actively encouraged to take time to go along and view the works in progress as it was well worth a visit.

Officers reassured Members that whilst there would be some inevitable disruption as a result of the works, this would be kept to a minimum.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS TO CABINET

Cabinet is now asked to consider the comments of the Service Development and Delivery Scrutiny Committee and determine its response if any:

The Committee **COMMENTS** to **CABINET** that having received a thorough and excellent update, the Committee expressed its extreme satisfaction with regard to the progress being made and how the entire operation had been handled and managed.

PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET

Comments will be provided directly at the meeting.