

Cumbria Coastal Strategy - Public Engagement Event

Welcome

Cumbria County Council is working with the Cumbria Coast Protection Authorities and the Environment Agency to develop a strategy for the future management of the coast from Arnside to the Scottish Border.

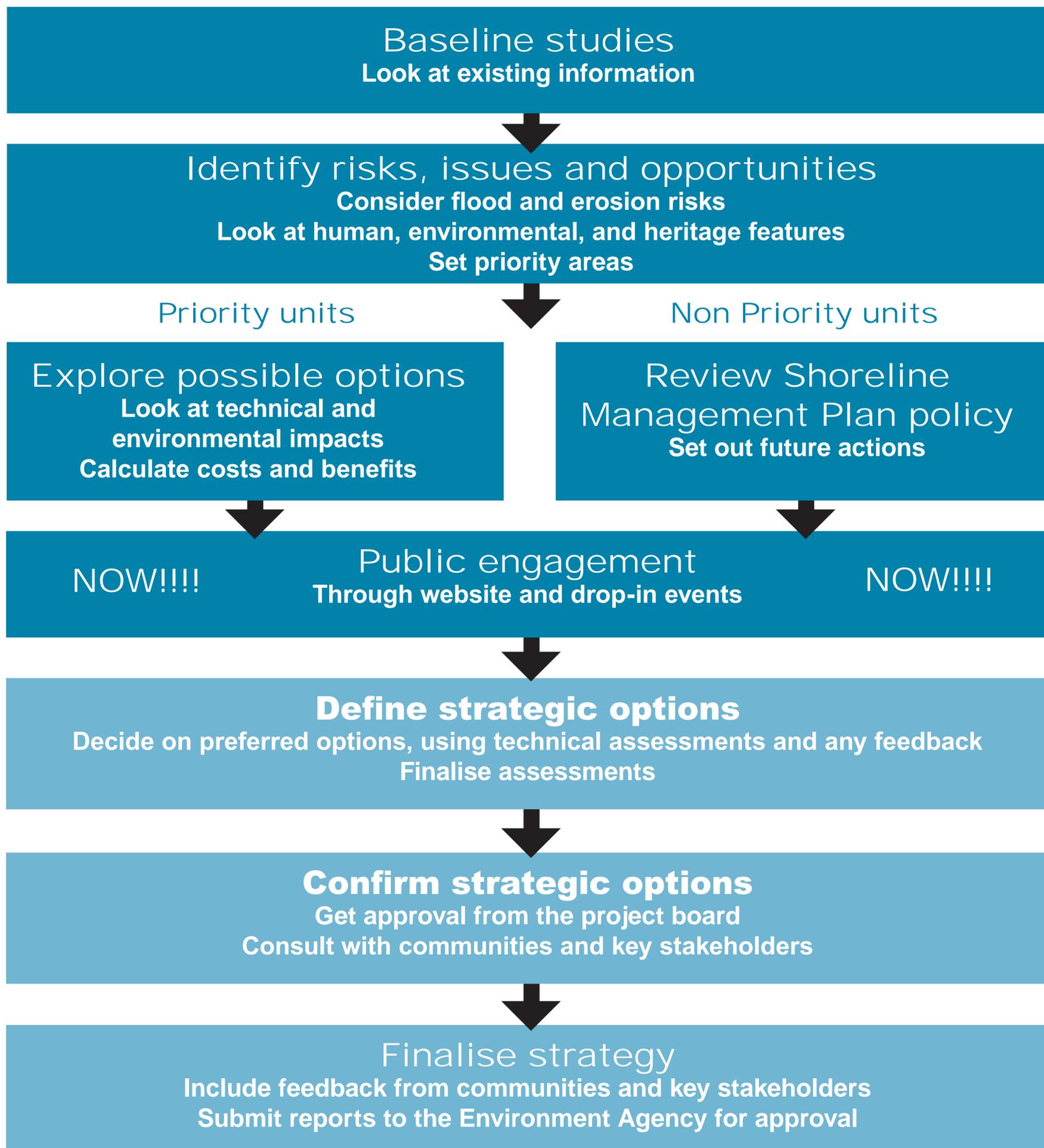
This strategy includes stretches of coast managed by South Lakeland District Council, Barrow Borough Council, Copeland Borough Council, Allerdale Borough Council, and Carlisle City Council. In parts of these areas coastal defence responsibility also lies with the Environment Agency, Cumbria County Council, Network Rail and private landowners.

- The strategy will give a clear plan on how we will address the future risks from coastal erosion and flooding along our shorelines.
- It builds upon the Shoreline Management Plan adopted in 2010. This looked at the coastline between Great Ormes Head in Wales to the Scottish Border and set out policies saying how we should manage the shoreline. We now need to think about how we will carry out these policies.
- We also need it to get approval from government for coastal defence schemes.
- Any future works will rely on funding. Some funding may be available from central government, but we don't think we will get full funding for schemes.
- Projects can still go ahead if other funding can be found and we are looking into possible funding partners.



How have we developed the strategy?

We have carried out several studies looking at the key features of our coastline and the risks to these from coastal erosion and flooding, both now and in the future.



How do I find information about my stretch of coast?

Information is available for all stretches of our coastline. How each stretch of coast has been considered depends on whether it is in a priority or non-priority unit.

The Shoreline Management Plan divided the Cumbria coast into 25 areas, each of these include several policy units. We have used the same units.

A policy unit is simply a length of shoreline where a single policy, such as hold the line, do nothing or managed realignment, has been set by the Shoreline Management Plan. These units usually cover sections of coast that look similar or where the same features are at risk.

We have looked at where there are coastal defence management needs in the short term. This may be where:

- There are key features, such as houses, roads, environmental or heritage features, at possible risk from coastal flooding or erosion
- The existing Shoreline Management Plan policy has been questioned, or
- There are opportunities to improve the environment and bring benefits to an area.

These stretches are referred to as '**priority units**'. Here, we have looked at different options for dealing with future risks.

Along the **rest of the coast**, we have looked again at the current Shoreline Management Plan policy and identified future actions.



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How do I find information about my stretch of coast?

An engagement summary document is available to view here and can also be viewed online at www.cumbria.gov.uk/ccs.

In this you can find information on:

- Whether your stretch of coast lies within a priority or non-priority unit
- The key issues and opportunities
- Options looked at for the priority units
- Our initial conclusions on options from thinking about costs, benefits, and impacts on the wider environment
- Future actions for non-priority units

We would like your thoughts on the options and actions presented.

A questionnaire is available for you to fill in or you can provide feedback at www.cumbria.gov.uk/ccs



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