Meeting Aims

• To provide an understanding of what the Medway Estuary and Swale Strategy is

• Explain progress of the Strategy, and the next steps

• Present the preferred options and describe the public consultation process

• Answer any questions about the Strategy and preferred options you might have
Tiers of Coastal Defence Planning

Three tiers of coastal defence planning:

- Shoreline Management Plan
  - Identifies general policies and general implementation

- Strategy
  - Identifies nature and timing of works to be undertaken

- Scheme
  - Design and construction of capital works and maintenance
Strategy Phases

Phase 1: Start up
Phase 2: Long list to short listed options
Phase 3: Short list to preferred options
Phase 4: Reporting and public consultation
Phase 5: Consultation responses and final reporting
Phase 6: Strategy submission

Key
- End stages (Project Board approval)
Developing the preferred options

Criteria:
• reduce the threat to people and their property
• deliver the greatest environmental, social and economic benefit
• work with natural processes
• adapt to future risk and changes (e.g. climate change)
• sustainability
Stages of Option Development

• Task 1: Define long list of options

• Task 2: Screen long list to create short list of options

• Task 3: Evaluate the short list

• Task 4: Select the preferred option
Preferred options

- **Hold the line** – maintaining or improving existing defences in their current position
- **No active intervention** – ceasing maintenance of defences and allowing natural processes to take place
- **Managed realignment** – creating set back defences inland of their current position
Current project tasks

Stakeholder Engagement
- SEG
- Landowners
- Public
- Statutory (on SEA and HRA)
- Stakeholder Report summarising results (Project Board Sign Off at end of Phase 4)

SEA and HRA
- Reporting
- WFD by EA team
- Internal Team Review
- Statutory Stakeholder Review

Draft Appraisal Reporting
- Options technical report
- Economic report
- Final ASTs
- STAR
- Implementation Plan
- Other Strategy Appendices
Public Consultation

• Now live until 5 February 2018
• Maps and documents available to review online
• Public drop in sessions:
  30 November – Eastchurch Village Hall. 3 – 7pm
  6 December – Riverside Country Park, Gillingham. 3 – 7pm
  12 December – Halling Community Centre. 3:30 – 7:30pm
Thank you

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