

Planning for the future of the Manhood Peninsula

HOW DO YOU protect the unique qualities of the Manhood Peninsula while planning for its future? That was the topic of a recent workshop looking at a long-term vision for the peninsula.

The event looked at how competing demands from visitors and residents could be balanced to benefit both the environment and the economy of the peninsula. It also considered the opportunities presented by the managed re-alignment project along the Medmerry coast.

The workshop, 'Towards Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) on the Manhood Peninsula', was run by the Coastal Change Pathfinder Project. This is currently being delivered by the Manhood Peninsula Partnership, on behalf of Chichester District Council.

Keith Morgan, Assistant Director for Environmental and Planning Policy at Chichester District Council, says: "The Manhood Peninsula is unique, so we've had to come up with a

unique plan for the future. As part of this, we're looking at every area from coastal change to traffic management, housing to the economy, and climate change to land drainage. By coming together we can make sure everything is linked and this will benefit residents, businesses and visitors."

Topics debated included:

- transport and access, including how to better manage traffic around the peninsula;
- environment; • economy; • housing and neighbourhoods; • health and well being; and,
- infrastructure.

About 55 people with a variety of backgrounds and interests attended the workshop. Among those who attended were representatives from:

- Chichester District Council; • local parish councils; • local natural environment and heritage organisations • businesses; • West Sussex County Council; • Natural England • RSPB; and, • Environment Agency.