




**WORKING TOGETHER TO MANAGE  
LOCAL FLOOD RISK**

*Partnership Working*


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**Introduction**  
East Kent Engineering Partnership



Formally set up in June 2007 between Canterbury,  
Dover, Shepway, Swale and Thanet District Councils

Arrangement to work in partnership but to maintain  
individual staffing, budgets and working arrangements



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## Partnership Working



**Regular partnership meetings** – to progress the partnership, review working arrangements, discuss individual projects and how we can assist one another and other authorities outside the partnership. Environment Agency and Kent County Council representatives also attend.

**Works programmes** – produce programmes and adjust to peaks and troughs, assess staffing levels, allocate across authorities and investigate joint procurement. An important aspect is to review our MTP schemes.

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**Authority skills** – compiled to determine capabilities across the partnership and assess training and development needs. Arrange joint training opportunities with other SECG members invited.

**Shared documentation** – standard contract documents, specifications, drawings and ancillary information prepared and used by all. Also arrangements for one member to attend important seminars and consultation events and feed back to the others.

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**Partnership projects** – all types of engineering and engineering related projects. Not just coastal but all the various types of construction projects that local authorities are involved with - coastal & harbours, structural, geotechnical, drainage, infrastructure, amenities, surveying, CDM.

**Joint select tender lists** – production of select lists of contractors to tender for all medium and large schemes across partnership for next four years. Select lists also available for use by other SECG members.

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## Partnership Projects



Warden Bay Rock Revetment (£0.6M)

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Milton Creek Landscape Gateway Project (£2.2M)

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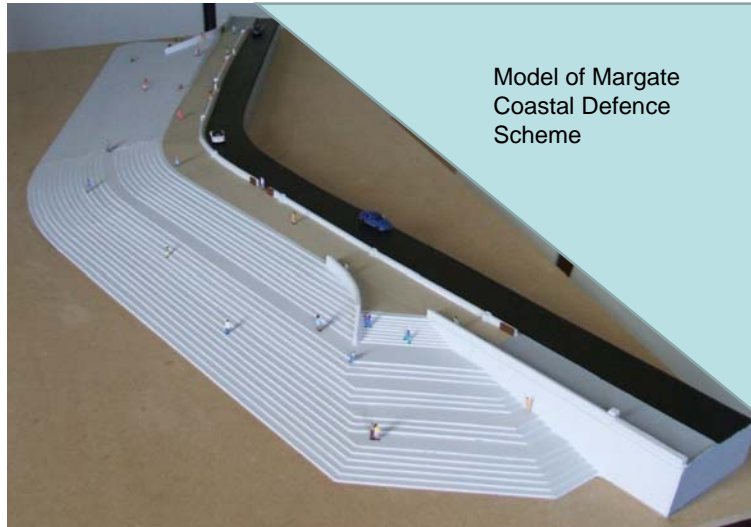


Strategic Monitoring Phases 1 & 2 (£4.2M)

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Model of Margate Coastal Defence Scheme

Margate Coast Protection Scheme (£6.2M)

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Ramsgate Harbour Floating Breakwater (£1.0M)

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Deal Skateboard Park (£0.25M)

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Kingsdown Beach Management (£0.1M pa)

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Coronation Parade Coast Protection (£4.5M)

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## Partnership Benefits



### Indirect

Avoidance of duplication of effort on consultations and important seminars

Shared documentation, application procedures, recycling of relevant previous work and standards

Ability to promote in-house training

Very broad range of experience allows right person for right job plus the benefit of local knowledge

Set up of select list of contractors

In order of £25k per year savings on staff time

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### Direct

Strategic monitoring - in-house surveying 75% of contract surveyors – saving £60k pa

Small projects and studies – in-house staff rates 65% of consultants – saving £35k pa

Major capital projects – in-house design and contract fees average 5% compared to consultants fees of around 10% - saving £700k over 3 years

More efficient design – local knowledge of conditions, what works well and future maintenance regimes - saving on construction cost

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## Example of Financial Benefits



### Whitstable Coast Protection Scheme

Contract sum £6,721k

Design & contract fees £316k

Fees 4.7% - saving £356k



Timber groyne design

Including recycled

41% less timber

saving £223k

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## Extending the Partnership



**Working with other SECG Authorities** – scope to extend partnership across the whole SECG region to assist other local authorities, particularly on coastal capital projects but also on other schemes. Already working with Hastings and Eastbourne plus discussions with Kent CC

**Working with the Environment Agency** – opportunities to assist EA to meet their capital programme particularly on the smaller local projects. Consider that partnership could produce high quality at a cheaper cost but difficulties with the EA procurement rules and little progress made.

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## SECG Projects



Hastings Rock Groyne

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Eastbourne Beach Management

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