# 1: Welcome:

# 2: Notes from previous meeting:

# 3: Update on Events since last meeting

#### 3. Update on Events

Started work on updated OBC to new Hybrid Option

Held risk workshop with contractors and designers in Sidmouth.

Concerns raised about big cost increases, and trickier working conditions

**Repriced Hybrid Option** 

Reprised risk budget

### 3. Update on Events

Construction cost has increased from £9m to £12m

Risk Budget increased from £2.1m to £5.5m

Funding eligibility maximum at £14.5m

Project Cost Estimate £19m
Project Deficit £4.5m

#### 3. Construction Cost increase

Construction (Red) Diesel now not allowed, 50% increase in fuel costs

Materials costs increased
Construction inflation running above general inflation
Reduced staff availability due to smaller labour pool availability.
Energy costs increased prior to Ukraine War
Energy costs increased further since Ukraine War start
More difficult to get specialist equipment hire from Europe
More difficult to import material into UK
Ongoing Covid Sickness

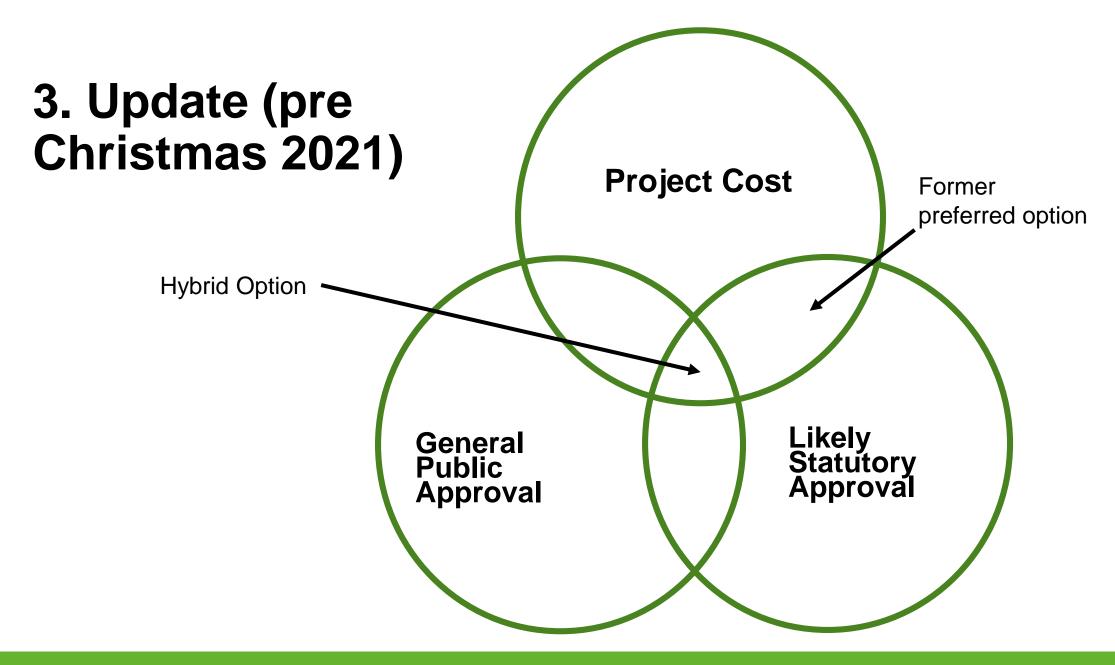
### 3. Risk budget increase

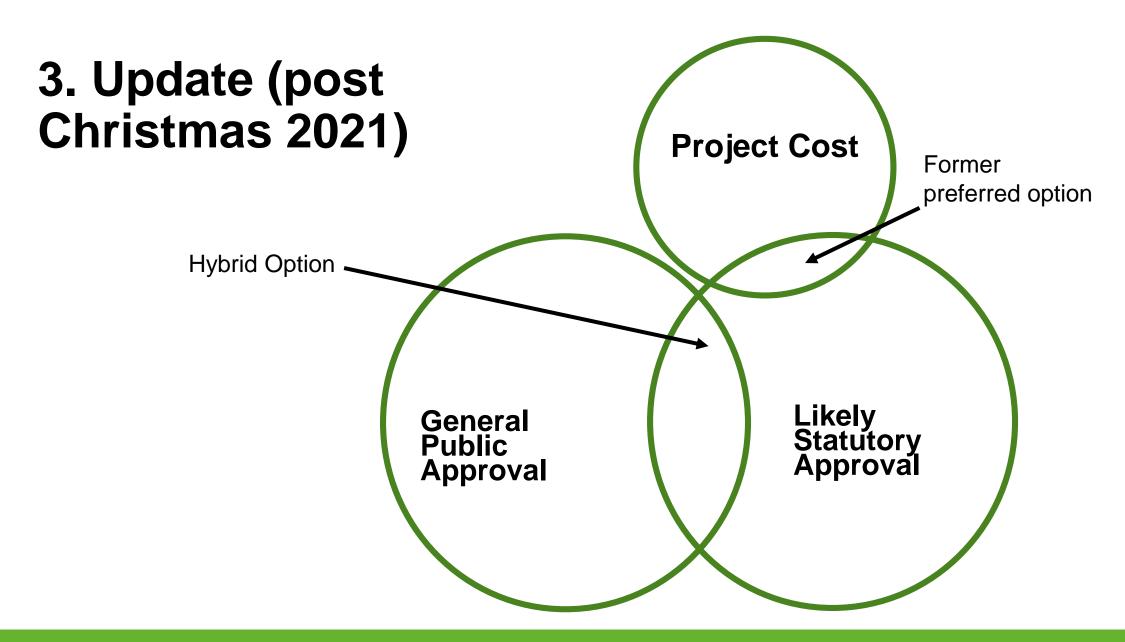
More risk to allow for further material staff increases

Concern about working/accessing East Beach and damage to plants/staff from cliff falls/

Concern over 24h working on beach recharge during the non winter months.

Risk over material availability





# 4: Work undertaken to get project back on track

# 4a. Work undertaken to get project back on track

- Work going into finding optimum cost to benefit ratio.
- Reduced standard of protection, reduced costs, but reduced funding eligibility.
- Consultant working on this now.

## 4b. Work undertaken to get project back on track

- Looking at reducing/removing elements of current scheme.
- Potentially reducing volume of beach recharge as largest cost
- Reducing other elements.
- However need to maintain standard of protection, or funding drop.s.

# 4c. Work undertaken to get project back on track

- Local and National Pressure on Central Government for more funding
- National problem, likely to affect delivery of all flood/coastal schemes,
- We met with Simon Jupp MP who has raised this with DEFRA and Treasury.
- Some interim guidance released, not a game changer.
- Spoken to other coastal councils, and most also have same issues.
- Feel that the funding calculator will (eventually) need to change, or Central Governments target of homes protected will be undeliverable

# 4d. Work undertaken to get project back on track

Looking at additional funding:

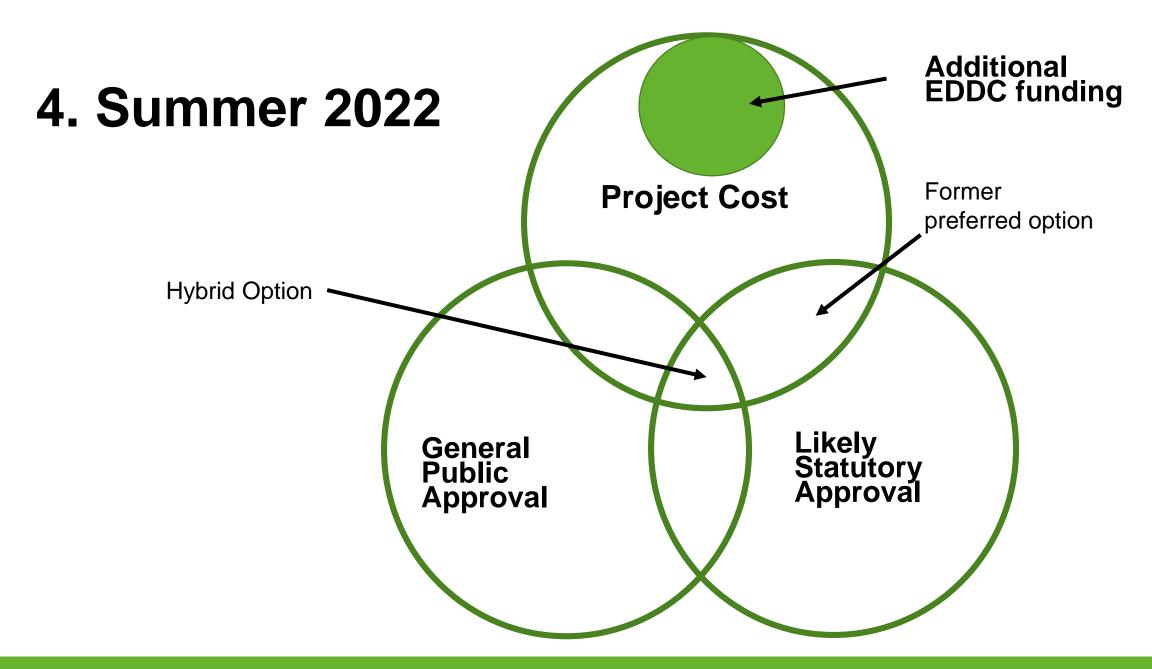
- Exploring all other funding opportunities
- Suggestion that EDDC fill the current funding gap, with the following caveats:
  - a) If risk budget not used, EDDC would seek to have money returned (Provisional go ahead for the above approach from EA)
  - b) If central government funding rules change during the schemes life, EDDC would seek to remove its contribution in lieu of replacement payment.
- Approach would need cabinet approval (September)

#### 4. Work undertaken to get project back on track

#### Dismissed ideas

- Not reverting to former 'preferred option'
- No significant changes to Hybrid option at this stage
- No major changes as it will lead to more delays.

- Will take on board concerns over various elements at detailed design stage.
- OBC stage does not commit to build, it's a funding commitment stage



# 5: Revised project timeline

## 5. Revised preferred option proposal

- Late Summer 2022 OBC submission
- Late Autumn 2022 OBC approval \* (may take longer due to scale of scheme)
- Late Autumn 2022 Ongoing scoping of detailed design stage with a sub group.
- Early 2023 Finalise detailed design scope
- Spring 2023 Tender consultant
- Summer 2023 Award contract
- Summer 2023-Autumn 2024 Design, Public Engagement and Planning process
- Autumn 2024 Tender contractor,
- Early 2025 Award contractor
- Spring 2025 Start Construction

# 6: Updated Joint Statement

#### 6. Updated Joint Statement

#### What is it?

- Update to previous joint statement.
- Worked on by Natural England, Jurassic Coast Team and EDDC.
- Includes much more detail on detail and importance of cliffs
- Confirms position on Hybrid option, but also desire for another option to be investigated, if a betterment to the designated site
- Will be published on EDDC website

# 7: Q+A

# 8: Any Other Business