# Forging new relationships in coastal management

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# LGA Coastal Special Interest Group the 'SIG'

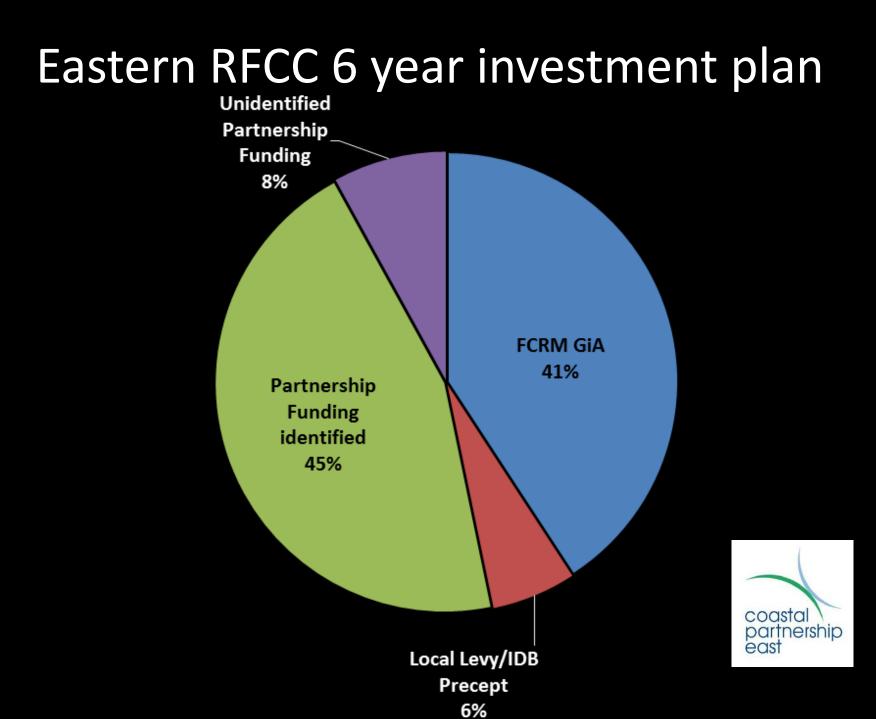
- Membership of SIG 60+
- Aims
  - Support councils deliver sustainable coast
  - Strengthen capacity of local councils
  - Promote role of local government
  - Achieve the recognition that England's coast deserves

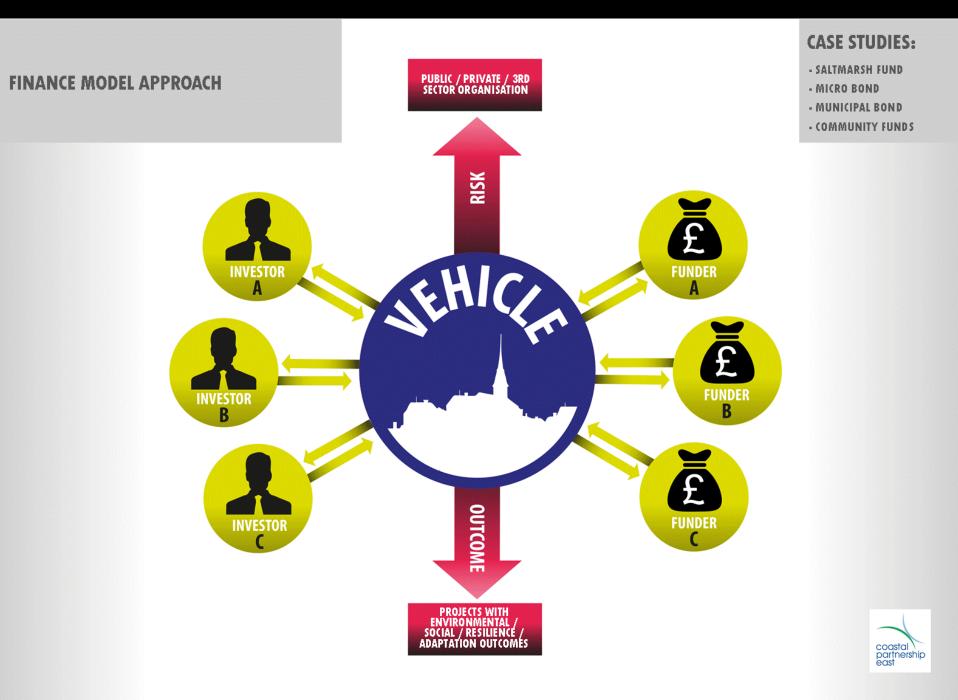


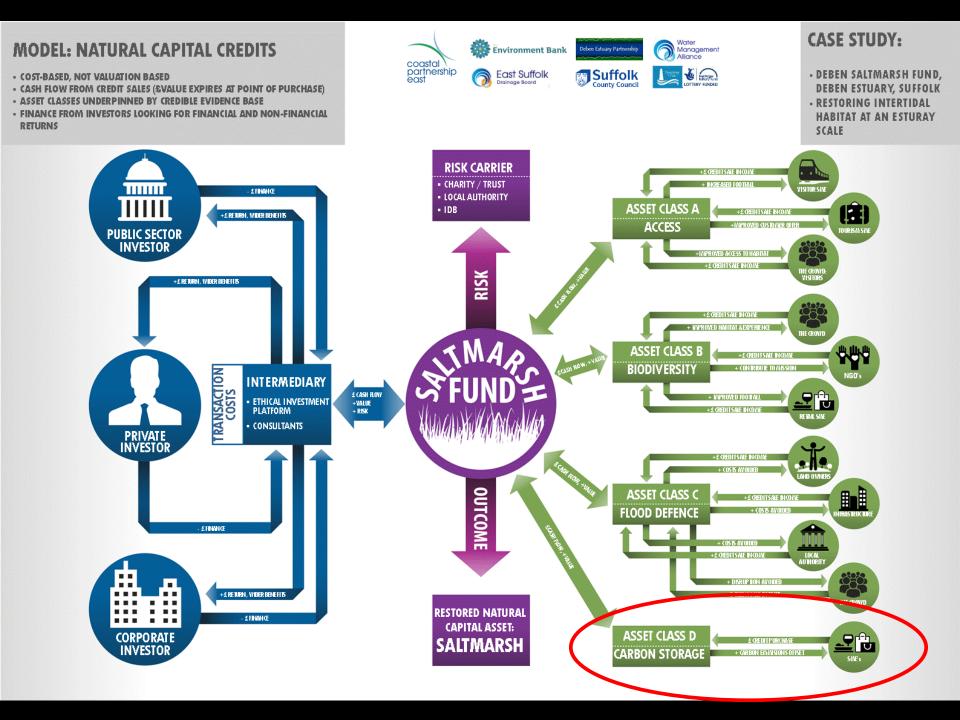
# Challenges faced by coastal local authorities

- Finance Local authority budgets and project delivery funds
- Operations Challenges in delivering for communities
- Capacity and Capability knowledge and expertise
- Communities and Partners building and maintaining relationships in a changing environment







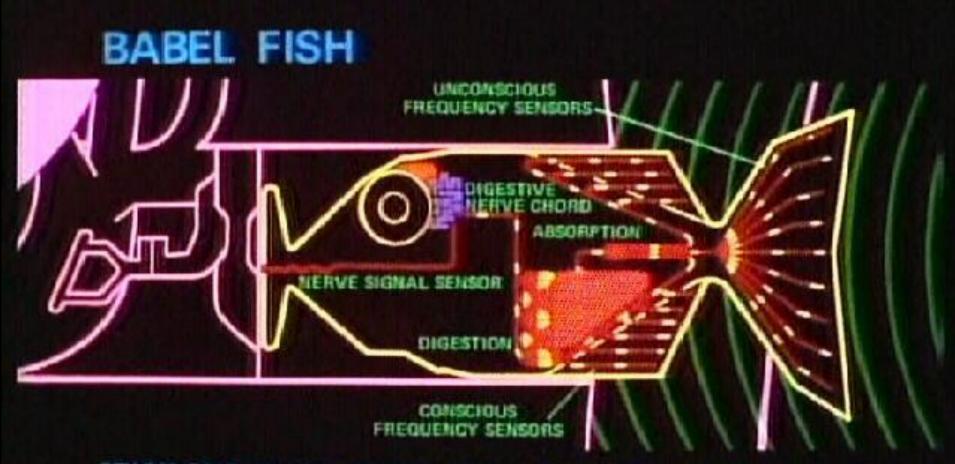


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# New relationships to be forged

- Intermediaries such as fund managers
- Investors interested social and environmental outcomes
- International public sector financial institutions e.g. World Bank
- Philanthropic funds
- Financial Consultants
- Contract management specialists
- Risk managers
- Charity Commissioners
- Insurance and water companies



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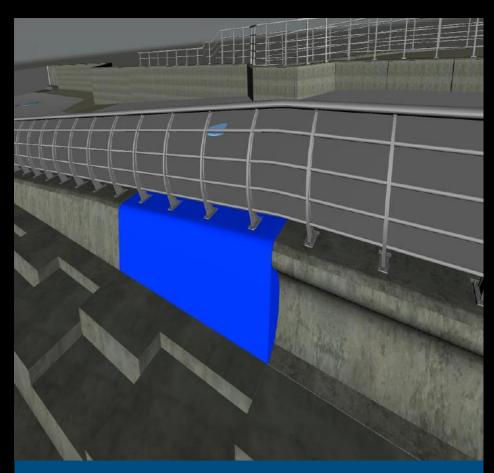
## Utilisation of new technologies



# **Building Information Modelling**



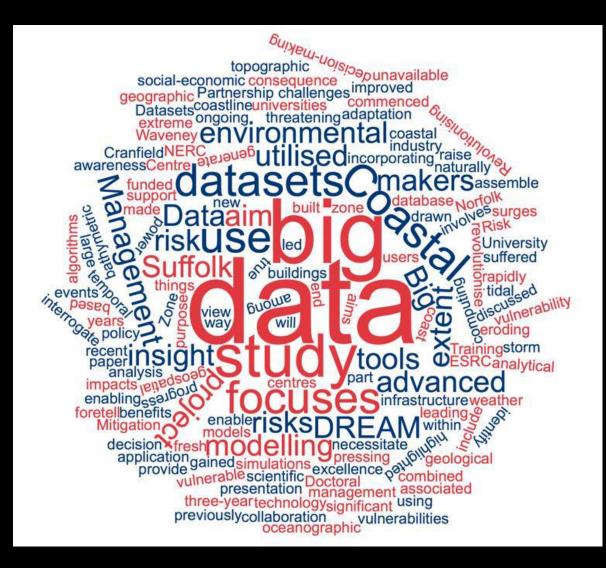
Blackpool coastal defences



BIM image showing concrete unit

**Balfour Beatty** 

#### An era of new data technologies





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## Relationships in the creation of policy

Coastal Adaptation – working group inc

- Defra inc EA and NE
- Local Government LGA, SIG together with various local authorities
- DCLG
- NGO National Trust
- Initial focus on: Gaps in policy, funding challenges, reporting and what's at risk



# Relationships to drive efficiency

- New partners have new complementary skills / expertise
- Other local authorities share learning
- Our partners Build greater trust to reduce the administration and utilise best individuals to deliver
- Decision process needs to be accountable, transparent and proportionate.



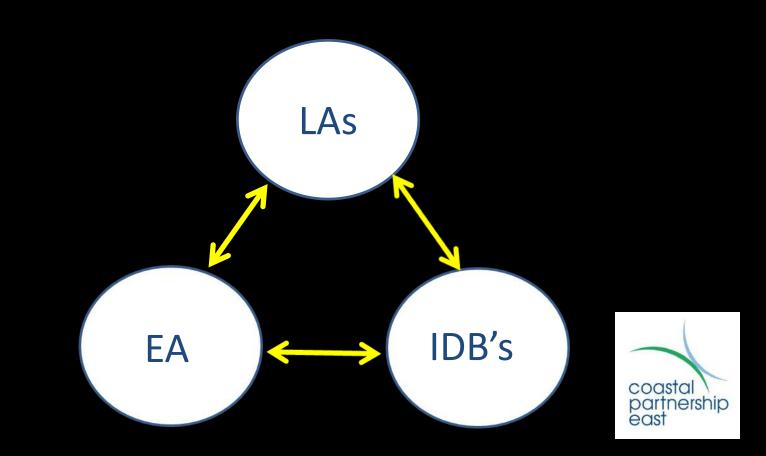
# **Building political relationships**







### Public Sector Co-operation Agreements





# Apprenticeships



## **Communities and Partners**









# Working with business community



# Community groups taking on new responsibilities



# Question: do we have the right governance for this changing environment?



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## Summary

The challenges faced by local authorities are not unique but they are becoming more complex.

- Seeking to respond and take advantage of new opportunities and manage risks the role of local authorities is changing.
- The ability of Local Authorities to work with coastal communities and businesses to deliver a sustainable coast is dependent on both building on existing relationships and actively forging new ones



# Thank you

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