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Dear Paul.

COAST PROTECTION ACT 1949: APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY STUDIES: NW Regional Coastal Monitoring Programme 2011/12-2015/16, CPW2013

I refer to your application for grant aid to meet the cost of the North West Coastal Monitoring Programme over the five years from April 2011 to March 2016. The North West Programme is outlined in the FRM7 form you submitted to us earlier this year signed by you and Graham Lymbery on 15 March 2010. As you know, this FRM7 was considered by our Large Projects Review Group together with programmes for the rest of England as part of a national Strategic Appraisal Report for coastal monitoring. Following that review, I'm pleased to be able to inform you that approval of the regional programme has now been granted in full.

I hereby confirm approval of the application for the sum of £5,360,000 (including a £628,000 contingencies figure) subject to the terms and conditions set out in the Memorandum Relating to Coastal Risk Management Grants. The approved sum is broken down as described in section 8 of the FRM7 form.

As the lead authority for the North West Coastal Monitoring Programme, Sefton Council will be responsible for managing the programme overall and ensuring that all of its constituent parts are carried out satisfactorily. You will need to take part in the national group set up to share good practice and ensure efficient national delivery of the programme. At a regional level, we expect to continue to be involved in the steering group for the programme and to work with you to ensure good value for public money.

Please note that you should complete an FRM8 form when the current (finishing in March 2011) regional coastal monitoring programme is complete. The final account form FRM 5, once audited as required, must be sent to the Head of FRM Finance within 24 months of works completion date. The same closure forms will be required at the end of the new programme also. Please send interim grant claims using form FRM 3 as usual to the Head of FRM Finance in Exeter using the email address laidbfinance@environment-agency.gov.uk. All these forms are available on our website. Please quote the above "CPW" number in your grant claims.

Best wishes in delivering the monitoring programme with your partner authorities. Please keep in touch as we move through the transition period from the current programme to the new one. We look forward to continuing to work with you.

Yours sincerely,

Ben Lukey

Coastal Engineer