

Plymouth Sound-Fowey PESTLE analysis for scenario development

Political

- Local Area Plans, planning in general
- Local Plan housing allocations (47,000 at least) over next 20 years
- Shoreline Management Plans already out of date - will need revision. Also changing attitudes to 'managed retreat' related to increased severe weather events (i.e. more likely to let Kingsand go, but political response may be to reverse that - e.g. Kingsand Clock Tower)
- Change of Government or Local Authority leadership
- Common Fisheries Policy reform
- Neighbourhood Plans
- Declining public sector

Economic

- New marine business (e.g. seaweed harvesting)
- EU Legacy projects
- Renewable energy
- Port/Harbour development
- Historic environment resources declining nationally and locally for foreseeable future
- Changing funding opportunities for historic environment (convergence not good, HLF better for local opportunities)
- Increase in marine recreation
- Flooding and coastal erosion
- Population growth
- increase in coastal development due to storms

Social

- Increased recreation at the coast
- Population increase
- Obesity and related illness
- Disability access
- Innovations that will change how we use the coast
- Coastal Community Fund and other EU coastal regeneration funds
- More leisure time => increased demand for moorings (conflict with useable areas)
- Ageing population
- Requirement to feed increased population
- Reduction in coastal population due to land loss/erosion
- Social disengagement in coastal communities with increasing second home ownership, and decline of 'succession' in traditional crafts/skills (lack of young people following on)

Technological

- New technology leading to increased fishing effort
- Deployable wave/tidal energy technology
- New offshore wind technology
- Development of eco-moorings
- Vessel Monitoring Systems on inshore boats

Legal

- Waste disposal site status changes
- Changing/new EU directives
- Policies which require revenue to be raised from the environment => environmental impact
- Growth of neighbourhood planning, devolving power from traditional 'council' functions and bodies
- New national environmental legislation
- New marine legislation through MCAA

Environmental

- MCZ designations - management options, regulations, enforcement
- Coastal development and squeeze => habitat loss
- Climate change, adaptation strategies
- Coastal erosion & flooding
- Changes in fishing practices