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Project Title:	SCAMP Monitoring and Evaluation Project
Service:	Environment Team
Project Owner:	Karen Morley

1 INTRODUCTION

Dumfries and Galloway Council and its partners in the Solway Coast and Marine Project Landscape Connections (SCAMP) wish to appoint a consultant to work with the SCAMP team to undertake an evaluation of our development stage work and prepare a framework for the monitoring and evaluation of the 8 year delivery phase. We are looking for a consultant or a team who can explore what worked and what was less successful and how this can inform the evaluation of the delivery phase. SCAMP Landscape Connections is a seascape scale nature restoration project covering 210 miles of the Solway Coast. The project involves 7 partners environment organisations and approx. 43 different projects.

We have been fortunate to secure National Lottery Heritage Funding for two years of development work where these projects and partnerships will be developed in order for us to better understand what we take forward into delivery stage. Therefore, an honest and transparent evaluation report is essential for us to plan, curate and develop the programme to go forward into SCAMP delivery and an early understanding of how we will monitor and evaluate our progress and achievements through the delivery phase.

Phase 1 – SCAMP Development has been running from June 2025 and will continue to the end of December 2027. The consultant/individual/team taken onto undertake the evaluation can carry out the work at any point within this time period with a focus on timings which work in sync with SCAMPs other events, meetings and partners SCAMP activities. This will include creating opportunities to talk/interview partners and communities involved in the SCAMP project, helping them to reflect on what worked and what didn't. Analysing findings to help us ensure we move forward into delivery stage with a well thought through plan and programme which will deliver on nature restoration as well as the other strands that run through SCAMP such as culture, heritage, access and wellbeing.

Phase 2 - SCAMP is a broad based, complex programme, involving many different projects and subject specialists. We therefore need to develop a monitoring and evaluation framework across the breadth of the programme for the delivery stage. The successful consultant will develop a framework for this monitoring and evaluation over the 8 years of delivery; consideration will need to be given to whether this will be a single monitoring and Evaluation framework or if it would be better broken down into a number of smaller more specialised frameworks.

We are looking for an individual or a consultancy who will be able to understand the breadth and complexity of the SCAMP project, but who is also has an innovative and creative approach. For more information on SCAMP please see: www.solwaycoastmarine.co.uk

SCAMP will deliver a 10-year holistic seascape programme to understand, conserve and develop the potential of the natural, cultural and built heritage for the people of the Solway Firth. SCAMP will focus a range of large-scale interventions and activities to deliver a coherent, and co-ordinated approach to reconnect people to the amazing Solway Firth seascape. SCAMP will leave the Solway Firth better understood, protected and will maximise the potential of the seascape to respond to today's nature and climate crises. SCAMP is the result of four years of development work under the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal, Natural Capital Innovation Zone programme.

Headline activities include:

- Large scale seascape/connected habitat restoration across five main habitats, native oyster reefs, seagrass beds, saltmarsh, sand dunes and coastal woodlands.
- Develop and implement large scale sustainable restoration demonstration projects
- Explore innovation and experimental habitat restoration techniques
- Encourage academic and practical research
- Empower citizen science engagement with our communities
- Gather quality decision grade baseline data.
- Develop financial models and help support emerging blue carbon and marine and coastal biodiversity private finance markets
- Run cultural programmes, activities and events that will engage communities, connecting people to the heritage of the Solway Firth, support understanding, appreciation, learning and foster a passion for the rich natural and cultural heritage.
- Develop a programme of skills and training opportunities, ensuring our people are equipped for future green and heritage job opportunities.
- Foster positive relationships with, and between, local maritime and coastal industries addressing conflict and helping to work through solutions.
- Enhance and develop our coastal infrastructure, particularly access and recreation improvements ensuring access for all and encouraging sustainable travel options. Development and delivery of the South West Scotland Coast Path between Gretna and Rhins of Galloway Coast Path utilising the core path network and provision of directional signage. Improve accessibility at key coastal gateway sites along the Solway through improved design and facilities.
- Design and implement high quality interpretation & engagement infrastructure to enhance the understanding and enjoyment for local communities and visitors
- Explore the past coastal and marine habitat through a Solway wide community archaeology programme exploring the unseen marine past using new technologies.
- Develop an innovative eco arts programme called SEAS. This will work with local and international artists working in the field of eco art, collaborating with scientists and experts to better reveal, challenge and illuminate SCAMP's innovative and experimental habitat restoration.
- Work with local businesses and industry to help safeguard, expand and improve sustainability of our maritime & coastal economy, addressing areas of conflict and seeking resolution to issues such as practices which damage our coastal and marine environment.
- Support our young people and communities to develop innovative sustainable enterprises based on the coast and marine environment.

Monitoring & Evaluation is crucial for us to design and curate a programme for delivery of the SCAMP Project and for the success of that delivery programme. Our major funders are the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal, Scottish Environmental Protection Agency, NatureScot, South of Scotland Enterprise and Dumfries and Galloway Council and we want to ensure that what is delivered is of value to nature and local people and can be shared both internally and with others.

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We believe that effective monitoring & evaluation is central to the successful delivery of SCAMP's ambitions, informing the ongoing SCAMP programme and methodologies for delivering partnerships and projects. The evaluation process will run through the SCAMP programme, embedded into everything we do. Therefore, undertaking this process at development stage is essential for embedding an evaluations methodology into delivery.

In the development stage we need to ensure we make time for reflection and analysis of projects and approaches. This means in depth interviews with the SCAMP team and partners, creating consultation opportunities, undertaking surveys and analysing the results of quantitative and qualitative information collected.

Evaluation can take many forms, and we encourage a creative and highly visual presentation of results as part of an accessible document which may include film interviews, charts, drawings, graphics and diagrams. Like other aspects of SCAMPs work, the art of storytelling, film, and photography, allows us to share our stories, share knowledge, experience and lessons learned with our funders, partners and other projects locally and nationally.

Evaluation of the Development stage

Nature restoration and especially the restoration of the coastal and marine environment needs our help, and a creative and honest evaluation of SCAMP's development work is essential to us moving forwards with confidence. A considered approach that takes on lessons learned and insights for improving the project's strategic direction is needed. SCAMP hopes to trial new nature restoration techniques and is already trialling ways of working over an ambitious partnership with other organisations and communities. We want to ensure we take time to reflect and analyse what works and doesn't work, so we don't lose any time, ensuring energy is focused on making a difference for the Solway Coast, mitigating as much as possible the impacts of climate change, biodiversity loss and peoples disconnection from their coastal and marine environment.

Monitoring and evaluation framework for the Delivery stage

What is uncovered in the evaluation of the development stage of SCAMP will inform approaches to delivering SCAMP in the delivery phase, including; nature restoration techniques, the scope of the nature restoration proposed, the management structure and relationships with partner organisations, where there are gaps in the programme or capacity issues and how the strands of culture, heritage, learning and wellbeing work to benefit nature restoration and the experience people have of the Solway coast and marine seascape. A separate biodiversity monitoring report has been commissioned so this report should be focused on monitoring and evaluation of the wider programme and the project processes, but a connection to this work should be made to ensure the two are compatible.

Because of the sheer scale of the SCAMP Landscape Connections Programme, we are seeking an experienced consultant or team to deliver this evaluation work. We are also open to collaborative approaches. There will be an expectation that some of the evaluation is done in person in the region. For more information about SCAMP Landscape Connections. Please see:

www.solwaycoastmarine.co.uk

a) Outputs and Milestones

Contract administration

We anticipate regular, monthly (minimum) contact with the Monitoring & Evaluation report consultant (online and with periodic in person) and that they will regularly report on progress. The consultant will work with DGC to ensure key environmental partners are consulted and are in tragal to the process. The consultant will work with SCAMPs Programme Manager and People Learning and Comms Coordinator to ensure they are aware of good practice locally.

Outputs

- Work with the SCAMP team and partners to analyse and evaluate the SCAMP development work which at this stage largely baseline surveys, opportunity mapping and the testing of project ideas through pilot projects.
- Work with the SCAMP team and partners to explore the results of the evaluation work and proposed ways to integrate results going forward to delivery stage.
- Work with SCAMP team to assess how well the management model for the development stage is working and analyse any changes, gaps or adjustments that could be made for delivery stage.
- Utilising the insights gained from the evaluation of the development stage develop a detailed monitoring and evaluation framework(s) for the Delivery phase
- Analyse results and present an attractive accessible visually engaging and informative SCAMP Monitoring & Evaluation report and Delivery Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

Timescales

The pilot project will need to be delivered over SCAMPs project development phase -anticipated timescale allowing for the procurement process is Monday 7th September 2026 to 31st January 2027 and should be delivered in collaboration with the Core SCAMP Team with insights from partners being considered where appropriate.

b) Fees and Costs

To guide the consultant, we have provided the following supporting documents:

Pricing schedule document – to be completed by the consultant

Pricing Guide: Consultants are invited to submit a fixed fee tender as described in this briefing document and the submission will be assessed on a quality/price (70/30%) basis. Quality (70%) should address the following aspects and areas:

- Experience of your team including at least three examples of successful evaluation projects in the nature restoration/heritage areas. Please outline who will be involved and include C. V's. We are interested in the makeup of your team in relation to knowledge and relevant expertise and how much time each member will spend on the project.
- Your proposed approach to the evaluation of SCAMPs development stage and development of the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework for the delivery stage. The methodology and how you will cover such a broad and expansive project. This will include proposed innovative ideas for collecting and presenting the data and learning. The format for should be a maximum of 2000 words including links to previous work, images and diagrams as appropriate.

- The total budget is £19,500 (excluding VAT) fixed fee to include all costs and expenses. The price is a fixed fee, but we would like to understand a breakdown of this fee.

Deadline: Friday 28th August 2026 at 12pm noon (with last day for Questions 21st August 2026 12pm noon)

Scoring	Percentage
Knowledge and experience of undertaking large scale evaluations involving many organisations, people and places. CV'S and experience of team members. Maximum of 1000 words	30 points (40%)
Proposed methodology to undertake an evaluation of the development stage of SCAMP Landscape Connections and the delivery of a Framework for the Monitoring and Evaluation of the Delivery stage. Maximum of 2000 words	30 points (40%)
Detailed project programme showing delivery milestones within the agreed timescale. Maximum of 500 words.	10 points (20%)
Price	30 points

Depending on the number of submissions, SCAMP may decide to interview. Interviews will be online on Wednesday 2nd September 2026 and will be arranged individually with the suppliers.

4 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions to be submitted via email to: Jan.Hogarth@dumgal.gov.uk and SCAMP@dumgal.gov.uk by Friday 21st August 2026 at 12pm noon

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5 SUSTAINABILITY

Our Council has adopted a ***Sustainable Procurement Policy***, tenders should include a statement as to their approach to carbon reduction, fairtrade and community benefit.

It is a condition of this tender that contractors shall pay the real living wage to all employees working on the contract and provide an 'effective voice' channel. Tenders should be prepared to evidence this if required.

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