



Agenda Item B6

Success Criteria 1

By: Lead Scientific and Conservation Officer

To: Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority – 22 January 2016

Subject: **DRAFT STRATEGIC EVIDENCE PLAN**

Classification Unrestricted

Summary: To present to the Authority the Draft Strategic Evidence Plan 2016-2021

1. At the Authority meeting on 4th September 2015 KEIFCA decided to produce a strategic evidence plan that defines the direction of the authority's research and evidence gathering activities and capabilities over the next 4-5 years. The objectives of the plan, the main evidence gathering themes and criteria for assessing new research projects were agreed by the authority on 4th September 2015.

A Strategic Evidence Plan has since been drafted and is included in these papers for comment by the authority.

The **INSTRUCTIONS** and comments of the Authority are requested.

2. Following comments from the Authority, it is proposed that a final draft document will be produced and presented back to the Authority for decision at the May 2016 meeting. This document will then be shared with key stakeholders for consultation for 6 weeks. This is an important step in order to gain views from outside the organisation on the future direction and how these would align with key stakeholder interests.

The authority is asked to **APPROVE** the recommended consultation process.