

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA – ISLE OF WIGHT CATCHMENT PARTNERSHIP FUND 2026-27

IoWCP Strategic Alignment	
Water Quality	Protected and restored - physical, chemical and biological indicators.
Water Resources	Conservation, preservation and sustainability of natural and managed water sources.
Habitats & Species	Rivers and streams flow through well connected habitats that support diverse wildlife.
Physical Modifications	Natural river processes are restored where possible.
Climate Resilience	Landscapes are managed in a way that benefit both nature and people.
People and Communities	Local communities are connected to their rivers and involved in their care.

Impact	Assessment Criteria
Influence	Impact to people, landscape, and ecology. Number of drivers met - LNRS / WFD / RBMP/WINEP
Behavioural/Empowerment	The project has capacity to overcome barriers and create meaningful change that are intentional and inclusive. Evident alignment to stakeholder and community need.
Ecological	Evidence of direct or indirect benefits to ecosystems and biodiversity. Alignment to LNRS, LNR, RAMSAR NNR
Environmental	Mitigates the environmental impact of human activities on the environment and supports conservation of natural resources. AONB, SSSI, NL, SPA, SAC
Value for Money	The optimal use of resources has been considered proportionately to achieve the intended outcomes. Equitable and effective principles been applied.
Score	1-5

Feasibility	Assessment Criteria
Financial (Affordability)	The project has sufficient funding to progress, match funding has been secured.
Environmental	The relevant bodies have conducted an environmental feasibility assessment. Potential risks and opportunities have been addressed.
Technical	The project has sufficient technical expertise and resource to deliver the desired outcomes.
Regulatory	The plan compiles with current laws, regulation and industry standards.
Resource	Constraints been considered e.g. time, costs. Risk. Mechanisms in place to mitigate any under resourcing.
Score	1-5

Deliverability	Assessment Criteria
Initiation	The project is defined and meets catchment aims. Stakeholders are identified. Project objectives and high-level scoping have been set. A business case has been made including relevant stakeholder approval.
Planning	A schedule of tasks and resource plan is available. Estimated costs and deliverable are defined. Risk, communication, monitoring and quality plans are in place.
Execution (incl capacity)	Planned or preliminary work have completed or are underway. Measures are in place to track performance, milestones established to monitoring progress and outcomes adjusting as needed.
Monitoring & Control	Formal completion of the project. Contracts are closed, final reporting and evidence detailing deliverables and lessons learnt are shared with project partners and stakeholders.
Closure	
Score	1-5

Collaboration	Assessment Criteria
Internal	Within the same organisation,
External	Outside Island Rivers Steering Group
Open/Community	Shared interest groups.
Closed	Specific groups within IR Partnership to deliver specific drivers/goals
Strategic	long term business partnership
Score	1-5

Timeframe	Assessment Criteria
Aspirational	The project is very ambitious and may be beyond current scope to deliver.
External	Delivery is dependent on external influences and processes.
Short	Deliverable within current financial year.
Medium	Planning stage expected delivery within 24 months
Long	Multi-phase project 24 months +
Score	1-5