



Regenerating Seaside Towns and Communities Committee Report: *The Future of Seaside Towns* Debate on 1 July 2019

This briefing identifies relevant reports and useful documents, including recent parliamentary materials and press articles, which may be of assistance to Members in preparing for the following debate:

Lord Bassam of Brighton to move that this House takes note of the Report from the Select Committee on Regenerating Seaside Towns and Communities *The future of seaside towns* (HL Paper 320).

Copies of the materials are available for collection from the Library.

Key Information

- House of Lords Regenerating Seaside Towns and Communities Committee, [The Future of Seaside Towns](#), 4 April 2019, HL Paper 320 of session 2017–19, pp 3–4 and 106–12

Summary of report and summary of conclusions and recommendations. The report concluded that seaside towns and coastal communities need improvements to transport, housing and broadband. The report also recommended that young people in these areas have better access to further and higher education.

- HM Government, [Government Response to the Report of Session 2017–19 of House of Lords' Regenerating Seaside Towns and Communities Select Committee, on the Future of Seaside Towns](#), June 2019, CP 102

Report setting out the committee's recommendations and the Government's responses, organised around the following themes: previous government intervention on seaside towns; the economy of seaside towns; education and skills; housing, wellbeing and the built environment; and support for regeneration.

- Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, '[Coastal Communities](#)', 23 January 2019; '[James Brokenshire Announces Over £36 Million for the Great British Coast](#)', 23 March 2019; and '[Much-Loved Coastal Heritage Assets to be Saved with Almost £1 Million of Coastal Revival Fund](#)', 23 January 2019

Information on government schemes to support coastal communities, including: the Coastal Communities Fund; Coastal Revival Fund; and Coastal Community Teams. In addition, press releases detailing how the funds have been awarded previously, with examples of projects that received funding.

- Coastal Communities Alliance, [Coastal Communities Alliance Policy Strategy](#), Spring 2018

Strategy document which sets out: what the Coastal Communities Alliance (CCA) is; challenges that coastal communities face; information on policy developments relating to coastal communities; and recommendations on the development of government and CCA policy.

- Department for Education, [Outcomes for Pupils at the End of KS4 by Geography: Ad Hoc Statistics](#), June 2019, pp 6–8, 18–22 and 31

Government report which found that, “overall, attainment and progress for all pupils was higher for pupils attending schools located in non-coastal areas compared to pupils in coastal areas”.

Parliamentary Debate, Statements and Questions

- A selection of written questions from both Houses: [255350](#) (21 May 2019); [248769](#) (7 May 2019); [HL15120](#) (24 April 2019); [228158](#) (11 March 2019); and [HL9704](#) (30 July 2018); and [143208](#) (16 May 2018).
- [Oral Question on ‘Coastal Communities: Funding’](#), HC Hansard, 8 April 2019, cols 8–10

Press Articles and Comment

- Kathryn Snowdon, [‘Poorer Pupils in Coastal Areas End Up 3 Grades Behind at GCSE’](#), Schools Week, 14 June 2019
- Sarah O’Connor, [‘A Dysfunctional Economy Laid Bare by Britain’s Seaside Towns’](#), *Financial Times* (£), 10 April 2019
- BBC News, [‘Seaside Town Reinvention ‘Should Start With Blackpool’](#), 4 April 2019
- *Telegraph* (£), [‘Seaside Towns Are Being Killed Off by Poor Broadband, Says Lords Report’](#), 3 April 2019

Further Information

- House of Lords Regenerating Seaside Towns and Communities Committee, [‘Publications’](#), accessed 24 June 2019
- Coastal Communities Alliance, [‘Coastal Communities Teams’](#), accessed 24 June 2019
- Government Office for Science, [Future of the Sea: Health and Wellbeing of Coastal Communities](#), August 2017

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