

ADEPT

Association of Directors of
Environment, Economy, Planning & Transport

ACTION POINTS/ MINUTES OF THE FLOOD AND WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP (FWMG)

MEETING
24/02/2021

10:00-12:15

Held at via Microsoft Teams videoconferencing software

Attendees

Alys Bishop, Central Bedfordshire Council (ABi)
Ashish Patel, Milton Keynes Council, (AP)
Bill Parker, (BP)
Dave Stewart, TDA (DS)
David Hickman, Lincolnshire County Council
Hilary Tanner, LGA (HT)
Innes Thomson, ADA
Jagjit Mahal, Warwickshire County Council, (JM)
John Rumble, Hertfordshire County Council,
(JR)
Julia Beeden, Cambridgeshire County Council
(JB)
Katherine Grieg, Flood Re, (KG)
Louise Smith, Kent County Council (LS)
Louise Walker, CIRIA (LW)
Martin Hutchings, Devon County Council, (MH)
Matthew Harrison, Lincolnshire County Council
(MHa)
Mark Ogden, Norfolk County Council (MO)
Mohamed Admani, Nottingham City Council,
(MA)
Natalia Jasinska, Cambridgeshire County
Council, (NJ)
Patricia Cuervo, RB of Kensington & Chelsea,
(PC)
Prince Frank, Luton Borough Council, (PF)
Paul Cobbing, National Flood Forum, (PC)
Paul Shaffer, CIRIA (PS)
Rob Matthews, Leicestershire County Council
(RM)
Rob Sheehan, EA (RS)
Steve Wragg, City of York Council
Sue Jaques, Nottinghamshire County Council
(SJ)
Tim Simpson, Essex County Council (TS)

Apologies

Andrew Smallwood, Leicestershire County
Council, (AS)
Beth Waring, (BW)
Bronwyn Buntine, Kent County Council
Deniz McAndrew, Nottinghamshire County
Council (DM)
Garry McInally, Flood Re
Hannah Bartram, ADEPT, (HB)
Helen Smith, Somerset County Council, (HS)
Hilary Ellis, Cambridgeshire CC, (HE)
Joely Norris, Peterborough City Council, (JN)
Jonathan Hunter, Environment Agency, (JH)
Karl Hardy, Environment Agency, (KH)Owen
Max Tant, Kent, (MT)
McGivern, Department for Infrastructure
Phil Jones, Northamptonshire County Council
Ryan Davies, Lincolnshire County Council, (RD)
Steve Thompsett, Environment Agency, (ST)
Vicki Westall, Hampshire County Council, (VW)
Victoria Coombes, Leicestershire County
Council
Wendy Brooks, EA, (WB)
William Harrington, DEFRA, (WH)

Item No.	Item	Action	Action owners
1	Welcome & secretariat	MA noting action points.	MA
2	<p>Update on minutes and actions from previous meetings</p> <p>Actions completed unless listed below or picked up later in agenda</p>		
	COVID-19 impact	All to give Julia an update on COVID-19 impacts – keep Julia aware of any ongoing/new issues. Closed.	
	FCERM consultation	ADEPT sent, request from NJ if would like a copy. Closed.	
	SUDS inspections	Tabled for a future agenda item. Ongoing.	
	Surface Water Review	VW still involved and can provide updates as/when. EA looking to set up working groups around the themes of the report which are also linked to national FCERM Strategy, message is to keep eyes open for these and to get involved. ADEPT has not done a formal review. Ongoing.	
	Coastal Based Approach	Bill Parker to share a 1 page document. Ongoing.	Done
	Riparian Landowner RMA update – Ryan Davies	EA (Wendy Brooks) are reviewing the riparian guidance, was mentioned by David Jenkins in the report – will put RD in touch to inform. Closed.	
	National Strategy and other EA & Defra updates – Wendy Brooks	FRMPs: Due to agree national once measures end of Jan, based on LLFA feedback. These relate to statutory powers and policies (such as delivering 25YEP). Need to understand impact of pre-election period (purdah) and local elections on approvals process. WB will ask project team to come to next meeting and give feedback on response. Action. Closed. WB to write and share update via email. PC to share with London authorities. Action. Closed	
	DEFRA update - Will Harrington	Will publish a formal review to the SW report Spring 2021. Action – WH to arrange a workshop to provide informal feedback on the review, LLFAs aware that with recent weather and flooding will be fresh examples and experiences of community engagement. Ongoing Query around trigger for PFR grant to communities in response to Storm Christoph: Recovery framework is activated by Ministers (includes property grants). WH take away as an action to review the need for activation to the Dec/Jan flooding and general process. If scale of impact is unclear ADEPT can support this discussion, the move to recovery is	WH

		delayed by prolonged impact and flooding incidents, so message may not have worked its way to national. Ongoing	
	LFRRMS Guidance – Steve Thompsett / Emma Wren (Mott M), Jonathan Hunter	ST to co-ordinate LLFA discussions/feedback and input into LFRRMS delivery. Ongoing. MH has feedback on LFRRMS delivery process that can be shared with ST. Action. Ongoing.	ST
3	Pathfinder Projects – Yorkshire & Northamptonshire County Councils (Steve & Phil)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To build awareness and understanding of PFR. Yorkshire/Ox-Cam/Southwest - Yorkshire’s direct awareness sessions have been delayed due to Covid. - Now moving onto digital awareness and online mediums. Creating materials (videos, case studies etc.) on Yorkshire Flood Resilience website. - CIWEM are working on PFR as well. - Working with EA and University of Hull to build PFR awareness materials. - Project been extended by DEFRA to September. - Evaluation of the project with JBA and University of Leeds. Still hopeful for a positive impact. - Phil – OxCam slide presented with 5 work packages. Engagement, Demonstration, Professional Services Hub, PFR Framework, Project Evaluation - Alan Ryan (AR) OX/CAM highlighted using floodmobile (trailer) for visits to communities. - KG Flood Re happy to present regarding areas of vulnerable communities/deprived areas. Enquire as appropriate. 	
4	CIRIA Projects (PFR, NFM, SuDS, Blue Roofs) – Paul Shaffer, Louise Walker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CIRIA are involved in Urban water management (surface water, BGI, Integrated water management and Asset Management). - Released updated code of practice for PFR and guidance on the code of practice. - Currently making guidance for local authority planners on the code of practice. - Supporting SuDS good practice and awards ceremony every 2 years for outstanding SuDS projects. - B£ST spreadsheet to be updated Summer/Winter 2021. - Guidance on blue roofs Autumn 2021. - NFM manual publication Winter 2021. - Future proposals include asset management of BGI, collecting evidence base for SuDS and updating the SuDS manual. - Supporting HR Wallingford on updating NSTS for SuDS. - Supporting retrofitting SuDS in Greater London (schools/social housing/hospitals etc.). 	

6	DEFRA & EA update including National Strategy & Local Strategy Guidance – Rob Sheehan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EA to continue working on delivery of actions. - LRFMS – volunteers needed to work towards guidance. If anyone wants to get involved in update contact Steve or Jonathan. - Call for evidence live on DEFRA website. Link to be shared post meeting. - EOI review for IRF. Announcement on 25 successful locations in Spring 21. - Assessments currently being carried out this week and next week. - Natural capital register tools to be shared widely. Tool to present value of natural quality, resources. Helping identify net gain/net loss. Update to be sent round. - NaFRA 2 data requests – thank you to LLFAs for data. Data is being consolidated. 42 submissions currently. - Used to develop website and national model outputs. Local modelling to be used to fill in gaps. - LLFA’s to be contacted to ensure that correct contact details are recorded. - FRMP2 update EA and LLFAs refining draft plans for public consultations. SEA’s to be written and develop flood plan explorer to go live with public consultations. - Discussion on NEIRF bid. MA shared webex link with JB for LLFA’s to attend. 	
7	ADEPT updates – Julia Beeden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Signed off National FCERM Strategy Draft Action Plan - 8 measures for ADEPT - Action plan to be published mid-April. - Letter planned to be sent to Chief Execs from Environment Board to encourage ADEPT membership. 	
8	ADA Update – Innes Thompson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ADA increased interest in 3 areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o carbon reduction, o trying to and convene wider water catchment summit (meeting online), o ADA increasing push on maintenance and water management. - Advised members to read the latest EFRA committee report. - ADA meeting Minister Rebecca Pow to update and highlight ADA support. 	IT
9	Chargeable Services Discussion – Julia Beeden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion on LLFA charging mechanisms (pre apps etc.) - There is a view to potentially charge for SuDS and inspection of SuDS. - JB to send an email round to ask LLFA’s what they currently charge for. - Helen Smith (Somerset County Council) looking to develop a formal framework. Possible future presentation. 	JB

10	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ABi asked about groundwater and if anyone could present on groundwater. - Cambs County Council thinking of writing to Rebecca Pow re the right to connect to foul and combined sewers – can it be removed. ADEPT to liaise with OFWAT. - Louise, Dave and Mark to collaborate with JB regarding legal challenges to watercourse divestment. - LGA want to know how the change to the allocation of the FCERM financial settlement from DEFRA has been embedded in LAs and whether this has a) been received, b) been ringfenced internally for LLFAs. Every authority appears to approach this differently. All to send comments to HT. - How effective do we feel LRFs are across catchments? An item for future discussion? Which LRFs include surface water flooding in their MAFPS? Action 	<p style="text-align: center;">JB</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AP/ADEPT</p>
11	Next meeting date	21 st April 10:00 on Teams	