

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

21/04/2021

10:30-13:00

Held via Microsoft Teams videoconferencing software

Attendees

Alys Bishop, Central Bedfordshire Council (ABi) Andrew Smallwood, Leicestershire County Council, (AS)

Andy Hardstaff, Hertfordshire County Council, (AH) Anna Parr, EA, (AP)

Ashish Patel, Milton Keynes Council, (APa) Chloe Langley, Nottingham City Council, (CL) Daniel Lamb, Warwickshire County Council, (DL)

David Strang, Water UK, (DS) Hannah Bartram, ADEPT, (HB)

Hilary Ellis, Cambridgeshire County Council, (HE)

Innes Thomson, ADA, (IT)

James Blockley, Gloucestershire County Council (JBI)

Jessica Fox, Hull City Council, (JF)

John Rumble, Hertfordshire County Council, (JR)

Jonathan Glerum, Anglian Water, (JG)

Julia Beeden, Cambridgeshire County Council (JB)

Katherine Grieg, Flood Re, (KG)

Lucy Shepherd, Essex County Council, (LS) Mark Ogden, Norfolk County Council, (MO)

Martin Hutchings, Devon County Council, (MH)

Max Tant, Kent, (MT)

Mohamed Admani, Nottingham City Council, (MA)

Natalia Jasinska, Cambridgeshire County Council, (NJ) Olivia Jones, Cambridgeshire County Council, (OJ)

Owen McGivern, Department for Infrastructure, (OM)

Patricia Cuervo, RB of Kensington & Chelsea, (PC) Paul Cobbing, National Flood Forum, (PCo)

Prince Frank, Luton Borough Council, (PF)

Richard Whelan, Cambridgeshire County Council, (RW)

Ruth Burnham, Northamptonshire County Council, (RB)

Simon Curl, Suffolk County Council, (SC)

Sue Jaques, Nottinghamshire County Council (SJ)

Wendy Brooks, EA, (WB)

William Harrington, DEFRA, (WH)

Apologies

Andrew Leeming, York, North Yorks & East Riding

Bronwyn Buntine, Kent County Council

Dave Stewart, TDA

Helen Smith, Somerset County Council Vicki Westall, Hampshire County Council

Victoria Coombes, Leicestershire County Council

Item	Item	Action	Action
No.			owners
1	Welcome & secretariat	NJ noting action points.	NJ
		JB leaves CCC, all members, if they haven't already, were asked to	
		nominate a candidate for the new Chair by the end of the meeting.	

	Actions completed unle					
	Actions completed unless listed below or picked up later in agenda.					
	DEFRA update - Will Harrington	WH sent an email to the group to find out who is interested in a discussion about the surface water action plan and the recent independent review. WH to arrange a workshop. Everyone interested to contact WH. Ongoing Query around trigger for PFR grant to communities. Information required to help LLFAs better understand how the grant is administered. Closed.	WH & All			
	LFRMS guidance – Steve Thompsett / Emma Wren (Mott M), Jonathan Hunter	See agenda item 3.				
	ADA update – Innes Thompson	ADA meeting Minister Rebecca Pow to update and highlight ADA support. Meeting scheduled for 29 th April. Ongoing.	IT			
	Chargeable Services Discussion – Julia Beeden	JB to send an email round to ask LLFAs what they currently charge for. Ongoing.	JB			
	The right to connect to foul and combined sewers	See agenda item 8.				
	Effectiveness of LRFs	How effective do we feel LRFs are across catchments? Which LRFs include surface water flooding in their MAFPS? Discussion scheduled for today's meeting. To be added an agenda item for a future meeting. Ongoing.				
3	Environment Agency and Defra update - Surface Water Management Action Plan - National Strategy Action Plan - Local Strategy guidance - FRMPs	 National Strategy Action Plan – due to be published late Spring (after the pre-election period). Documents with actions for the year ahead (showing implementation of National Strategy) will be published annually. Suzanne Bennett from RBMPs team would like to give a presentation at the next meeting. To be added to the next meeting agenda. Action. LFRM Strategy – agreement between EA, DEFRA, ADEPT and 	JB/MT/ABi			
	- RBMPs	 LGA to update the guidance. LLFAs volunteers needed to share their experience and technical expertise. EA to re-issue their questions/list to encourage people to get involved. Action. 	ST/WB			
		 Many LLFAs are updating their strategies to make them more user friendly and online. Encouraged to share links. Action. 	All			

New project as a part of Adaptation Resilience funding to find WB &All out what can be done to help all RMAs deliver more resilience and adaptation e.g. what support, resources and guidance are needed. Upcoming survey to be circulated. New project to improve Living on the Edge guidance available on gov.uk about rights and responsibilities of riverside ownership. New project to improve resources about people and communities' responsibilities living on the coast. Similar to Living on the Edge document but targeted to coast. **WB** WB to share Projects Managers' details to the group. Action. Further EA update re FRMPs sent to the group by Hannah Coogan (and added to the chat by Abi): The consultation on FRMPs and RBMPs has been moved from July to October 2021 – we issued a briefing note for LLFAs via ABi our Area Teams about this. ABi to circulate. Action. LLFAs should aim for local approval by the 22nd June 21 in line with the Flood Risk Regs but there is some contingency in the programme if approvals are delayed due to local elections. It would be helpful for ADEPT to remind LLFAs about the ALL approvals. The briefing note has further information on LLFA approvals in it. The LLFA National Once Measures have now been finalised prior to consultation after discussion at the last Task and Finish ABi Group. Abi to circulate. Action Local Area teams are currently working with LLFAs to populate the Plan documents. These provide background information for each River Basin District. The measures provided by LLFAs earlier this year are currently being uploaded to the Flood Plan Explorer web app. Any necessary changes to measures can be made prior to consultation during August-early September when Area teams will have access to the admin side of the online Explorer to make essential changes. Flood Plan Explorer will not be visible to the public until the consultation goes live. The EA will work with the ADEPT Task and Finish Group to provide some simple guidance for LLFAs on consultation planning in terms of their support in engaging local stakeholders to raise awareness of and to respond to the consultation on FRMPs that will be hosted by the EA. The consultation will be hosted on the Citizen Space website, with the measures being available to explore on the map-based Flood Plan Explorer. The next Task and Finish Group meeting is on the 10th of May **DEFRA** Government's consultation on FLOOD RE, Property Resilience, Call for evidence – thank you to anyone who's participated. Call for evidence consultation deadline is on Monday 26th April.

		 Innovation Resilience Program – thank you to everyone who submitted their bids and congratulation to those who were successful. WB and WH to find out the timescale for feedback to be sent to those who placed the bid. Action (Completed?). 	WB & WH
4	ADA update - Innes Thomson	 ADA and CLA will be running a 'Keeping our rivers flowing' summit on 24th June (most likely date). It will be online, free to attend, but registration is required. Everyone is welcome. ADA is concern about the ending of the exemption for the use of red diesel (April 2022). Subject to be discussed at RFCC. IT to share a document with more information (Action completed) so that LLFAs can warn their Cllrs of upcoming impacts on council tax. Action. 	IT & ALL
6	Thames Flood Advisor roles – Anna Parr	 Presentation for this item has been circulated to the group during the meeting. AP to circulate Thames Flood Advisors Terms of Reference. Action (completed). 	АР
7	Flood resilience and innovation projects – round table update	 There was no time for a discussion, item to be included in future meeting agendas once projects are more developed. 	MT/ABi
8	Right to Connect case law & Philip Dunne MP Sewer Overflows bill – Jonathan Glerum (AW) / David Strang (Water UK) / JB	 CCC is planning to send a letter to MP regarding surface water causing foul flooding & right to connect. Draft of the letter circulated during the meeting. JB asked for any thought on the letter to be sent to her. JB to draft a short statement on behalf of ADEPT FWMG. Action. 	All JB
9	ADEPT updates – Hannah Bartram	 HB encouraged all to enter the President's Annual Awards, HB shared the link with more information. ADEPT will be responding to the Defra consultation on its draft policy statement on environmental principles. ADEPT wrote to Defra outlining the concerns with the new local Treescapes Fund. The LNRS pilots were extended till May 2021. Defra has issued two major waste consultations (DRS & EPR) which we will be responding to. All LAs are grappling with the Levelling Up Fund and Community Renewal Fund – deadline for bids 18th June. 	
10	Partnership Funding Calculator updates – new benefits and training needs – tbc*	 JB to circulate a link to a resource with guidance on the Partnership Funding Calculator. Everyone to review the guidance and send a feedback to WB. EA to give an update on this at the next meeting. Action. 	JB All
11	AOB	Strategic Flood Risk Assessment best practice guidance – final version to be published on ADEPT website. - Everyone is welcome to have an input in the last version of SFRA best practice guidance. Please contact ABi if anyone wants to get involved. - John Rumble is leaving, ASA doesn't know who will be representing them at ADEPT FWMG meetings, but they would like to continue cooperation and working on projects like: consideration of SuDS planning conditions, adoption and	ABi & ALL

12	Next meeting date	 Max Tant announced as the New Chair of ADEPT FWMG. Interested members are asked to submit their candidacy for a second Vice Chair. Action. 14th July 10:00 on Teams 	NOTE All
		 water map challenges. The two individuals with the most nominations for Chair person were ABi and MT. Alys has stepped back and agreed to remain a Vice Chair hence: 	
		 maintenance issues, and promoting learning opportunities through lunch and learn. Issues with national Risk of Surface Water Flooding map and identifying individual properties at risk of flooding - to be added as an agenda item for future meetings. Everyone to send questions to WB. WB to organise a speaker. Action. MH suggested Jerzy Banasik at the EA was very helpful with surface 	WB & All