



Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning & Transport

**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 LEP
- Bronwyn Buntine, Kent County Council
- Dave Stewart, TDA
- Helen Smith, Somerset County Council
- Vicki Westall, Hampshire County Council
- Victoria Coombes, Leicestershire County Council

Item No.	Item	Action	Action owners
1	Welcome & secretariat	NJ noting action points.  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.	NJ

2	<p><b>Update on minutes and actions from previous meetings</b></p> <p>Actions completed unless listed below or picked up later in agenda.</p>		
	DEFRA update - Will Harrington	<p>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</p> <p>Query around trigger for PFR grant to communities. Information required to help LLFAs better understand how the grant is administered. Closed.</p>	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 <sup>th</sup> 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	<p><b>Environment Agency and Defra update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Surface Water Management Action Plan</li> <li>- National Strategy Action Plan</li> <li>- Local Strategy guidance</li> <li>- FRMPs</li> <li>- RBMPs</li> </ul>	<p><b>EA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Strategy Action Plan – due to be published late Spring (after the pre-election period).</li> <li>- Documents with actions for the year ahead (showing implementation of National Strategy) will be published annually.</li> <li>- Suzanne Bennett from RBMPs team would like to give a presentation at the next meeting. To be added to the next meeting agenda. Action.</li> <li>- LFRM Strategy – agreement between EA, DEFRA, ADEPT and LGA to update the guidance.</li> <li>- LLFAs volunteers needed to share their experience and technical expertise. EA to re-issue their questions/list to encourage people to get involved. Action.</li> <li>- Many LLFAs are updating their strategies to make them more user friendly and online. Encouraged to share links. Action.</li> </ul>	<p>JB/MT/ABi</p> <p>ST/WB</p> <p>All</p>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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?).</li> </ul>	WB & WH
4	<b>ADA update - Innes Thomson</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ADA and CLA will be running a ‘Keeping our rivers flowing’ summit on 24<sup>th</sup> June (most likely date). It will be online, free to attend, but registration is required. Everyone is welcome.</li> <li>- 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.</li> </ul>	IT & ALL
6	<b>Thames Flood Advisor roles – Anna Parr</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation for this item has been circulated to the group during the meeting.</li> <li>- AP to circulate Thames Flood Advisors Terms of Reference. Action (completed).</li> </ul>	AP
7	<b>Flood resilience and innovation projects – round table update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There was no time for a discussion, item to be included in future meeting agendas once projects are more developed.</li> </ul>	MT/ABi
8	<b>Right to Connect case law &amp; Philip Dunne MP Sewer Overflows bill – Jonathan Glerum (AW) / David Strang (Water UK) / JB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CCC is planning to send a letter to MP regarding surface water causing foul flooding &amp; right to connect. Draft of the letter circulated during the meeting. JB asked for any thought on the letter to be sent to her.</li> <li>- JB to draft a short statement on behalf of ADEPT FWMG. Action.</li> </ul>	All JB
9	<b>ADEPT updates – Hannah Bartram</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- HB encouraged all to enter the President’s Annual Awards, HB shared the link with more information.</li> <li>- ADEPT will be responding to the Defra consultation on its draft policy statement on environmental principles.</li> <li>- ADEPT wrote to Defra outlining the concerns with the new local Treescapes Fund.</li> <li>- The LNRS pilots were extended till May 2021.</li> <li>- Defra has issued two major waste consultations (DRS &amp; EPR) which we will be responding to.</li> <li>- All LAs are grappling with the Levelling Up Fund and Community Renewal Fund – deadline for bids 18<sup>th</sup> June.</li> </ul>	
10	<b>Partnership Funding Calculator updates – new benefits and training needs – tbc*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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.</li> </ul>	JB All
11	<b>AOB</b>	<p>Strategic Flood Risk Assessment best practice guidance – final version to be published on ADEPT website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- 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</li> </ul>	ABi & ALL

		<p>maintenance issues, and promoting learning opportunities through lunch and learn.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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 water map challenges.</li> <li>- 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:</li> </ul> <p><b>Max Tant announced as the New Chair of ADEPT FWMG.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Interested members are asked to submit their candidacy for a second Vice Chair. Action.</li> </ul>	<p>WB &amp; All</p> <p><b>NOTE</b></p> <p>All</p>
<b>12</b>	<b>Next meeting date</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> July 10:00 on Teams	