

**ACTION POINTS/ MINUTES OF THE  
FLOOD AND WATER MANAGEMENT GROUP (FWMG)  
MEETING  
July 2020**

10:00am-12:15pm

**Held at via Microsoft Teams videoconferencing software**

<p><b>Attendees</b>  Alys Bishop, Central Bedfordshire Council (ABi)  Andrew Smallwood (AS)  Ashish Patel, Milton Keynes Council (AP)  Astrid Paget (APag)  Ben Kirby, East Riding (BK)  Dave Stewart (DS)  Frank Price (FP)  Hannah Bartram, ADEPT (HB)  Jagit Mahal (JM)  James Perkins (JP)  Joely Norris, Peterborough City Council (JN)  Jonathan Hunter, Environment Agency (JH)  John Rumble, Hertfordshire County Council (JR)  Julia Beeden, Cambridgeshire CC (JB)  Katherine Grieg, Flood Re (KG)  Martin Hutchings, Devon County Council (MH)  Max Tant, Kent (MT)  Melanie Bright, Bedford Borough Council (MB)</p>	<p>Patricia Cuervo, RB of Kensington &amp; Chelsea (PC)  Phil Jones, Northamptonshire CC (PJ)  Prince Frank, Luton Borough Council (PF)  Richard Whelan, Peterborough City Council (RW)  Sanjay Johal, National Flood Forum (SJ)  Steve Wragg, York City Council (SW)  Sue Jacques (SJa)  Tim Simpson, Essex County Council (TS)  Vicki Westall, Hampshire County Council (VW)</p> <p><b>Apologies</b>  Bronwyn Buntine, Kent CC  Hilary Tanner, LGA  Innes Thomson, ADA  Paul Shaffer, CIRIA  Wendy Brooks, EA (WB)</p>
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Item No.	Item	Action	Action owners
1	<b>Welcome &amp; secretariat</b>	Chair and vice chair noting action points	JB
2	<b>Update on minutes and actions from meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020</b> Several items carried forward due to COVID-19		
	Surface water modelling	JB to discuss with Ben Bray re liaising with Water UK to achieve consistency in surface water mapping output quality (linked to “working together and sharing of information”)	JB
	Access and Egress guidance	ABi to arrange telecon with Sam Kipling and JB to discuss how to ensure guidance is used by LPAs in conjunction with NPPF.	ABi
	Challenges and Choices Consultation	Consultation extended to 24 <sup>th</sup> September.	

		<p>A solution has been found for the coastal Solent nitrate issue involving purchase of farmland to develop into a Wildlife Trust scheme to manage the chemicals (to offset development impact). Kent phosphate issue not resolved (issue is Phosphate nutrient load from development affecting an EU designated wetland site)</p> <p>JB to use high level input highlighting difficulty of engaging with local authorities on RBMP in ADEPT Environment Board consultation response.</p> <p>RW to circulate information regarding Phosphate neutral development</p>	<p>JB</p> <p>RW - Done</p>
	East Riding of Yorkshire's FRMP	BK to consider a future case study for ADEPT on their work/FRMP project in early 2020.	BK
	Defra Asset Review	<p>Following publication ADEPT to discuss if we need to respond to the review.</p> <p>Invite David Jenkins to join us for discussion.</p>	VW – Done, awaiting response
	Approve group's updated Terms of Reference	JB to send around final version and put them on ADEPT web page.	JB
	Flood Risk Management Plans	Actions in FRMP section of meeting.	-
	Surface Water Management Action Plan	Ben Brass and Wendy Brooks and JB to have catch up to feed back next meeting.	
	LGA Funding Research – Hillary Tanner	All to feedback to LGA so they can put into a policy document to support discussions with ministers.	All
3	COVID-19 impacts	All to respond to JB with summary of any significant impacts COVID-19 had on their LLFA work/projects/team - JB will start the list off.	All & JB
4	ADEPT Environment Board – Hannah Bartram	<p>ADEPT has a new Env Board Chair – Steve Reed.</p> <p>HB to keep group in the loop re</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ADEPT Economic Recovery taskforce and live lab model with BEIS, Defra and DLT</li> <li>- Defra Net Gain working group (there was interest in whether CLG will be part of this!)</li> </ul> <p>Links for all to view:</p> <p>Green Recovery Challenge Fund (<a href="#">details here</a>)</p> <p>Committee on Climate Change progress report (<a href="#">here</a>)</p> <p>Attend a webinar about and/or respond to the <a href="#">ELMS</a> consultations (ends 31 Jul)</p> <p>Defra Consultation on a England's <a href="#">Tree Strategy</a> (ends 11 Sep)</p> <p>Group to decide if it wants to input to the ADEPT Tree Strategy response being co-ordinated by the Natural Capital Group.</p>	<p>HB</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p>
5	ADA update – Innes Thomson	See written handout circulated	
6	EA and Defra updates – Jonathan Hunter and James Perkins	<p>Wendy Brooks to stay as ADEPT's EA contact.</p> <p>Alice Baverstock has changed roles – Defra contact will be James Perkins going forward.</p> <p>£200m resilience programme with 25 trial areas to be launched soon. Amy Shaw and Andy Eden at EA working on it.</p>	JP

		<p>Concerns expressed re lack of revenue support for LLFAs for the resilience programme. JP to keep us informed.</p> <p>Further changes to partnership funding calculator to be made this year.</p> <p>Defra don't have timescales for the consent review but are committed and will be looking to establish a working group. NFCERM and Defra Policy Statement have not been laid before Parliament.</p> <p>JH/WB to find out more about the EA stakeholder updates and whether they can regular circulated to this group.</p> <p>MT to find out if the EA stopping responding to reserve matters in Kent is a local or national change.</p>	<p>JH/WB</p> <p>MT - Done</p>								
7	Non statutory technical standards review – Paul Shaffer	<p>There is a written update circulated from Paul Shaffer. DEFRA looking at how fit for purpose the standards are and how they are used. Bronwyn Buntine chairing the group. John Rumble on the group too. Both will provide regular updates as/when to ADEPT. In terms of the programme engagement has been happening, including a survey issued in June. The survey and project will collect lots of info on best practise – ASA will aim to promote this. The recommendations for revised Standards will be drafted and circulated in the Autumn and completion of the project in winter 2020/21. Defra will then decide how to proceed.</p> <p>Group to consider what biodiversity net gain or water quality type benefits should be brought in and let John know (especially if you have good evidence).</p>	All								
8	Flood Risk Management Plans – Jonathan Hunter	<p>See presentation slides. Will consult Summer 2021 instead of Jan 2021 so LLFA review must be complete with formal approval by 22 June 2021.</p> <p>Decision to be made by LLFAs re whether to get approval for the actions before SEA measure freeze and again afterwards when plan draft ready for consultation or just afterwards. LLFAs to get FRMP on their forward plans if taking to Committee or Scrutiny.</p> <p>PF to share Luton's FRMP paper that has been to committee.</p> <p>JH needs LLFAs to tell him if we can think of any legal risks the FRMP timetable presents to us. No one could think of any at meeting.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>PF</p> <p>All</p>								
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	CIRIA NFM project - new	JR	Paul Shaffer starting a new NFM project. Update circulated by email. John Rumble on steering group.	JB
	CaBa Flood Working group	KF	Focus on water quality.	
	IWM	HE/BB	Finished and <a href="#">published here</a> <b>Action:</b> JB to share link	
	Consenting	JP /HE	Defra are committed to reviewing this but item is still on hold. Will set up a steering /review group first.	
	BSi groups – Flood risk and Watercourses group	MT	Wanting someone to take over.	AB
	Access and Egress	Abi	Finished and published <b>Action:</b> AB to discuss with Sam Kipling re use of document. <i>CCC (JB) might do some local training in future that can feed back about</i>	JB
	Establishing DWMPs	MT	Framework established so this set-up group has come to an end/but this group may want to continue to monitor rollout. DWMP delivery now with individual WaSCs.	
	National SFRA guidance	AB	Gov.uk guidance published.	
	Using flood risk information in planning – A Good Practice Guide (EA)	AB	EA reviewing with User Group. Considering SFRA contracts, surface water information, mapping and modelling issues etc. Will want endorsement from ADEPT.	BK
	Defra Advisory Group on surface water management		The project has just started and runs to the end of April 2021. Looking at how current strategic surface water management plans feed into LPA strategic policy requirements for SuDS and how this may be improved to help manage and reduce surface water flooding. They are drawing on the advisory group members of the Standards review so the projects align and not to duplicate workloads or discussions. Already includes representatives from various LAs including Kent, Hillingdon, Hull, Wirral, Central Beds, Herts and the GLA, some of whom may be ADEPT members.	PJ / SW
	Urban drainage modelling group CIWEM	BK	Water company sewer flooding focussed. Updating integrated modelling guide. <b>Action:</b> BK to ask his contact to present to us in future.	
	Oxcam Environment group (incl Natural Capital Plan)	PJ	In progress. Creating baseline map across whole area.	
	National Standards	JR?	CIRIA managing. Defra will consult ADEPT as well as ASA.	
	Groundwater National research	RB	RB representing LLFAs on EA's research. Consultation for all RMAs till end March.	
	PFR Pathfinders	PJ & SW	Programmes underway. Hoping for extensions to mitigate COVID delays. PJ/SW to give further update at next meeting	
	CIRIA Blue roof project		Looking at a series of workshops to understand constraints and opportunities: "From the initial factors that inform consideration of a blue roof as a viable SUDs solution through to the detailing that will ensure the success of the installation."	
13	<b>Forward plan</b>		Agreed to make 6 <sup>th</sup> October a 2 hour meeting (instead of 4 hours) and create a separate early September date for the other two hours.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PJ &amp; SW - PFR Pathfinder update</li> <li>• David Jenkins - Surface water asset review</li> </ul>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flood Re - Performance Certificate Concept</li><li>• CIRIA - NFM project</li><li>• CIRIA Blue Roof Guidance?</li><li>• Policy Connect SuDS guidance?</li><li>• Discussion on local progress on DWMPs – 2021?</li><li>• DWMPs – local progress</li><li>• Publication/embedding of the DEFRA review into surface water management</li></ul>	
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