

ADEPT Flood & Water Management Group update – 4th July 2019

The Flood and Water Management Group met on 4th July and considered the following:

- Feedback from the ADEPT conference
- A review of the group's Terms of Reference to be finalised by the next meeting. Recognising the LLFA based make-up of the group, the intention is for the group to engage more with wider and holistic water management, but in the context of what is possible from an upper tier authority perspective. Flood risk management will therefore still be the highest priority for the group.
- Collective views on the National Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy and a desire for this group to be able to continue to help the Environment Agency develop both the strategy and action plan.
- A presentation from the Environment Agency about the second cycle Flood Risk Management Plans and engagement of Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFAs) in the process. There will be a number of actions for LLFAs to do including responding to the FRMP and River Basin Management Plan consultations that start in October 2019.
- A new project called Boosting Action in Surface Water which is taking forward very welcome actions from the Surface Water Management Action Plan (SWMAP). In conjunction with LLFAs, the Environment Agency will be taking forward this work on improving mapping and modelling while Defra will be working on other elements of the SWMAP.
- An update from Flood-Re who are about to release their five-year review report. Flood-Re would like to stay engaged with this group.
- It was agreed that a clear forward plan would be developed which will align with our new ToR and set a clear path for the group. Items such as water quality policy and technical requirements, case studies from East Ridings Of Yorkshire Council's work on FRMPs and the Surface Water Management Action Plan were suggested for the next few meetings.