

KEY TRANSCRIPT POINTS AND LINKS FROM TEAMS CHAT FROM LAAP MEETING ON 10TH OCTOBER 2023

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NP: LGA published this with Local Partnerships earlier in the year following engagement with the sector, focusing on 7 themes <https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/accelerating-adaptation-action-councils-preparing-climate-change#:~:text=Publications-.Accelerating%20adaptation%20action%3A%20Councils%20preparing%20for%20climate%20change,floods%2C%20and%20provide%20open%20space.>

AY: In case of interest - I just attended this workshop on 'systems thinking' for climate adaptation by Uni of Exeter: [Adaptation Community of Practice – October meeting - Green Futures Network \(exeter.ac.uk\)](https://www.exeter.ac.uk/green-futures-network/adaptation-community-of-practice-october-meeting)

BA: Will it be possible to alter the reporting areas? Been on a call for Local Natural Recovery Strategies - there are 48 authorities for this (some LAs combined) and having these climate reports for the LNRS area could be beneficial.

MR: This is something MO are considering as a possible future development.

KH: Link to the LACS survey: <https://forms.office.com/e/6wqG88fZAi>

ED: Some Cambridge City Council colleagues have already responded on the climate service, and are quite keen for us to be able to use it asap.

MI: Will there be an opportunity to develop an index-based risk insurance based on agreed triggers - similar to the African Risk Capacity? The Met Office info could be valuable part of this. [ARC Group Home | African Risk Capacity Group](https://www.arcgroup.org/)

SB: I did this in the Western Cape, South Africa. We had the research done on how to do this for Sub-national authorities. Happy to chat about this, as am keen to see if we could do this in UK.

LCCP, LGA, ADEPT and Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission very happy to help promote LACS survey.

AY: So far I've used the Met Office UKCP18 Land Projections to support discussions on adaptation: [Climate change projections over land - Met Office](https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/research/ukcp18/land-projections)

AG: Thanks for all the offers to help promote and potentially get involved in a launch. I'll follow up with NJ outside the mtg

AY: Wiltshire Council Planning SMT Directorate feedback:

M: Planning Directorate serve a regulatory function, and work within national policy controls.

M: Enforcement can only extend as far as Building Regs allow.

M: Local Plan already existing on boundaries of what national policy allows.

M: View that planning service is more preventative (i.e. carbon reduction), whereas business continuity planning and other services more reactive (i.e. climate adaptation)

MI: From Colchester & Sutton experience, SUDs is a key way that adaptation is included in planning. From scorecard from Climate Emergency UK, adaptation wasn't featured as well as it could be.

ED: I know there has been a lot of inconsistency from PINS on technical requirements around net zero carbon policies. Due in part to the old 2015 Written Ministerial Statement that accompanied the Housing Standards Review.

ED: We need to make the connection between placemaking and climate adaptation - there is a huge role for planning when you look at it from that perspective. That then links in to design codes.

JH: Would really agree with the point about heat. In London we have a real challenge with developing coherent planning guidance around the UHI – no, or at least little, guidance at national level. We'd also echo the CCC's findings - climate change not given primacy in planning rules and therefore ineffective in addressing e.g. overheating.

MI: In London, developers are required to contribute to carbon fund, but there is no ring-fenced adaptation fund - could be needed.

ED: So future climate projections are certainly looked at when we look at flood risk. I don't think it's so clear with the technical requirements for Part O, certainly for schemes using the simplified method.

NP: agree - BNG could play a role too.

AY: And how quickly can the planning system respond to new climate science/ new climate projections?

MI: At national level, protective measures such as insurance is needed for crop failure and other productive assets. Is there a plan to develop this within DEFRA?

ED: Just to say NJ I have had some discussions with Claire Stewart in the placemaking team at the department on the role of planning in relation to climate adaptation and how the national design code could be strengthened in relation to climate risks.

JH: Totally agree with comments about the Future Homes standard - we really shouldn't be building homes that aren't fit for the future. Great opportunity for ambition on this.

ED: This is why there is a growing number of LPAs looking at setting their own standards on net zero carbon operational emissions (most of which are taking the LETI approach).

BH: WMCA's Housing team have recently been developing a Future House Building Standard for the region but when we've tried to bring adaptation/climate resilience measures into this, there's been a huge pushback because adaptation isn't a feature of the FHS. There isn't a super clear direction from government around bringing adaptation alongside mitigation standards for construction and house design. And just wanted to echo comments on the FHS and work with DESNZ/DLUHC on this!

HS: One rather interesting idea is to protect all trees over a certain size in urban areas due to their significant cooling effect.

ED: Very happy to be involved in a task and finish group on planning NJ and I may be able to bring along a friendly planner as well.

JH: I can ask colleagues in planning at the GLA? May benefit from more planning expertise than I have!

HB: AG, NJ, would it be worth considering a joint meeting with the ADEPT planning working group?

AG: NJ can you liaise with Hannah to get that dovetailing with the ADEPT group?

AY: Very happy to do this though I'm not a planning specialist.

NP: LGA could engage planners involved in its advisory group.

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AY: I'm delivering climate adaptation workshops across all SMT Directorates in Wiltshire Council.

JH: GLA are, I think, developing climate literacy for other teams - extending carbon literacy to include adapt.

RH: That sounds great Kylie. We are doing Carbon Literacy but not covering adaptation at the moment - sight of some more detail would be really appreciated.

BH: Our WMCA Environment team deliver Carbon Literacy training and have developed the adaptation element of this to be a bit stronger alongside the mitigation elements.

KR: If anyone has any info they can send me on what they are already doing on climate adaptation training that would be great kylie.russell@eastsussex.gov.uk

AY: Things are progressing well in Wiltshire Council so far!