

# ADEPT

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

### MEETING

06/10/2020

10:00-12:30

Held via Microsoft Teams videoconferencing software

<p><b>Attendees</b>  Alys Bishop, Central Bedfordshire Council (ABi)  Ashish Patel, Milton Keynes Council, (AP)  Astrid Paget, East Riding County Council, (AP)  Calum Wilson, Woods Hardwick, (CW)  Carl Harrop, (CH)  Dave Stewart, Torbay Council, (DS)  David Strang, Water UK, (DSt)  Helen Smith, Somerset County Council, (HS)  Hilary Ellis, Cambridgeshire CC  Innes Thomson, ADA, (IT)  Jagjit Mahal, Warwickshire County Council, (JM)  Joely Norris, Peterborough City Council, (JN)  John Rumble, Hertfordshire County Council, (JR)  Katherine Grieg, Flood Re, (KG)  Max Tant, Kent, (MT)  Owen McGivern, Department for Infrastructure, (OM)  Patricia Cuervo, RB of Kensington &amp; Chelsea, (PC)  Phil Jones, Northamptonshire County Council, (PJ)  Prince Frank, Luton Borough Council (PF)  Sarah Parkington, National Flood Forum on behalf of Paul Cobbing, (SP)  Sing-Wai Yu, Slough Borough Council, (SY)  Steve Wragg, City of York Council, (SW)  Tim Simpson, Essex County Council, (TS)</p>	<p>Wendy Brooks, EA, (WB)  Will Barber, Coventry City Council, (WB)  William Harrington, DEFRA, (WH)  Vicki Westall, Hampshire County Council, (VW)</p> <p><b>Apologies</b>  Julia Beeden, Cambridgeshire County Council  Martin Hutchings, Devon County Council  Melanie Bright, Bedford Borough Council  Neal Thomas, Coventry City Council  Paul Cobbing, Flood Forum  Revai Kinsella, East Sussex County Council</p>
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Item No.	Item	Action	Action owners
1	<b>Welcome &amp; secretariat</b>	Patricia Cuervo noting action points	PC
2	<b>Update on minutes and actions from previous meetings</b> Actions completed unless listed below or picked up later in agenda		

	Access and Egress guidance	No update. Need EA to come back re presentation on implementation of doc.	Abi / PC
	East Riding of Yorkshire's FRMP	No update.	-
	Defra Surface Water and Drainage Assets- Review of Responsibilities	See item 6.	-
	LGA Funding Research – Hillary Tanner	None. Update at next meeting.	HT
	COVID-19 impacts	Action for those yet to respond to JB email with summary of any significant impacts COVID-19 had on their LLFA work/projects/team	All
	EA update	Wendy Brook wants to host a 5th November (or thereabouts) NFCERMS workshop for ADEPT FWMG. Update to be provided.	WB
	Non statutory technical standards review	Stakeholder workshop scheduled for 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct to present initial review. Add to future agenda to present to group, John Rumble point of contact.	JR
	FRMPS	Stakeholder working group planned 14 <sup>th</sup> Oct. Feedback to be provided at next meeting.	ABi
	Planning White Paper	ABi feeding into wider ADEPT response with support from PC, HE & VW, led by James Chadwick. Anyone wishing to input to contact ABi with comments.	All
	Challenges and choices consultation	Response finalised by JB and will be circulated by NJ to group.	JB / NJ
3	<b>Blue Roof project – Calum Wilson and Carl Harrop, Woods Hardwick</b>	<b>See presentation.</b> Update on the work with CIRIA producing the guidance.  Contact - Calum Wilson (Director, Woods Hardwick) <a href="mailto:C.Wilson@WoodsHardwick.com">C.Wilson@WoodsHardwick.com</a>	-
4	<b>Performance Certificate Concept – Katherine Greig, Flood Re</b>	<b>See presentation.</b> Questions on riparian responsibilities, timescales, lessons learnt. We will be keen to be kept updated and be part of working groups.  Contact – Katherine Greig (Senior Transition Specialist, FloodRE) <a href="mailto:Katherine.Greig@floodre.co.uk">Katherine.Greig@floodre.co.uk</a>	-
5	<b>FMW Act 2010 Sewer Adoption Provisions &amp; the WI Right to Connect - David Strang</b>	Issues raised on right to connect and S106 issues. Schedule 3 is unlikely to come forward. Legislative changes would be required to change right to connect, they will take years to be implemented. DEFRA (Will H said) not sure when the Environment Bill will go back to the House of Commons for amendments, future legislative slots are difficult to get at the time due to Covid and Brexit. Will be seen as planning legislation by MHCLG.  Growing issues with SuDS not being maintained properly, want to remove grey areas around SuDS not being sewers which may prevent adoption by water companies, would also like to see construction standards for SUDS. Somerset (Helen Smith) have funded SuDS inspections in Somerset – and feedback themes through planning to ensure better construction/maint in future. Bid for ongoing service year on year. <b>Topic for future meeting.</b>	HS

6	<b>Discussion about the Surface Water Assets Review and next steps</b>	<p>Published: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/surface-water-and-drainage-review-of-responsibilities">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/surface-water-and-drainage-review-of-responsibilities</a>. The review will now be considered in full by ministers, the government is immediately accepting 12 of the recommendations.</p> <p>Discussion around improving ownership on land drainage assets (i.e. in unregistered land/not shown on deeds) - is something that the Review picked up and want to continue the conversation with DEFRA to improve recourse of these issues. VW working with legal, request for group to forward any similar issues to VW / Julia.</p> <p>General agreement that ADEPT should do a response/high level comment on the review to highlight resource implications of this for LLFAs and lobby for support to implement changes.</p> <p><b>Topic for future meetings:</b> Resource implications of the review (named point of contact at LLFA / resolution on ongoing issues and other couple of issues around section 19); How should ADEPT respond to the review? Should we comment to raise the issues that have not been dealt with by DEFRA for the time being?</p>	<p>VW / JB / ALL</p> <p>MT / AB / JB</p>
7	<b>ADEPT Environment Board update</b>	None.	-
8	<b>ADA update – Innes Thomson</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open data now published for the band raise for all IDBs for England. Available on gov.uk.</li> <li>• Environmental good governance guide for drainage boards to be published by the end of the year. IT will share.</li> <li>• Internal drainage boards submitted a total of £200m worth of projects for the next 6 years. Suggestion that LLFAs join forces with IDB if you have any in your patch.</li> <li>• Encouraging all IDB members to be considering plans for winter readiness.</li> <li>• Planning White paper – will be responding, highlighted issues with development in flood plain. IN will share response.</li> <li>• Lincolnshire started the use of desilting the river Stepping near Wainfleet.</li> </ul>	<p>IT</p> <p>IT</p>
9	<b>Working group updates</b>	See item 2 / To be issued by email as appropriate.	-
10	<b>AOB</b>	None.	-
11	<b>Next meeting date</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> January 10:00 - 1:00</b> via MS Teams. Invite sent.	-
12	<b>Forward plan</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update of the SUDS NTST (John Rumble / Paul Shaffer)</li> <li>• Somerset Rivers Authority (Helen Smith)</li> <li>• Chargeable services i.e. for ditch maintenance, SuDS inspection (Vicki Westall)</li> <li>• CIRIA NFM project (Paul Shaffer?)</li> <li>• Update on DWMP for future (Spring)</li> </ul>	-

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flood guidance to go into the Local Nature Recovery (Julia Beeden)</li><li>• From EA (Wendy Brooks): ELMS, skills survey for RMAs, SMP update</li></ul>	
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