

Update on the development of Third National Adaptation Programme (NAP3)

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What are we aiming for? Draft Strategic Framework for NAP3

Objective Approach Outcome

The objective is for:

NAP3 to deliver, for England and for the whole UK on reserved matters, a society which makes timely, farsighted, and well-informed decisions to address the risks and opportunities posed by a changing climate.

It will be made up of policies, programmes, investments and plans that adapt the UK to 2°C of warming and assess risks for 4°C.

To achieve this, the government is committed to:

- Developing adaptation programmes in a **collaborative** manner with input from key government and non-government partners.
- Ensuring adaptation action is **evidence-based**, including by considering different warming scenarios.
- Championing **an integrated approach** to climate adaptation, enabling us to address climate change holistically, including by reducing emissions.
- Pursuing a **robust and systematic** approach to managing the risks that climate change poses to the country, right across the economy, society, and natural and built environments.
- Demonstrating that we are **acting now** to avoid lock-in, acknowledging the related cost benefits.
- **Levelling up** the unequal impacts of climate change on different communities and locations.
- Ensuring adaptation action is **SMART** (specific, measurable, achievable and agreed, relevant, and time-bound).
- Seeking to ensure that government makes climate-resilient decisions across the board.

The implementation of this strategic framework will:

- Establish collective ambition and direction.
- Strengthen action across & beyond government.
- Drive long-term direction of evidence and analysis.

Where are we in the process? Overview of timeline and phases

Phase 1: Autumn 2021-Spring 2022

Cross-government stakeholder engagement to define risk owners and develop responses to each of the 61 risks/opportunities.

Phase 2: Summer 2022

Stakeholder engagement to test NAP3 objectives and approach.

Design of NAP3 structure.

Phase 3: Autumn 2022 -Winter 2022

Drafting of NAP3 content.

Phase 4: Spring 2023

Review of NAP3 by sector teams and review and sign off of NAP3 by Ministers to enable publication in summer 2023.

Publication of NAP3 (summer 2023)

How can we enable local action on adaptation through NAP3?

Enablers we are looking to explore further:

- Widening access to published adaptation advice, such as Local Partnerships' 2021 adaptation toolkit.
- Data on climate risk we would like CCRA4 to provide an enhanced spatial perspective to better support local action.
- Data on climate risk from LAs to central government.
- Devolution of powers (next slide).

Devolution and adaptation

- DLUHC negotiating to agree devolution deals announced in the Levelling Up White Paper this year;
- new deals from Cornwall as a single unitary, to the East Midlands deal with Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire upper tiers;
- resilience is part of the core policy offer for the deals; worked up between DLUHC and Home Office.

Resilience and Public Safety

• "[Area] will have a clear role in local resilience, following Government's full consideration of the role and responsibilities of LRFs".

Next Steps – Q&A points

Engagement

- How can we engage you as NAP3 develops?
- How can the Government help different sectors work better together on adaptation?

Competing priorities

 How can adaptation and Net Zero be mutually supportive?

Thank You

- Additional resources
 - Third Climate Change Risk Assessment
 - 2021 CCC Progress Report on climate change to Parliament
 - Technical Report UK Climate Risk
 - Local Partnerships Adaptation Toolkit

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