

Flood & Water Management Group

The Flood and Water Management Group met on 1st September 2017 and had 18 attendees. A presentation from consultants 'Risk & Policy Analysts' prompted a great deal of discussion around the ongoing Defra/Environment Agency evaluation review of the partnership funding regime for flood and water management. Other topics discussed at the meeting included:

- The Lead Local Flood Authority skills matrix which has assessed the existing skills and gaps, linking to capacity building;
- National reporting by the Environment Agency for the Minister outlining progress on flood and coastal erosion risk management
- Progress on the production of Preliminary Flood Risk Assessments and Local Flood Risk Management Strategies
- The findings from the LGA/ADEPT project which has demonstrated the need to increase Land Drainage Consent application charges;
- Lead Local Flood Authorities' new reporting measures identified in the proposed single data list and the Section 18 report update process.

The afternoon session produced several energetic discussions following on from some extremely interesting presentations around current topical interests. These included natural flood management, with presentations from JBA and the National Farmers Union, and flood reporting tools including SWIM, presented by Dorset County Council.