

- A prosperous economy

It was agreed that the wording for the Ambition Statement building blocks and supporting statements should be revisited.

The Ambition Statement will be used to inform the overall vision for the Strategy. In 2050 what does a resilient society, economy and environment look like? How will we get there? The Ambition Statement needs to support the delivery of the BEIS Industrial Strategy as well as the 25 year Environment Plan.

Enablers

The following enablers were proposed. No detailed discussion was held but the attendees were invited to provide comments on them.

- Government
- Partnership
- Finance
- Innovation, technology and data
- Behaviour and societal change

The following additional enablers were suggested

- Science and knowledge is needed
- Good governance, collaboration and alignment of plans is needed
- Meeting the Paris Agreement for net zero carbon emissions

Guiding Principles

A set of principles were provided to the group, none of which were accepted in the exact way that they were presented. All were re-worded by individual break out groups, some of these were supported by all and others had a mixed reception across the attendees.

- Multiple solutions approach
- Promote and strive to achieve multiple benefits (including benefits and investment opportunities from other projects and contribution to net zero emissions)
- Assessment of risk based on the latest, best science (evidence-based)
- Cover all sources of flooding and coastal erosion
- Beneficiaries should be encouraged to contribute to risk management (not necessarily financially)
- Cross-societal approach

Words in italics are suggested categories (post event) for grouping purposes

Community involvement/engagement

- Encourage community led options
- Community focus and partnership working fostering collaboration and engagement at all levels

- Communities are supported throughout all stages of plan, prepare, respond, recover

Widening responsibility beyond FCERM sector

- Participative approach or involve everyone in FCRM
- FCERM is embedded in all decisions about place

Clear roles, responsibilities and communication

- Transparent decision-making
- Clarify and coordinate roles and responsibilities and trust in one another to discharge these and resource accordingly
- Effective and consistent communication at all levels
- We work in an open way by allowing everyone to be heard, involved and included
- Actions should be proportionate, risk-based, prioritized and planned against a range of time-frames

Information and knowledge

- We share information and data openly ensuring this is accessible to and usable by its target audience
- Encourage continuous learning, performance improvement and innovation
- Evidence-based
- Decisions are tested against future risks and allow for adaptation

Overall focus

- FCERM is designed and delivered in the context of wider water issues (*resources, quality*)
- Social justice (*needs defining*) at the heart of the approach
- Catchment and coastal cell-based whole system approach

It was suggested that the guiding principles were becoming too numerous and duplicating each other and an alternative suggestion was to replace them with a few key words and phrases:

- Sustainable/long-term
- Trusted
- Empowering
- Equitable
- Cost-effective, value for money, resource-effective (and efficient)
- Creating/seizing opportunities (to achieve multi-benefits)
- Flexibility

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 30th July, WebEx