



## Communities & Businesses Working Group

### What part do individuals, communities and businesses play?

This group will look at how those with statutory responsibilities work with communities and business with all being part of the flood family. It will consider what our expectations should be of each other and how the way we work together can be developed and improved.

#### Working group timeline

This working group will initially come together in June, meeting monthly until September. Dates for these meetings are currently being confirmed. During this time, the working group will develop a series of ideas to inform the FCERM Strategy. These ideas will be tested against the ambition, reviewed by the Advisory Group and fed into the Strategy.

Over the summer, the working group will:

- ➔ develop the ambition of the working group for 2050 in relation to this core question
- ➔ generate the ideas of how to make the ambition happen and who does what
- ➔ agree the immediate actions over the next 5 years to make the first steps towards starting to deliver that ambition
- ➔ highlight any potential issues and conflicts to the Advisory Group for steer.

#### Initial questions to consider

- ➔ How do we ensure everyone is clear on what protection / level of service they can expect – and what is expected of them?
- ➔ What would that look like and how would it be used?
- ➔ How do we develop a common & shared language for flood and coastal risk that inspires action? And how do we describe 'resilience' to the public so it is seen positively?
- ➔ How can we help stop water being seen as a 'problem' for society so we learn to live with the extremes?
- ➔ How do we meet the expectations of the range of communities we serve from those who are willing and enable to play an active part and those who do not have the capacity or desire?
- ➔ How do we reach those at risk who have never been flooded / affected by coastal change?
- ➔ How can we make it easier for people to make their homes and businesses more easily recoverable from unavoidable floods and coastal erosion?

#### Anchor points

Legislation, policy, fact	Principles, values
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Statutory roles &amp; responsibilities around flood and coastal erosion risk management</li><li>• Environment Agency/Government make scheme decisions</li><li>• Communities have different capacity and desire to be involved</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clear, open information &amp; data – shared freely between organisations and the public</li><li>• We want to work in a way that allows communities to be part of the team</li></ul>

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