



**FCERM Strategy 2050 Protection & Funding Working Group  
Webex – Wednesday 8 August, 2018  
10:30 – 12:30**

**Meeting objectives**

- Describe the initial outputs of the Working Groups – with an initial look across all of the Working Group “Ideas for Change” with a focus on this individual working group.
- Explain how the Working Group will be evaluating the ideas produced so far in the September workshops and discuss the technical checklist that will be used.
- Describe links between the National FCERM Strategy 2050 and the government’s 25 Year Environment Plan.
- Describe the key findings from your feedback.

**Ideas for Change**

**July 2018 FCERM Strategy Working Groups: Cross cutting themes**

The July working groups focused on ideas for change. Cross-cutting themes identified across the groups were presented.

A summary of key ideas discussed by each working group were also presented.

**Discussion**

- We need to refer to a nationally consistent framework which provides a consistent approach across the country. However, we need to be mindful that the situation is not the same everywhere so it needs to be complemented with a local element - we can learn from models but not recreate the same thing in different parts of the country. This may be a challenge but we need to have these conversations.
- The National Strategy will need to take account of the local and regional variances but will provide the framework/ steer on a national basis into which Local and Regional issues will fit.
- We need to consider standards for reassurance and resilience. As a group, we need to look at the [National Infrastructure Assessment 2018](#) and discuss standards. The NIC report recommends a national standard of property resilience and we need to respond to that challenge. We need to consider the implications to adaptation standards and consistency challenges.
- There should be more focus on looking at planning systems and developing opportunities. We should aim to influence developers and work with providers of infrastructure to explore new delivery mechanisms.

- We should look at equipping local authorities to make sure planning processes are strong. Local authority resources are often overwhelmed when coming to planning decisions. Planning for housing isn't necessarily the main effort, it should be around infrastructure and master planning.
- We need a common language. For example, the use "catchment" only works for inland, but is not in the vocabulary for coastal engineers. "Coastal cells" are the equivalent to catchments and should be used in the Strategy.
- We need to discuss what is the acceptable level or risk? What we defend against? What is our risk appetite approach? What is the level of investment we need to achieve the level of resilience we want? There will be chance to discuss some of these issues at the September meeting. The Futures work will help with the conversations.
- Climate change brings up questions about how we reduce risks in the future. The shape of risk is changing. Future brings uncertainty.
- We need to discuss further the mitigation of all sources of flood risk for a community or area taking into consideration. There are good examples and case studies of this, where RMAs are working together but also some examples of schemes addressing only one source of flooding, leaving the community still vulnerable and sometimes unaware of their other flood risk.

## Evaluation

### Technical Evaluation Checklist



The draft topics for a technical evaluation checklist were presented and discussed by the working group. This checklist will form the main process of evaluating ideas for change at the September workshop. Ideas will be 'scored' at the September workshop using a ++/+/0/-/-- system.

## Discussion – technical evaluation checklist

- Deliverable: need to consider short term and long term.
- We need to add benefit considerations.
- When we move into the prioritising exercise, we need to make sure we have the necessary level of experience in evaluating and are using the right best tools. We need to plan how we do this.
- We need to consider the need to have something measureable or auditable by 2050. We need to consider the risk that we do not understand future risks or climate change, so some things may become irrelevant etc. The strategy must take this into account and needs to be flexible to deal with and meet this.

## Feedback

### Initial feedback

Initial feedback from the evaluation forms completed by working group members were presented. A summary of the feedback so far was presented. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. There has been action taken on suggestions for improvements including:

- ‘Two thirds are not clear what is happening in other working groups’ – this is why the overarching themes were shared at this meeting as well as summaries from each of the working groups. Meeting notes are available on the FCERM strategy 2050 website: <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/fcrm/fcrm-national-strategy-info/>

### Next meeting

Next meeting date: 4 September, 10:30am – 4pm

Venue: Millennium Point - Curzon St – Birmingham B4 7XG

### Actions and next steps:

| <b>ACTION</b>   | <b>OWNER</b>       |
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| Circulate meeting notes & upload to website   | Environment Agency |
| Share thoughts about the technical checklist before 20 August by emailing <a href="mailto:FCERMstrategy@environment-agency.gov.uk">FCERMstrategy@environment-agency.gov.uk</a>                        | Working group      |
| Complete the ‘End of Event’ evaluation form asap (before 13 August)   | Working group      |
| Continue to use the DIY engagement material available. Talk to your own networks about ideas for change and any new ideas for change and return by email before 29 August.                            | Working group      |
| Continue to send in evidence or research to be considered for the Evidence Pack   | Working group      |
| Keep up to date on the website: <a href="https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/fcrm/fcrm-national-strategy-info/">https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/fcrm/fcrm-national-strategy-info/</a> | Working group      |