



**FCERM Strategy 2050 Roles & Responsibilities Working Group
Face to face workshop 5 September 2018
10:30 – 15:30**

Meeting objectives

- Understand progress since the last meeting of the working group.
- Evaluate the ideas for change that are relevant to this working group.
- Understand the next steps in the strategy development process:
 - Further evaluation of ideas and alignment with the outputs of other working groups.
 - Timetable for drafting the strategy, the public consultation and key milestones to publication.
- Influence the ongoing role of working group members and opportunities to continue contributing to the development of the strategy.

Strategy Update

We are now in the fourth stage of developing the strategy focusing on evaluation of the Ideas for Change generated by the Working Groups. Feedback from the Ambition Working Group meeting on 22 August was briefly presented.

No questions on the strategy update.

Evidence update

An update on the evidence process was presented including gaps in evidence that have been identified so far. Additional evidence can be provided until 19 October 2018.

Discussion:

- We need to be credible. It is really important that the evidence allows us to rebuff challenges.
- The Case for Change will be a summary of the need for the strategy.
- The Evidence Pack will be presented alongside the strategy during public consultation. This evidence will later form part of the Case for Change, but the Case for Change itself will not be part of the formal consultation process.

Ideas Evaluation

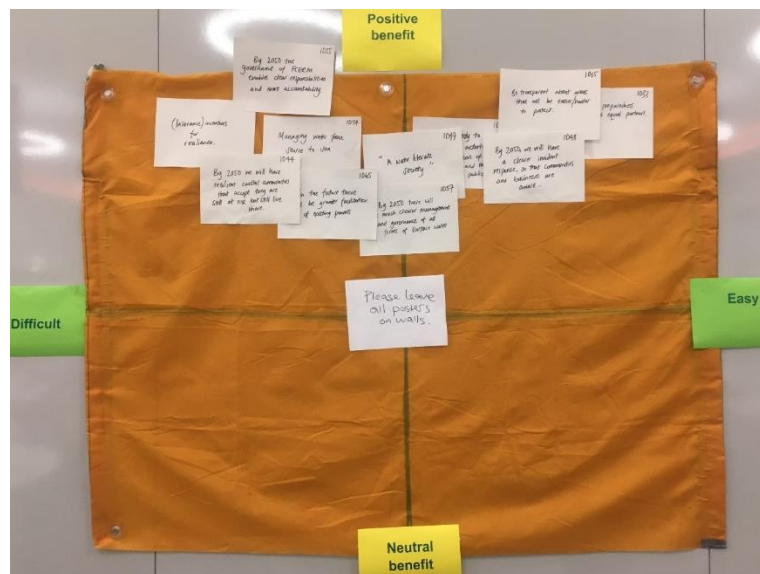
The group analysed the Ideas for Change using a four stage evaluation process in order to identify ideas that the group agreed are:

1. Nationally strategic
2. Achieve the FCERM strategy ambitions and supporting statements
3. Fit the guiding principles

Comments on evaluation process:

- Some of the ideas are very specific, some less so. Define the idea first.
- Some start with 2050, some do not. Do they all have to be deliverable by 2050? This is tricky to answer but the ambition statements require the ideas to be deliverable by 2050 but not everything within the idea needs to be completed by then, and some may be delivered before 2050.
- It would be good to discuss the short term actions.
- It would be useful to review the actions needed.
- We have not defined that the roles and responsibilities should be for each organisation e.g. emergency planning. We have focused on these Ideas for Change but we need prioritise understanding the roles.
- Surprise that the ideas seem to build on existing arrangements/systems rather than big new ideas. The ideas might be around driving the existing into different directions, but this is not ambitious which is what we have been asked to be. Perhaps the case for change will help drive ambition?
- Advice for tomorrow's workshop: there needs to be time to understand the ideas first.

Phase four of the evaluation process:



ID66: A single body to co-ordinate activities between members of the flood family and the public

- A 'single body' was an issue so we changed this to 'co-ordination' as well as amending 'flood' to 'water' for a wider reach. There are lots of benefits of this idea and many examples that could be used as evidence. Difficult to deliver because relies on individual action.

ID47 "A water literate society"

- This idea is positive and centres on having an informed, educated society. Easy to co-ordinate but difficult to change behaviours.

ID13 (Insurance) incentives for resilience.

- Amended this idea to focus on enabling behavioural change. 'Enabled' links to FloodRe because these changes are needed before the end of FloodRe in the next 20-30 years. This change to FloodRe can change the framework of insurance but could then reply on the home market of insurance to bring about change.

ID33 We consider preparedness and recovery as equal partners. In the future risk management authorities will spend more time preparing for emergencies and RMAs and property owners being aware of the risks, such as flooding.

- The idea was amended. There is a void in recovery from LLFA perspective. Significant additional resource is needed if we want to progress from doing the minimum. It is easier to plan to prepare, it is harder to recover because we do not know what or the scale until it has happened. The Environment Agency has lots of 'prepared' work but a lack of work on recovery. Government attitude during recovery is often eye catching way of spending funding – it is difficult to change this type of reactive spending because politicians prefer to

spend money during recovery. The media do not always report all flooding events.

ID5 Broader outcomes for scheme justification (link to community visioning – how – bring together)

- This idea was amended. Clear plans are needed to improve risk in the face of climate change. There needs to be transparency between partners to help this. Elements of this idea are already underway now.

ID54 Managing water from source to sea

- Multiple partners involved in this idea. Outcome Measures can drive the wrong outcomes and this needs to be addressed.

ID55 By 2050 the governance of FCERM enables clear responsibilities and more accountability.

- This idea is fundamental to make progress and providing assurance to government. This is an important idea, and in some ways it is already happening. The focus needs to be on behavioural change and acceptance. Local authorities have multiple priorities that must be balanced, so this idea is easier for the Environment Agency and water companies to deliver.

ID65

- In the future there will be greater facilitation of existing powers
- This idea could be delivered in two ways – utilising the existing or rewriting. The group considered the idea in the context of existing powers. Duties were not considered.

ID48 By 2050, we will have a clearer incident response, so that communities and businesses are aware of who is responsible and their responsibilities and applied at the appropriate scale.

- 'By 2050' felt too far in the future so this idea was amended in terms of time scales.

ID44 By 2050 we will have resilient coastal communities that accept they are still at risk but still live there

- This idea was amended.

New ideas

- Planning policy and Building Regulation have closer links to the insurance industry – to validate resilient designs in new builds
- Industry wide and shared capacity building for FCERM
- Open source digital information (linking to ID66)

Next steps discussion

Developing the strategy is a collaborative process and that collaborative process will continue over the next few months. The group discussed how this continued collaboration may work.

- We could choose to deliver those ideas or sharpen the ideas.

Actions and next steps:

ACTION	OWNER
Circulate meeting notes & upload to website	Environment Agency
Circulate the Evidence Update slides for information	Environment Agency