

# National Approach to Adaptation: Development of a UK Policy Framework

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# Outline

- Context
- Adaptation Policy Framework
- Support for Adaptation Action
- Next Steps
- Role of Local Authorities

# Adaptation in Context

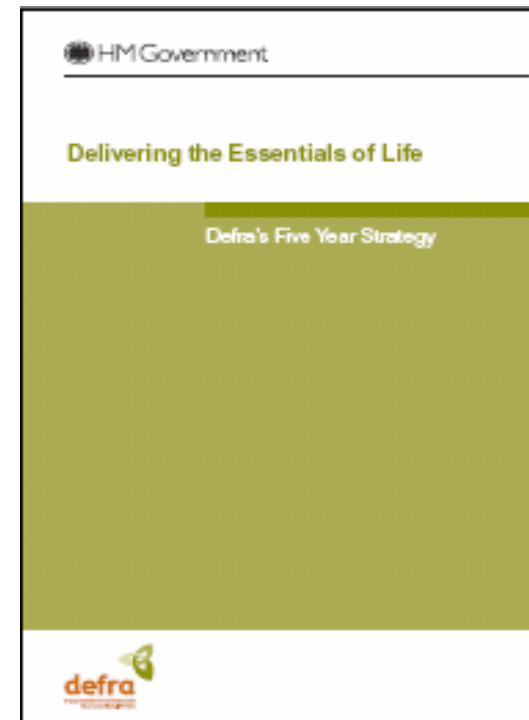
- UNFCCC – negotiations on 5 year work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation in Montreal
- European Commission – ECCP II
  - Adaptation strand
- Defra 5 Year Strategy and CCP

# Defra's Five Year Strategy

Strategic outcome under climate change and energy on:

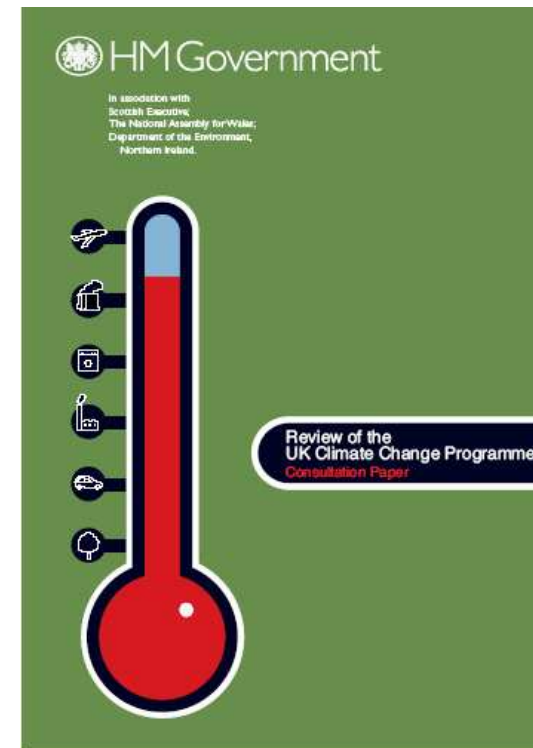
- **UK successfully adapting to unavoidable climate change**

“Public and Private sector organisations at local, regional and national levels including the new integrated agency and the EA will be instrumental at delivering the objectives identified under this framework.”



# Climate Change Programme

- Looks at how existing policies are performing and what can be done in future
- Includes a focus on adaptation
- Re-emphasises importance of anticipatory adaptation
- APF as delivery mechanism for adaptation

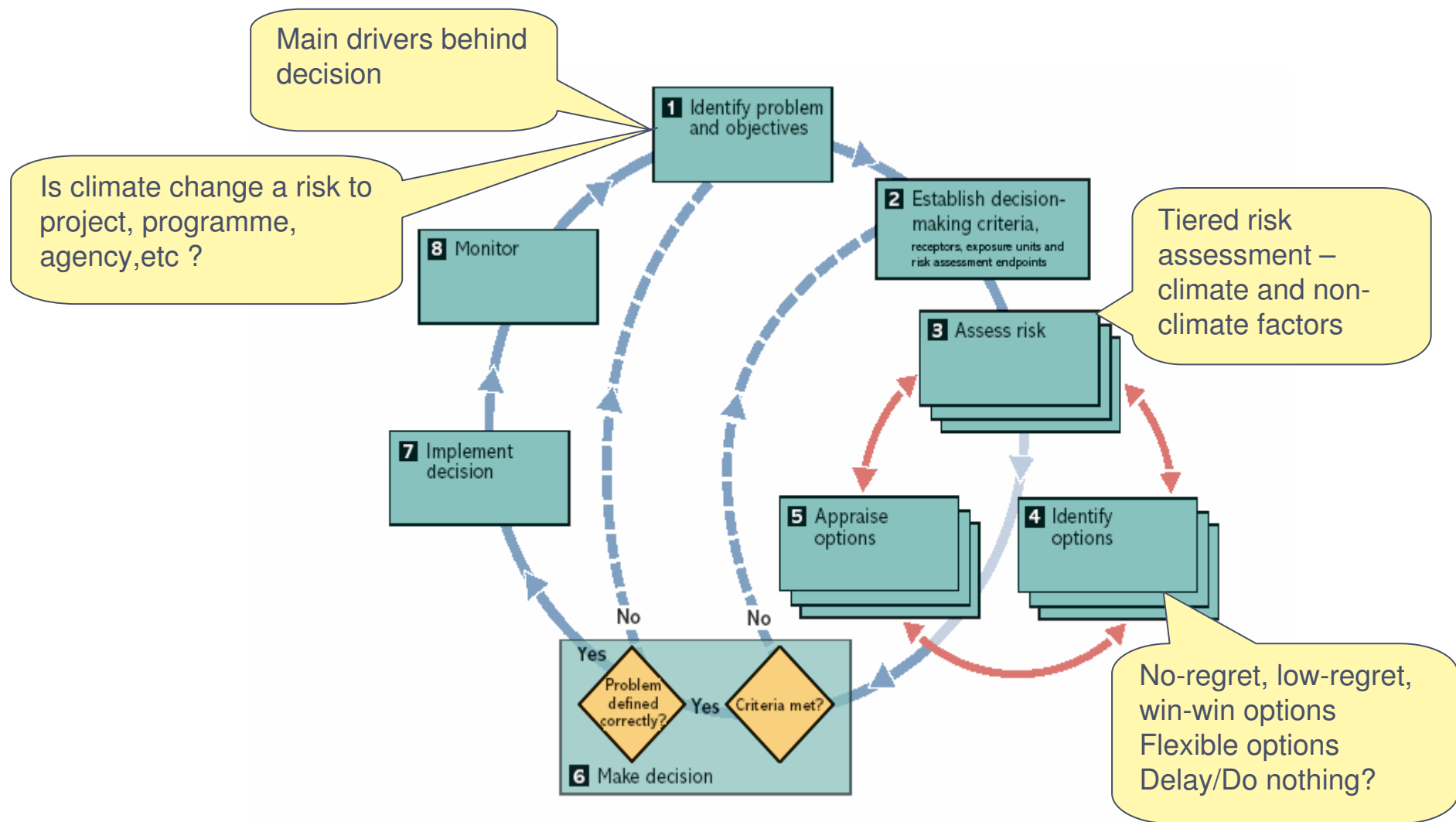


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# Role of APF

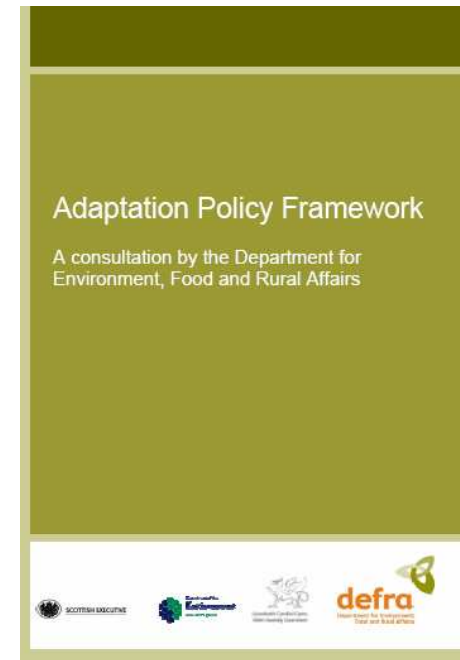
- Co-ordination of adaptation activities across Government
- Comprehensive coverage of sectors
- Coherent approach across departments, levels of government, and wider public sector
  - Avoid duplication, provide strategic direction
  - Define roles and responsibilities
- Evidence base for decision making

# Climate adaptation: risk, uncertainty & decision-making



# Preliminary Consultation Responses

- Over 120 responses plus feedback from Workshops
- Large Variety of Sectors
  - Public sector
  - Industry
  - Transport
  - Water
  - Research Bodies
- Number of examples of Adaptation Action



# Main Themes

- Adaptive actions happening – but ad hoc
- Importance of cross-sectoral approaches
- Commonality of key work areas
  - Spatial planning
  - Transport
  - Emergency Planning
- Central Government as leaders and communicators
- Importance of partnership working

# Support for Adaptation action

- Regional APF Workshops
- Cross-Regional Research Programme
- UKCIP Adaptation Wizard
- Nottingham Tool – ND2
- Adaptation Case Study Database
- Objectives, targets and Indicators work

# Adaptation Case Study Database

Region	East of England	
Sector	Regional Government	Local Government
Adaptation type	Policy & project appraisal process	Information supply, education, awareness raising
Level	Strategy	
Status	Completed	
Service area (LA only)		
Organisation(s)	East of England Sustainable Development Round Table	
Website	<a href="http://www.goeast.gov.uk/About_Us/Business_Groups/Environment/index.cfm?textVersion=1">www.goeast.gov.uk/About_Us/Business_Groups/Environment/index.cfm?textVersion=1</a>	
Summary	The study 'Living with climate change in the East of England' consists of three stages. Stage 1 looks at regional level spatial adaptation response while Stage 2 provides guidance on adaptation measures for responding to climate change at the local level. Specifically the report provides guidance for local authorities and other agencies' service provision. Stage 3 consists of the development of communications and dissemination materials.	

region

sector

adaptation

organisation



UK Climate  
Impacts  
Programme

# Objective-setting for adaptation policy

- Short consultancy project to develop potential objectives, targets, indicators:
  - Review objective-setting methods
  - Develop principles and methods to be applied
  - Identify priority sectors and suggest O, T, I
  - Apply methods at local level
  - Workshops

# Next Steps

- Assessment of Consultation responses
- Feed examples into Adaptation database
- Launch of Adaptation Database
- Objective setting for adaptation policy
- Start to work on next stages of APF

# Role of LAs

- APF is a stakeholder led process
- Delivery of adaptation will be at local level
- Engagement in existing processes
  - Regional planning
  - Flood Defence Committees
- UKCIP 5 yr plan suggests idea of regional APFs