

Delivering NI 188 in Warwickshire (Adapting to Climate Change)

The notes below are what the LAA partnership (currently mostly Public Service Organisations including LSP partners but will need extending to cover other organisations such as Warwickshire Climate Change Partners) needs to do meet the levels 0 to 3 for NI 188 (4 is included too just for info), with a bit on the performance monitoring of our achievements.

Basically it is:

Level 0 - We have to form an adaptation group, gather evidence of existing adaptation action and relevant documents.

Level 1 - We need to have assessed risks and opportunities and communicated them.

Level 2 - We need to have developed an adaptation action plan for priority areas in Warwickshire and begun implementing it.

Level 3 - We need to have developed an action plan for each partner and they should have embedded risks and opportunities in all decision making processes.

Leadership - We need to extend the adaptation group to other organisations across Warwickshire, share knowledge and promote action.

Innovation - We need to link with the research community to help partners to assess the impacts and initiate community projects.

and more fully it is:

LEVEL 0

- Identify LAA adaptation contacts / form project implementation group
- Pull together existing documentation
 - a. Community risk register
 - b. Water resources plans
 - c. Emergency plans
 - d. Flood risk management plans
 - e. Climate change strategy
 - f. Planning assessments
- Gather evidence of existing adaptation measures in Warwickshire

LEVEL 1

- Develop project plan
- All LAA partners to make a public commitment on managing the risks of climate change (e.g. through signing the Nottingham Declaration)
- All LA council leaders and LAA partners senior management made aware of the public commitment and developing adaptation programme
- Develop a Local Climate Impacts Profile for Warwickshire
 - a. Assess significant risks / vulnerabilities
 - b. Assess opportunities

c. All LAA partners to undertake an assessment of impacts covered by existing risk management systems (flood risk plans, community risk registers etc.)

d. All LAA partners to identify new and emerging risks arising from projected climate changes

Communicate vulnerabilities and opportunities to all relevant departmental / service heads

LEVEL 2

Develop a prioritised adaptation strategy and action plan for all identified vulnerabilities and opportunities for:

PUBLIC SERVICES

- Emergency Planning / Emergency Services
 - Community risk register
 - Civil contingencies (security)
- Health / Social care
- Transport / Highways / Bridges
- Waste Management
- Education

NATURAL RESOURCES

- Biodiversity / Forestry
- Water resources
 - Develop indicator on sustainable water abstraction
- Agriculture
- Public open spaces

BUILT ENVIRONMENT

- Planning / Development
 - Provision of long term affordable housing
 - Sustainable Communities
- Building design / drainage / SUDS
- Utilities / Infrastructure
 - Energy security of supply
- Building Control
- Asset management

COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

- Tourism
- Insurance
- Business support
- Heritage
- Economic Development

Each partner to find funding to undertake action in priority areas

- Gather evidence that LAA partners have started implementing actions in priority areas
- Gather evidence that LAA partners have identified how to manage risks in other areas
- Gather evidence of strong partnership working with LSP partners

LEVEL 3

- Define an adaptation action plan for priority areas for each LAA and LSP partner
- Define how each LAA and LSP partner are to manage the risk posed by non-priority areas
- Embed risks and opportunities across decision making processes and across all service areas and planning

LEVEL 4

- All partners to be actively implementing the actions in their action plan
- All partners arrange regular and continual reviews of the risks, plans, actions and consequences of those actions

LAA PERFORMANCE MONITORING

Whoever monitors our performance will look at how the LAA partners perform regarding timescale, quality, leadership and innovation:

LEADERSHIP

- LA's to lead the establishment of an MAA on adaptation
- Set up a county-wide adaptation network
- Arrange events / conferences / workshops to share knowledge and experience
- Providing a one-stop shop for all useful links and relevant publications on the adaptation pages of the WCCP web site
- Undertaking research on specific issues and disseminating findings
- Engage private sector and related associations
- Build adaptation skills capacity within Warwickshire
- Promote adaptation beyond the locality (e.g. regionally) through Beacon Council type initiative (WCC now a member of the SWM adaptation working group)
- Work with local communities and small businesses to promote adaptation

INNOVATION

- Link with local universities, research organisations and consultancies to undertake research or other adaptation projects
- Work with partners to make best use of existing tools. Adapting them to work for circumstances specific to Warwickshire to assess the impacts from climate change and how to manage them
- Arrange community engagement events