**ADEPT Flood and Water Management Group meeting 9 October 2018**

The group met on with 23 people attending including representatives from Defra and the Environment Agency. Main issues discussed included:

* Partnership funding
* Grant in Aid for flood and coastal erosion risk management (FCERM) – issues of eligibility and methodology to be covered at a workshop in January
* FFR allocations announced in the summer, but there are questions about the robustness of some of the underpinning studies
* Environment Agency role in planning applications not consistent at present and is to be clarified
* EA research & development programme of £800k – the group will look at dovetailing its activities with this and seeking funding opportunities
* LGA research – devolved model for flood funding, they are looking for ADEPT input

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