**Local Adaptation Advisory Panel meeting 12 November 2018**

The Local Adaptation Advisory Panel (LAAP) was formed in 2011 by Defra, who now act as its secretariat. It is a strategically-focused steering group, which is a forum for dialogue between local and central government on climate change adaptation in the local government sector. The LAAP consists of representatives from eight local authorities, Defra, BEIS and MHCLG, delivery partners Public Health England and the Environment Agency, and Wessex Water. It meets every two months to discuss relevant adaptation policy and climate science issues and how adaptation can be embedded in local authorities’ practices and the services they provide. In this respect the LAAP is working closely with ADEPT and the LGA to ensure delivery of adaptation practices across the sector.

The LAAP met most recently on 12 November and the key outputs from this were:

* Agreement of an outline Work Programme for the next 12/18 months. This will cover:
  + Finalisation of a minimum and good adaptation self-assessment tool/guidance, which will enable local authorities to assess their own performance on adaptation
  + Dissemination of this tool/guidance through the ADEPT (subject and regional boards), and possibly LGA, network(s)
  + Aiming to launch the tool/guidance and Position Statement at the ADEPT Spring Conference in June 2019, and carry the theme into the Autumn Conference in November 2019
  + And, if time and resource are available, and when additional information has been published, considering wider issues, such as 2019 Spending Review, Shared Prosperity Fund, engaging with professional organisations on training/R&D on adaptation and producing a profile of the LAAP
* A presentation by colleagues from the London School of Tropical Medicine, South Gloucestershire Council and Public Health England about how local authorities in the south-west of England are preparing for the health impacts of climate change
* An update from Defra of current adaptation work its climate science and policy teams are undertaking. This includes revised UKCP18 climate projections, launched on 26th November, the first stages of the third Climate Change Risk Assessment process and looking at options for monitoring and liaising with the Adaptation Sub-Committee in evaluating actions set out in the second National Adaptation Programme
* Roundtable updates from members.

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