

## East Sussex LAA Delivery Plan



East Sussex Strategic Partnership

<b>National Indicator:</b>	<b>NIS No: 188</b>			
	<b>Definition: Adaptation to Climate Change</b>			
<b>Performance:</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>08/09</b>	<b>09/10</b>	<b>10/11</b>
		<b>Level 0</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 3</b>
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<b>Steering Group/ Partnership:</b>	NI 188 Working Group – members, district and county councils and the Environment Agency (chair – Chris Wick, Environment Agency)
<b>Specific Sub Targets:</b>	
<b>Sub target 1</b>	<p>Level 0 to be achieved by all partners by March 2009.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• create an outline project plan with key milestones for the journey to developing the adaptation action plan linking to the calendar of mainstream business and the indicator targets (if you have them)</li> <li>• to begin the engagement of others in the process of developing an adaptation action plan</li> <li>• to begin to identify the personnel, resources and procedures and training necessary to</li> </ul>

	<p>start the long-term process of developing a comprehensive adaptation strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To undertake a high level stocktake of how adaptation, weather and climate information is currently reflected in existing plans and strategies</li> </ul> <p>Supplementary aim for level 0 to be achieved by some councils</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supplementary Aim; to start the process of expressing a 'vision' for creating a 'well adapting local community' which could be linked to the Sustainable Community Strategy</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sub target 2</b></p>	<p>Level 1 to be achieved by the majority of councils by March 2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to demonstrate the leadership role of the authority by making a public commitment (amongst the local community, LSP partners, etc.) to respond to the threats and opportunities of a changing weather and climate</li> <li>• to develop an understanding of current vulnerability to weather, including extreme weather events</li> <li>• to identify significant potential impacts associated with future weather and climate, particularly those that are not adequately addressed by existing policies</li> <li>• to ensure that relevant managers / elected members are aware of these and other potential impacts, and are preparing to address them</li> </ul> <p>Supplementary aims for level 1 to be achieved by some of these councils</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supplementary Aim; to develop and maintain a monitoring system to collect information on the impacts of weather events, particularly recording the impacts on the delivery of authority services</li> <li>• Supplementary Aim; to develop and maintain a weather and climate database for the which co-ordinates evidence of past trends and projections</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sub target 3</b></p>	<p>Level 2 to be achieved by the majority of councils by December 2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To ensure that the authority now has a comprehensive assessment of climate threats</li> </ul>

	<p>and opportunities across its operations for specified periods in the future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To identify using a risk-based method, preferably already employed by the authority, the priority risks that need to be considered</li><li>• To establish methods and procedures for identifying adaptation options and develop some priority 'quick-win' actions</li><li>• To begin to implementing some priority actions which will include both 'practical adaptation actions' and 'building adaptive capacity'</li><li>• To encourage activity amongst LSP partners to undertake risk based assessments of their significant vulnerabilities and opportunities</li></ul> <p><b>Level 1 to be achieved by all councils by December 2010</b></p> <p>Supplementary aims for level 2 to be achieved by some of these councils</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supplementary Aim; To introduce arrangements for monitoring other business in order to be aware of any new risks</li><li>• Supplementary Aim; To introduce arrangements for monitoring the effectiveness of adaptation measures as they become exposed to the increasing</li><li>• extremes of the changing weather</li></ul>
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<p><b>Sub target 4</b></p>	<p>Level 3 to be achieved by the majority of councils by March 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To develop a comprehensive adaptation action plan which sets out the necessary steps to achieve objectives in the light of projected climate change</li> <li>• To ensure that a consideration of changing climate impacts and risks is embedded into all authority decision making</li> <li>• To implement appropriate adaptation responses to the priority issues identified in the comprehensive risk assessment.</li> <li>• To ensure that the authority is supporting the LSP and partner organisations in managing changing climate risks across the wider local authority area.</li> </ul> <p><b>Level 2 to be achieved by all councils by March 2011</b></p>		
<p><b>Links with Other Plans:</b></p>	<p>East Sussex – <a href="#">Pride of Place (Sustainable Community Strategy for East Sussex)</a>                  Lewes council – <a href="#">Draft Climate Change Strategy</a> and <a href="#">Climate change links</a>                  Wealden Council – <a href="#">Climate Change Policy</a> and <a href="#">Climate Change action plan</a>                  Eastbourne Council – <a href="#">Climate Change WebPages</a></p> <p><a href="#">UK CIP</a>  <a href="#">Local Climate Impacts Profile</a>  <a href="#">UK CIP Adaptation Wizard</a>  <a href="#">Nottingham declaration</a>  <a href="#">Nottingham declaration action pack</a>  <a href="#">Climate South East</a></p>		
<p><b>Risks/Barriers:</b></p>	<p><b>Risk/Barrier</b></p> <p>1. Failure for one or more of the Councils to achieve the required level</p>	<p><b>Mitigating Action</b></p> <p>Regular meetings and support by other councils. Using the same methodology for all</p>	

		councils so that resources can be shared and lessons learnt.
	2. Limited resources in councils to complete actions that are required for delivery	Look at external funding sources that this indicator could access to limit the resources that each council will have to give. Ensure that the right people in the councils recognise delivery against this indicator as a priority.
	3. Lack of buy-in by other council members/departments	Promote delivery of this indicator to council members and business leads. Get appropriate climate change evidence base through baseline stage to provide information to councillors.
	4. Changes to the definition and/or requirements of the indicator	Monitor new legislation, reports and guidance for this indicator. Have regular working groups to agree correct way forward and to discuss any new material produced.
	5. Changing personnel leading to lack of continuity	Ensure there is a good admin trail and accurate information to allow people to get up to speed quickly if there is any change. Discuss progress and key delivery mechanisms for each council at working group meetings.
	6. Economic downturn happens leading to reduced resources to achieve indicator requirements	Maintain clear message that climate change is happening, is still important throughout the downturn and about cost savings. Ensure that council priorities reflect the indicator.
	7. Pace of climate change is faster or different than predicted	Keep as well informed as we can on the changing advice. Nottingham declaration and

		UK CIP we have the most accurate and up to date picture.	
<b>Resources:</b>	<p>A consultant has been appointed to assist with the production of a Local Climate Impact Profile (LCLIP).</p> <p>A member from each council has been appointed as the lead contact for this indicator and they attend the NI188 working group (coordination group for this indicator)</p> <p>A lead has been identified and resources made available to assist with the delivery of this indicator within the Environment Agency.</p>		

*Indicator Leads should list of **ALL** activities undertaken by partners which will contribute to the successful achievement of the National indicator. Not all activities will relate specifically to the targets(s) used; where they do they should be identified. All partners will need to provide evidence which shows their activity is being achieved.*

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>Interim Measure + frequency of measurement</b>	<b>Partner</b>	<b>Named link</b>
<i>Description of activity</i>	<i>When will it start / finish</i>	<i>How we know activity has been achieved</i>	<i>Name of organisation</i>	<i>Contact name &amp; phone number</i>
Set up NI188 working group with NI188 leads from each council	June 2008	Working group meeting with all representatives present.	Environment Agency	Joanna Hodgson 01732 223115
Contract LCLIP work	September 2009		Hastings Council	Chantal Lass 01424 451483
Contact all services within council to assess current climate change awareness in local plans and strategies	September 2009		All (as above)East Sussex County Council  Eastbourne Council  Hastings Council  Rother Council	Amanda Fortescue 01273 335691  Sue Oliver 01323 415360 Chantal Lass 01424 451483 Scot Lavocah 01424 787863 Tim Bartlett



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All councils at preparedness Level 0 (baselining complete)	March 2009			
Complete Local Climates Impact Profile (towards Level 1)	August 2008 – June 2009	Process agreed to undertake LCLIP Document produced and circulated to key partners Key Climate impacts identified for each LA	Hastings Council	Chantal Lass 01424 451483
Incorporate UK CIP 08 scenarios into NI188 proceedings	Spring/early summer 09		To be agreed when available	
Assist in the organisation of the PtP climate change event	Start: April 09		Environment Agency	Chris Wick 01903703871 Joanna Hodgson 01732 223115
Local vulnerabilities and opportunities identified & communicated to council departments and LSP (towards Level 1)	February 2009 – August 2009		East Sussex County Council  Eastbourne Council  Hastings Council  Rother Council  Lewes council	Amanda Fortescue 01273 335691  Sue Oliver 01323 415360 Chantal Lass 01424 451483 Scot Lavocah 01424 787863 Tim Bartlett 01273 484345

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encourage activity amongst LSP partners to undertake risk based assessments of their significant vulnerabilities and opportunities	Start: June 2009		East Sussex County Council  Eastbourne Council  Hastings Council  Rother Council  Lewes council  Wealden Council  Environment Agency	Amanda Fortescue 01273 335691  Sue Oliver 01323 415360 Chantal Lass 01424 451483 Scot Lavocah 01424 787863 Tim Bartlett 01273 484345 Fiona Berry 01323 443268 Chris Wick 01903703871
The majority of councils at preparedness Level 1	March 2010	Local vulnerabilities identified and communicated to council services and LSP via findings of LCIP.		
Engage LA services in the production of a comprehensive assessment of climate threats and opportunities across its operations for specified periods in the future	Start: April 2010		To be agreed when item of work started	

Engage in the production of a risk-based method, preferably already employed by the authority, for local priority risks , develop some priority 'quick-win' actions	Start: April 2010		To be agreed when item of work started	
To begin to implementing some priority actions which will include both 'practical adaptation actions' and 'building adaptive capacity'	Start: June 09		To be agreed when item of work started	
The majority of councils at preparedness Level 2  All councils at Level 1	December 2010	Councils have started taking action in key priority areas and management options for risks in other areas have been considered.		
Develop a local authority wide Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan including support from LSP partners (towards Level 3)	start: Jan 2011	Action plan developed	To be agreed when item of work started	
To implement appropriate adaptation responses to the priority issues identified in the comprehensive risk assessment.	start: Jan 2011		To be agreed when item of work started	

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<p>To ensure that the authority is supporting the LSP and partner organisations in managing changing climate risks across the wider local authority area.</p>	<p>start: Jan 2011</p>		<p>All (as above)To be agreed when item of work started</p>	
<p>Preparedness Level 3 achieved for the majority of councils.  Level 2 reached for all councils</p>	<p>March 2011</p>	<p>Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan produced and action from this already being undertaken by councils departments and local partners.</p>	<p>All (as above)</p>	