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12:00	UK Climate Resilience Programme news	Kate Lonsdale <i>UK Climate Resilience Programme Champion, University of Leeds</i>
12.10	The economic case for climate change adaptation	Paul Watkiss <i>Paul Watkiss Associates</i>
12.35	Response	Dr Nigel Miller <i>Defra</i>
12.40	Q&A	Panel
13.00	End	

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- 27 May 2022 10:00
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- June 2022
Webinar
- 20 July 2022 16:00
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- September 2022
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- 3 January 2023
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- deadline extended until 10 June 2022

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Special Issue: *Climate Risk Management*

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UK Climate Risk Assessment and Management

The concept of climate risk has become increasingly important and central to climate change research (Reisinger et al., 2020) and practice (Willows and Connell, 2003) over the last two decades. Climate risks result from the interactions of climate-related hazards with the vulnerability and exposure of human and natural systems, as well as human responses to climate change (such as adaptation).

Mandated by the 2008 Climate Change Act, the UK Government is required to publish a climate change risk assessment (CCRA) every five years, with the third CCRA being the most recent (HM Government, 2022). Since the publication of the second risk assessment in 2017, significant scientific advancements have occurred. This has been accompanied by the emergence of a UK community of researchers and practitioners working on climate science, impacts, adaptation, vulnerability and services who use climate risk as a central concept.

This Special Issue is the result of *Climate Risk Management's* first Open Special issue (launched in 2020), which sought contributions of new and original research on UK climate risk assessment and management in order to support the evidence base for the UK's Third CCRA. The Special Issue includes twelve papers that span both the assessment and the management of climate risk in the UK. Several papers focus on water-associated risks, with analysis ranging from the national to the catchment scale. These papers include scientific and methodological innovations in the assessments of flooding in Great Britain (Kay et al., 2021), drought in Scotland (Visser-Quinn et al., 2021), river water temperatures in England (Wilby and Johnson, 2020), river ecosystem resilience in the Lee catchment

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The economic case for climate change adaptation

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The Economic Case for Climate Change Adaptation

Paul Watkiss and Alistair Hunt

UK CR Presentation

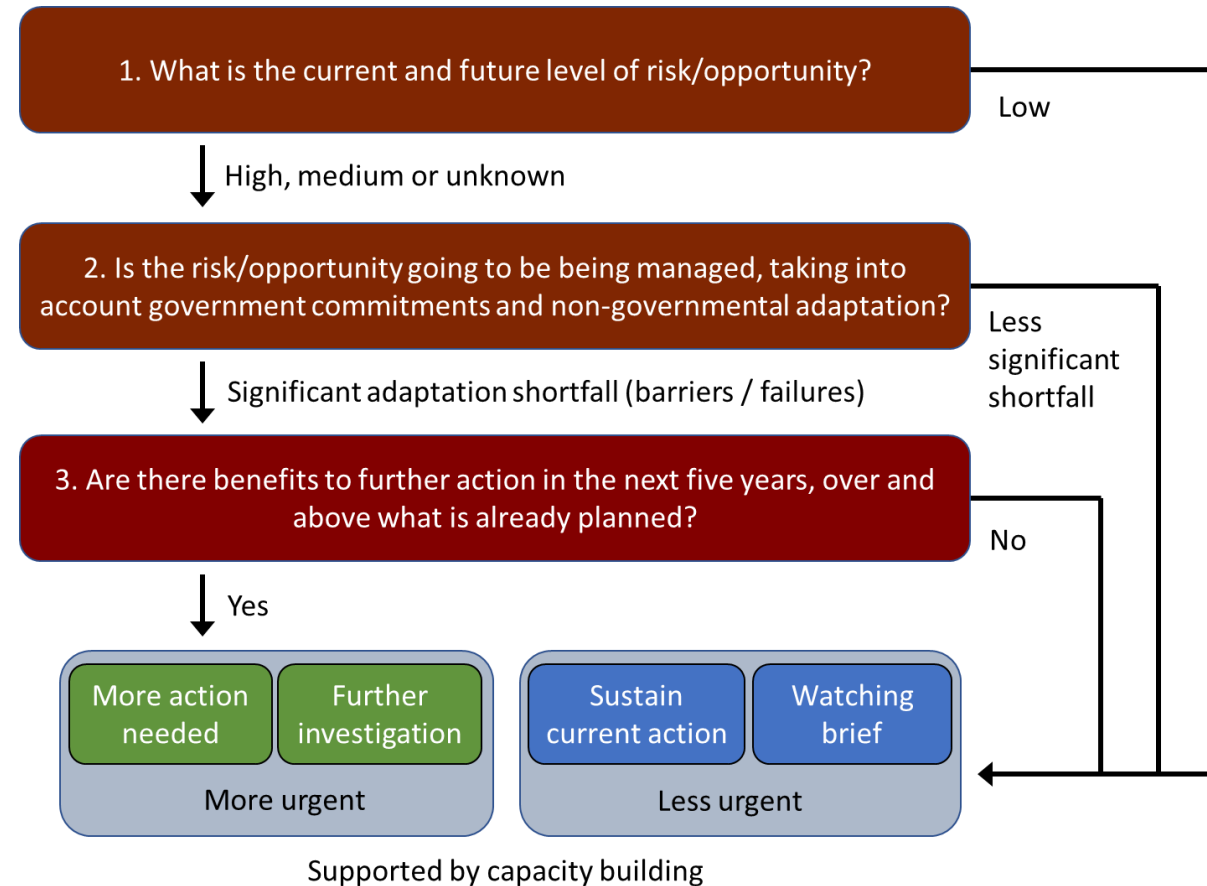


Presentation

- Economics of climate change in the UK CCRA3
- Costs and benefits and the case for adaptation
- Mainstreaming adaptation economics
- Emerging issues

CCRA3

- Focused on ~60 priority risks and opportunities
- Step 1 - Included a study on the economic costs of climate change
- Economic costs as measured by government – societal impacts (market and non-market)
 - Updated a similar analysis undertaken for CCRA1
- Step 3 - analysis of economic benefits of adaptation interventions



Coverage

- Cover many more risks than most IA studies (>60)

Valuation

Risks	Opportunities	
VH	+VH	£billions/year
H	+H	£hundreds of millions/year
M	+M	£tens of millions/year
L	+L	£<10 million/year

- Some areas detailed costing,
- Some value (based on impacts, indicative)
- Some just not possible to value
- Risks, opportunities, gaps

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ID8: Risk finance sector	VH	VH	VH			
I2. Risks to infrastructure services from flooding	H - VH	H - VH	VH			
H5: Risks to building fabric	H	VH	VH			
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ID9 Public Health	L	M	M	M	M	M
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H9: Risks to food safety and food security	L-M	L-M	L-M	L-M	L-M	L-M
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ID2: Opportunities for UK food availability	+H	+H	+H	+H	+H	+H
ID6: Opportunities international trade routes	+M	+H	+H	+H	+H	+H
NE15. Opportunities to marine species, habitats and fisheries	+M	+M	+M	+M	+M	+M
N13. Opportunities to freshwater species and habitats	+L	+L	+L	+L	+L	+L

	2020s	2050s	2080s
Loss of staff hours due to high internal building temperatures	-H	-H - VH?	-H - VH?
Residential properties at significant risk of flooding	-H	-H	-VH
Non-residential properties at significant risk of flooding	-H	-H	-VH
Insufficient summer river flows to meet environmental targets	-H	-H	-H
Climate risks to investment funds	-H?	-H?	-H?
Energy demand for cooling	-M	-H	-H
Summer morbidity due to higher temperatures	-M	-H	-H
Hospitals and schools at significant risk of flooding	-M	-H	-H
Distribution of marine alien/invasive species	-M	-M	-H
Public water supply-demand deficits	+M	-H	-H
Risks to species and habitats due to coastal evolution	-M	-M	-H
Risks to coastal habitats due to flooding	-M	-M	-H
Overheating of buildings	-M	-M	-H
Power stations/sub-stations at significant risk of flooding	-M	-M	-M/H
Increased subsidence risk due to rainfall changes	-M	-M	-M
Agricultural land lost due to coastal erosion	-M	-M	-M
Energy transmission efficiency capacity losses due to heat - over ground	-M	-M	-M
A decrease in output for businesses due to supply chain disruption	-M	-M	-M
Extreme weather event (flooding and storms) mortality	-M	-M	-M
Extreme weather event (flooding and storms) injuries	-M	-M	-M
Heat related damage/disruption to energy infrastructure	-L/M	-L/M	-L/M
Increased ocean acidification	-L	-M	-M
Decline in marine water quality due to sewer overflows	-L	-M	-M
Risks of human illness due to marine pathogens	-L	-M	-M
Forest extent affected by red band needle blight	-L	-L/M	-M
Summer mortality due to higher temperatures	-L	-M	-M
Risk of pests to biodiversity	-L	-M	-M
Risk of diseases to biodiversity	-L	-M	-M
Species unable to track changing 'climate space'	-L	-M	-M
Changes in species migration patterns	-L	-M	-M
Biodiversity risks due to warmer rivers and lakes	-L	-L	-M
Generalist species more able to adapt than specialists	-L	-L	-M
Wildfires due to warmer and drier conditions	-L	-L	-M
Mortality due to summer air pollution (ozone)	-L	-L	-M
Disruption to road traffic due to flooding	-L	-L	-M
Flood risk for Scheduled Ancient Monument sites	-L	-L	-M
Changes in wheat yield (due to warmer conditions)	+H	+H	+H
Reduction in energy demand for heating	+H	+H	+VH
An expansion of tourist destinations in the UK	+H?	+H?	+H?
Decline in winter morbidity due to higher temperatures	+H	+H	+VH
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Changes in sugar beet yield (due to warmer conditions)	+M	+M	+M
Opening of Arctic shipping routes due to ice melt	+L	+M	+M

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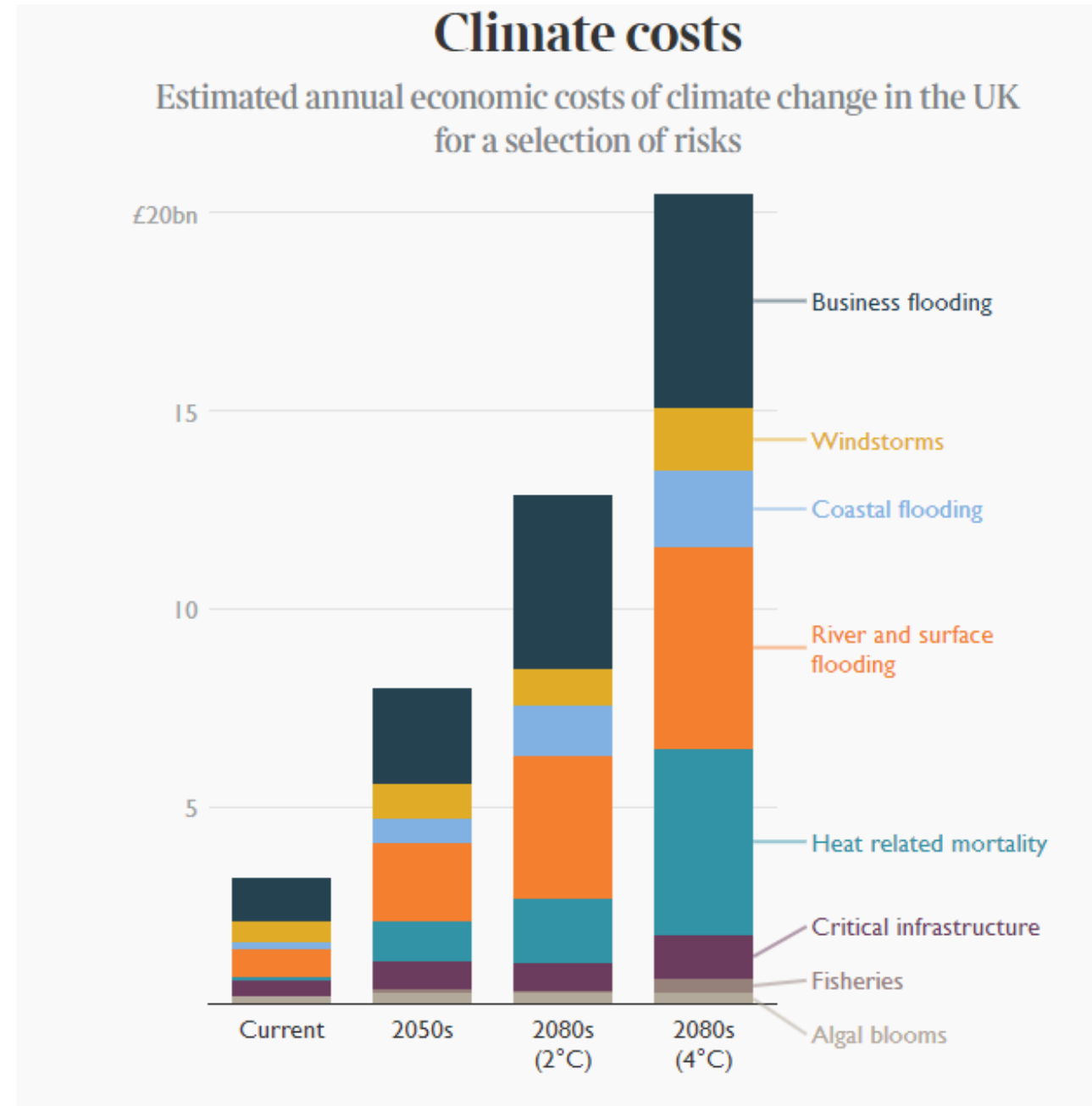
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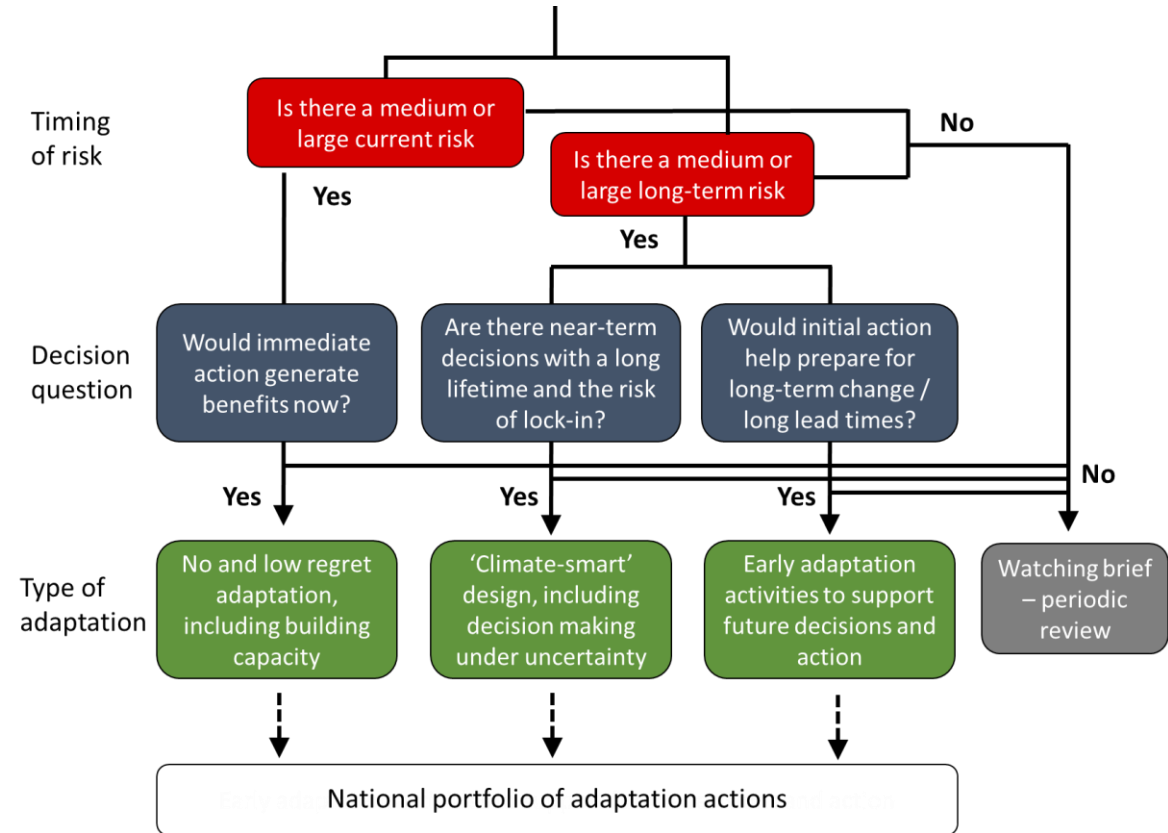
CCRA3 Magnitude

- Economic costs of CC are large
- But perceptions of values are different due to COVID
- Large differences in values 2 vs 4 but....

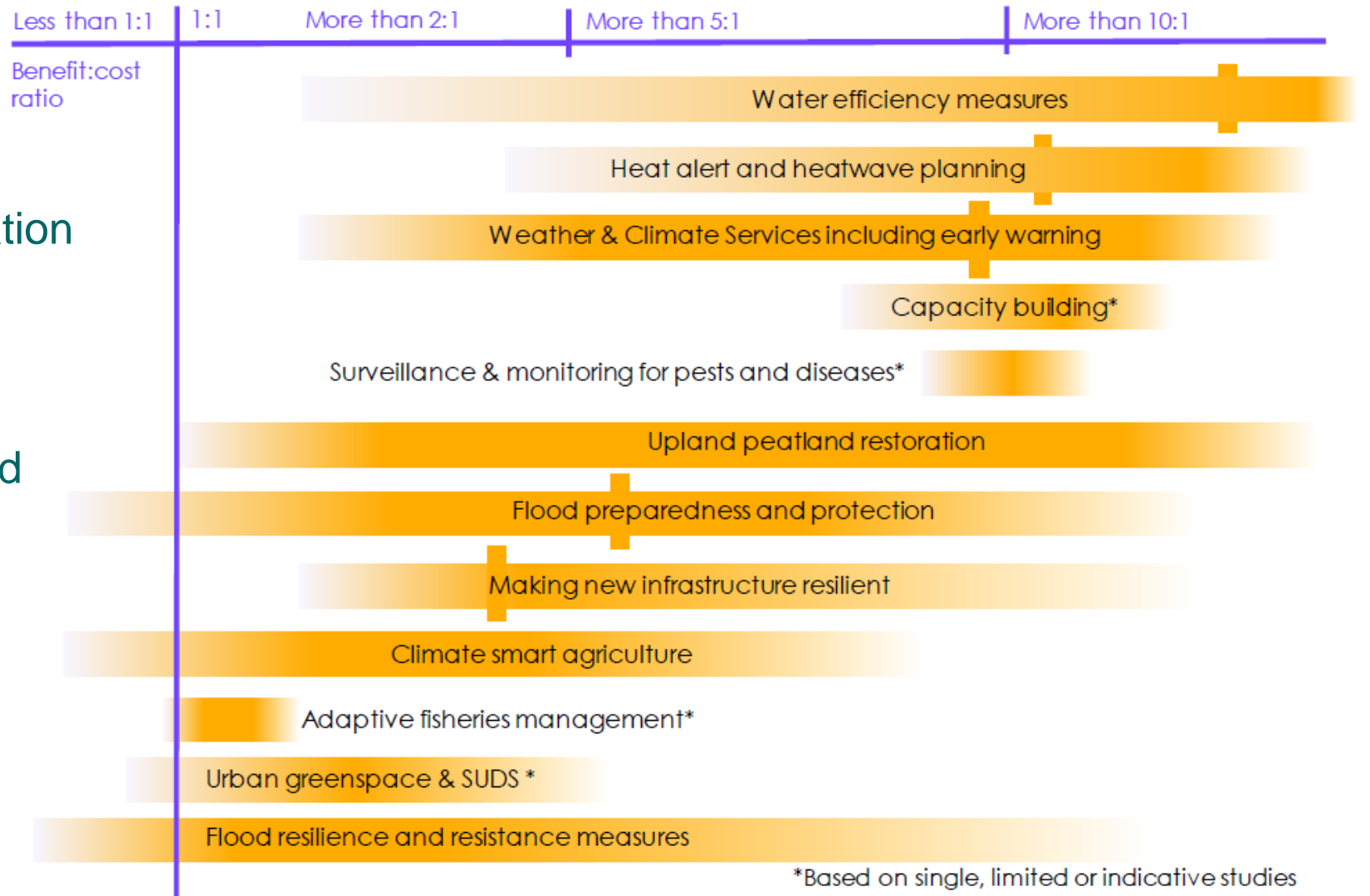


Adaptation Costs and Benefits

- CCRA3 step 3 – identify case for further action
- Economic case for adaptation made difficult by discounting and uncertainty
- And links between climate and socio-economic consequences, and adaptation effectiveness
- CCRA3 tried to identify areas where economic case for adaptation in NAP (next five years)
- 3 building blocks
- Reviewed literature to identify case for adaptation for all 60 risks and opportunities



- Benefit to cost ratios of adaptation
- BCR >1 positive case
- CCC case that adaptation good value for money
 - No and low regrets
 - But also some early action

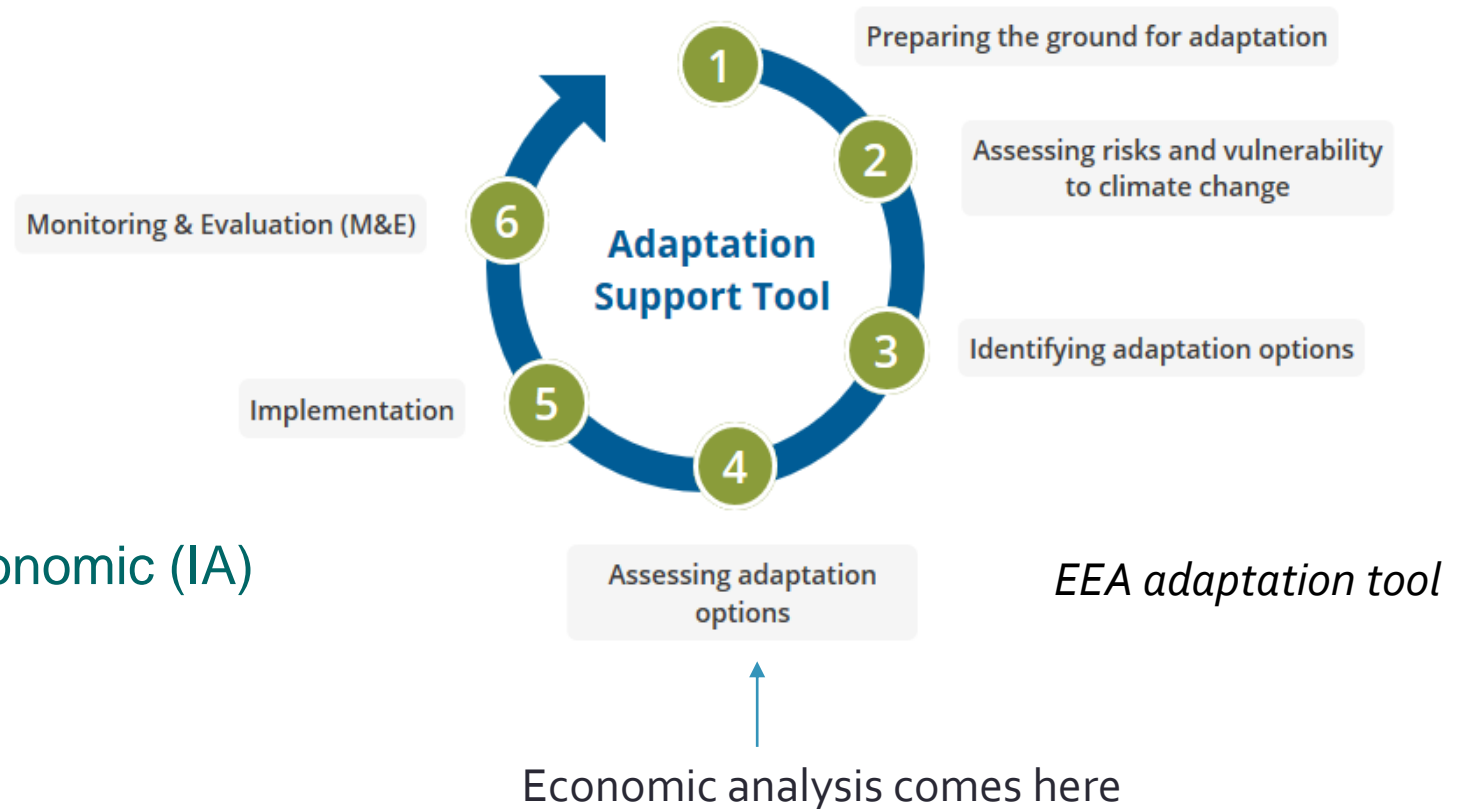


Source: Watkiss, P. and Brown, K.A (2021)

•(but didn't assess total costs of adaptation)

Mainstreaming adaptation economics

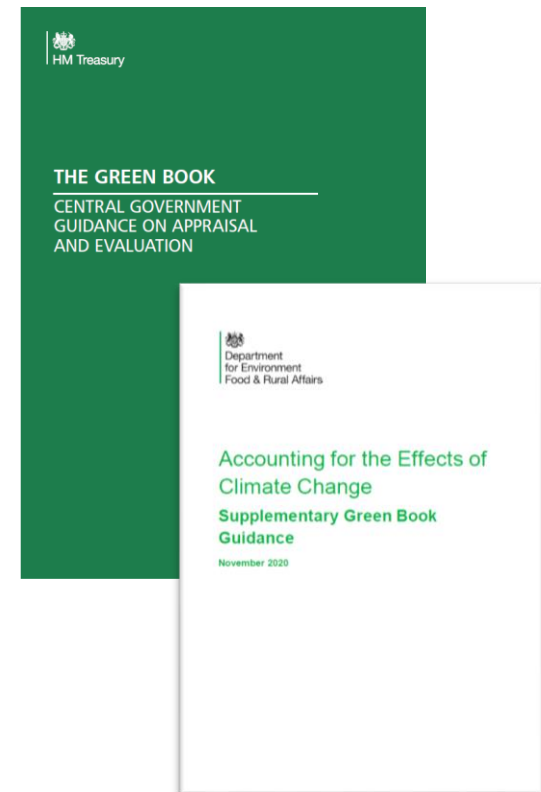
- Adaptation economics has developed as a tool as part of adaptation policy cycle
- Economics relegated to late in the cycle, as part of options analysis (appraisal)
- Reduction in impact (benefit) vs costs
 - Different options
 - To support preferred option



- Methods and options quite techno-economic (IA)

In UK policy making, economics is all

- In UK, climate adaptation follows a mainstreaming approach (integration)
- Standard public policy cycle in UK dominated by economics and Green Book thinking
- Economics is not step 4, it is step 1
- Establish economic rationale – why government need to act
 - Market failure, policy, governance failure?
- Once identified, how best to address, where/how to act
 - Regulate, enable the market, etc.
- Very different to classic science based approach



Economic Case for Adaptation

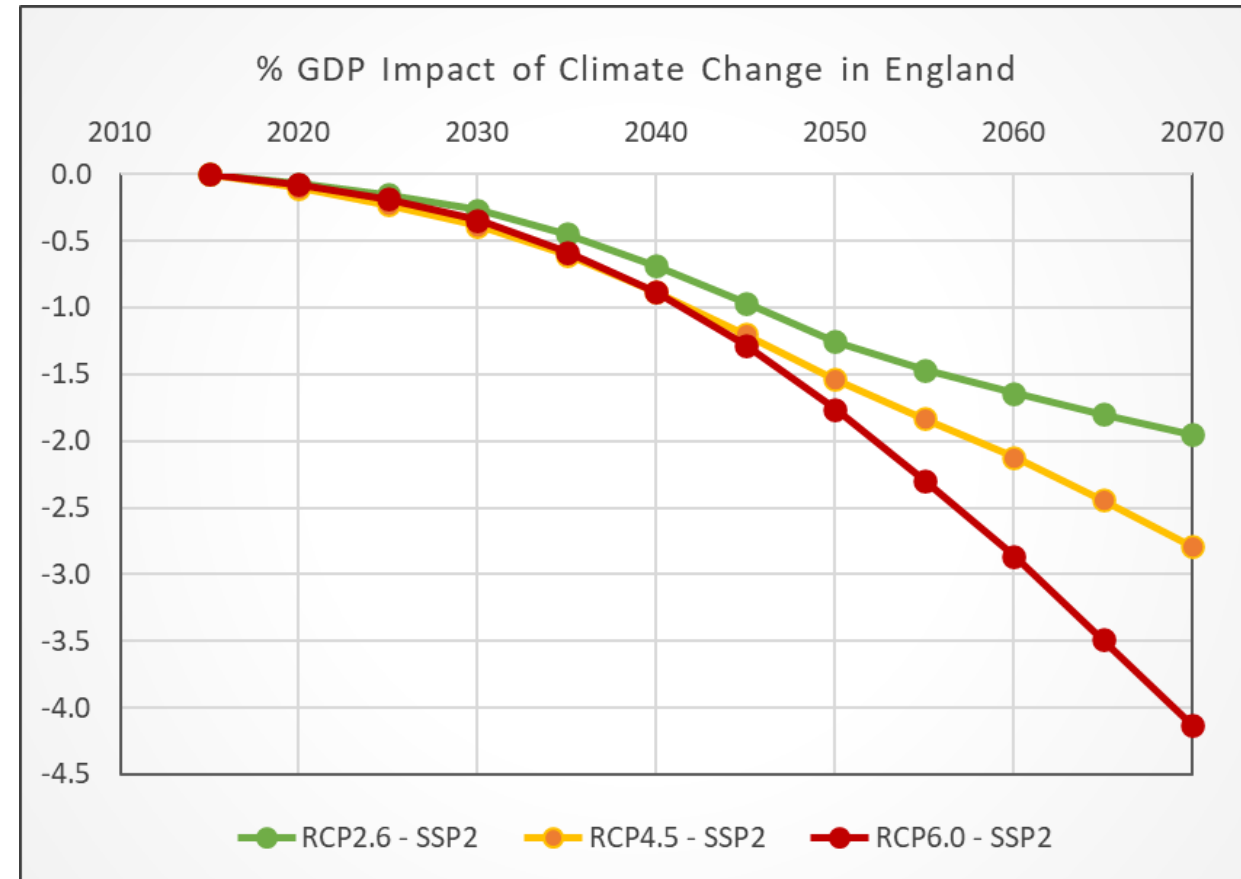
- Defra funded Economic Case for Adaptation 2020 – 2022
- Frontier economics and Paul Watkiss Associates
- Follow on from CCRA3 'Exam question' - what should the priorities be for the next National Adaptation Programme and adaptation programmes of the devolved administrations?
- Second exam question – 'What is the economic case for, and the costs and benefits, of priority adaptation for the next NAP and DA programmes'
- Focus on now and the pathway over future decades, rather than just the 2050s

ECR Evaluation

- Not the first time we have tried this.....
- After CCRA1 – Defra Economics of Climate Resilience (2013) – did use green book thinking
- But did not resonate – within government – or in terms of ambitions of NAP1
- First step – learn - evaluation of the ECR
- What prevented translation into ambitious adaptation policy in NAP1
 - Lack of numbers
 - Political economy – deregulation, austerity, politics
 - Governance, process, integration – drop off in capacity and action

Making the headline case

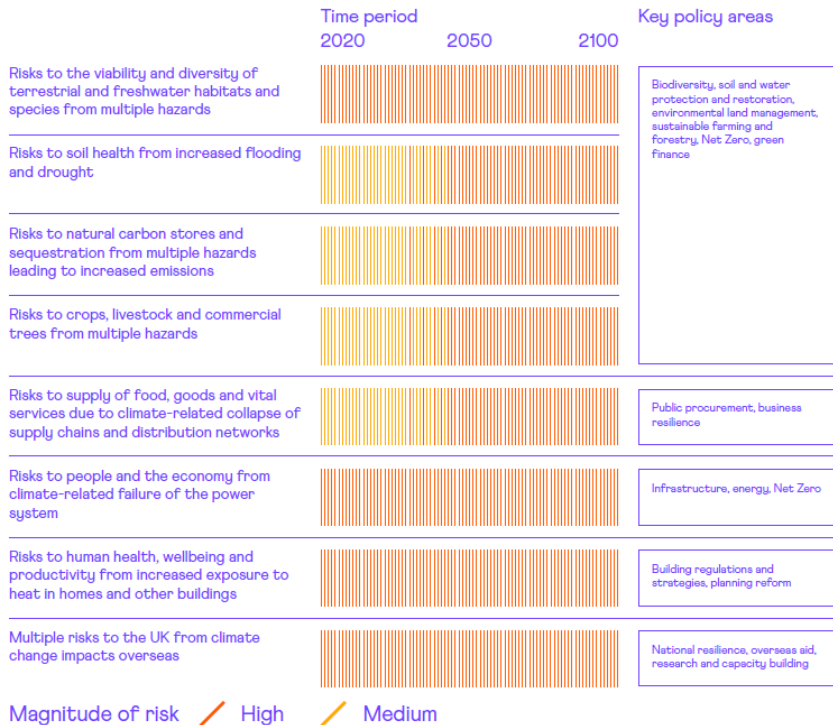
- Economic case – to support the Government CCRA3 report (Jan 2022)
- Macro-economic costs of climate change in England relatively high
- Next twenty years already locked-in
- Only adaptation can reduce impacts before 2040 - mitigation benefits come later
- Highlight that climate change will affect the public finances



Source COACCH

Economic Case for Adaptation

- Analysis on the top 8 risks identified in CCRA3
- Making the economic case
- Providing real-world adaptation economics support



Specific risk examined
Risks to staff productivity from overheating in hospitals
Risks to new-build low carbon generation from water availability
Risks from increased storms to the operation of ports
Risks to the cost of achieving biodiversity targets from climate change
Risks to peatland from increased frequency and severity of wildfires
Risks to environmental land management schemes from climate change

Method

CCRA3 will be the main input for the first three steps

1. What is the case for action now, i.e. in the next NAP period?

- Identify current and future risks in monetary terms (scale)
- Identify economic decision perspective, i.e. i) current economic costs or policy risk, ii) lock-in risk, iii) opportunity for learning
- Identify adaptation gap and assess the cost of inaction, i.e. from delaying

At the end of **Step 1**, the problem will be clearly identified, including the scale, to establish the counterfactual for policy analysis and what potential implications if climate change is left un-checked in the sector.

2. What is the case for Government intervention?

- What are the market and policy failures/barriers?
- What is the capacity of the sector to adapt? Is it adapting?
- Is there a rationale to act?

At the end of **Step 2**, the policy question can then be formulated. This allows us to have greater focus on short-term policy priorities, that links up to the NAP.

3. Where are there opportunities to act?

- How does this sit in the policy landscape and other objectives?
- Where are the opportunities to integrate adaptation?

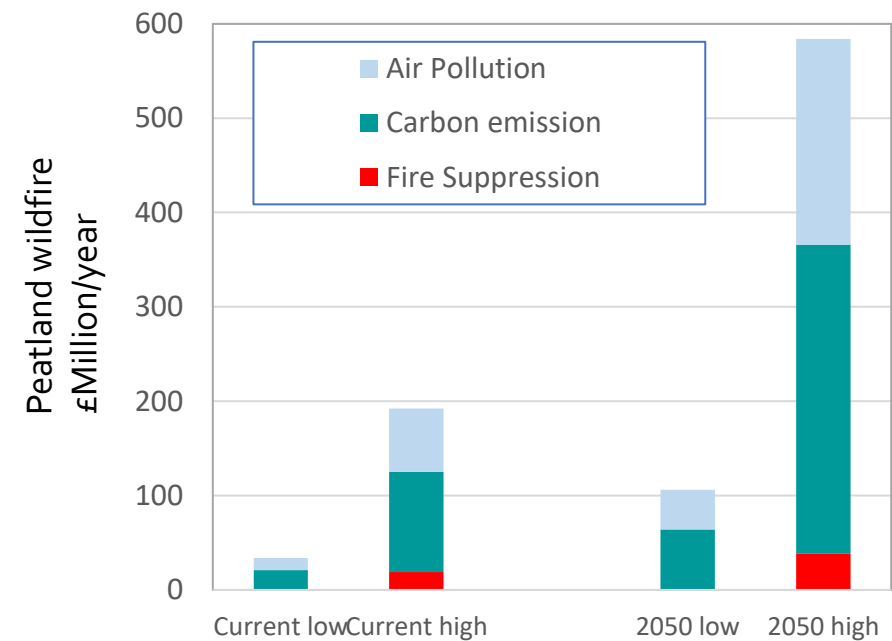
At the end of **Step 3**, we will have engaged with policy teams, and have identified a clear intervention case and potential policy window to develop this.

4. What are the costs and benefits of early action?

At the end of **Step 4**, we will have 'crowded-in' the best expertise and modelling to answer policy issues and help develop a robust analytical case to support potential action.

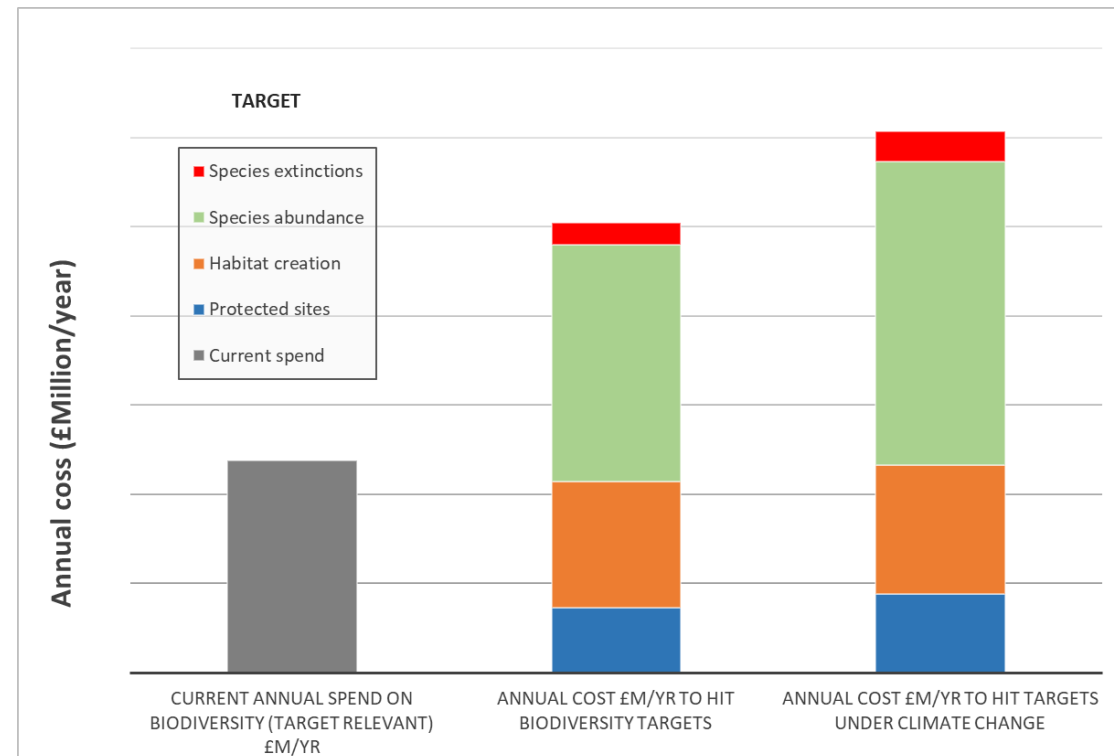
Example 1. Building the case

- Wildfires - risk that warrants further attention
- Focus on peatland 35% of all wildfires in UK by area (2200/ha/yr)
- Economic costs wildfires - high carbon emissions + AQ + ES loss
- Rising risks, and risk social costs (cost of carbon, net zero)
- Established economic rationale to act (externalities)
- Economic analysis of benefits of package of early options
 - Early warning, training, positive BCRs (but also gaps)
- Lesson – economics helps the government case to act



Example 2. Integration

- Case study on including climate change in policy analysis around Biodiversity target
- Integrate climate risks and adaptation into the policy process and Government impact assessment
- Climate change affects the costs of achieving policy outcomes or level of ambition can achieve
- Identified need for adaptation integration
- And potentially implications for options and actions
- Lessons
- Climate will affect policy delivery – integration key
- Challenging for Government - support valuable



Example 3. Influencing

- Case study on including climate adaptation in Environment Land Management Scheme (E.L.M.)
- E.L.M. replaces CAP and has a focus on payment for land managers for delivering public goods
- Includes mitigation and adaptation as key public goods
- Adaptation involves two aspects
 - Climate proofing E.L.M. delivery (e.g. create)
 - Delivering adaptation projects
- Economic case to highlight possible inclusion of an adaptation objective
- Analysis of what could mean in terms of payment for adaptation to incentivize land managers

Insights

- Economics has a key role upstream and earlier than currently applied in adaptation
- More focus on economic case – through traditional Green book lens – useful and needed
- But including adaptation (alongside everything else) challenging for Government
 - Benefits of central oversight to help encourage mainstreaming in policy
 - Benefits of support facilities (CMF) to help this
- Policy champions, cross government collaboration
- And possibly..... Objectives and Lead

Research gaps / new challenges

- What else
- Valuation - more work on gaps, less work on improving current (lost keys)
- Aggregate costs of adaptation in England and the DAs
- Adaptation objectives and goals (and indicators)
- Adaptation finance – especially moving from public to blended/private
- Economics of transformational adaptation

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