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# **Government Activity and Priorities for Adaptation**

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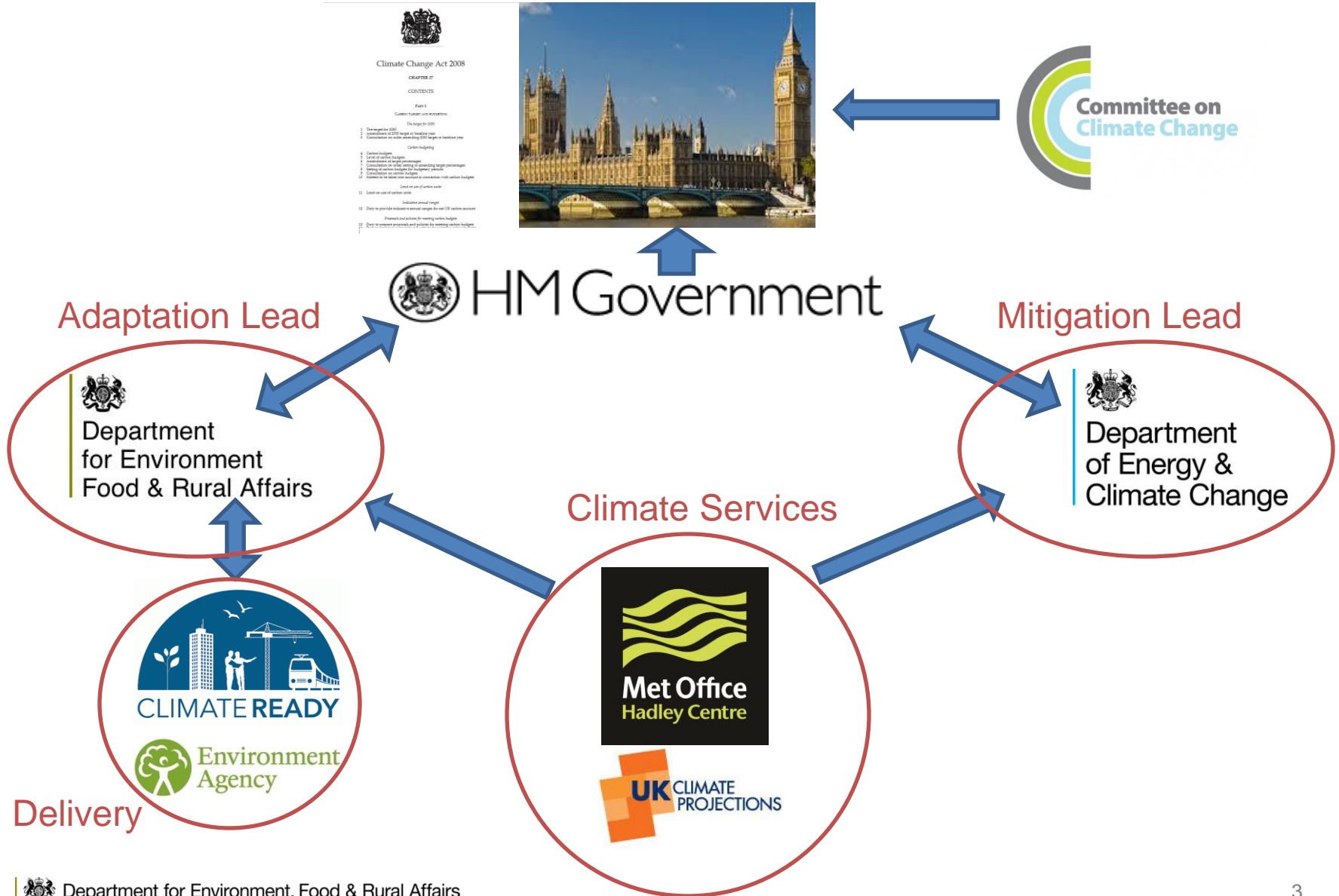
# Climate Change



**“Local government, industry, communities and civil society all have important roles to play.”**



# UK Climate Change Policy Framework



# The 5 Year Cycle





# CCRA Results – Agriculture



# The National Adaptation Programme

“Building the UK’s resilience to climate change is an economic, social and environmental challenge that cuts across every sector of society.”

- **7 Themes**
- **31 Objectives**
- **~370 Actions**
- **Over 250 stakeholders**

## Chapter Heading

Built Environment

Infrastructure

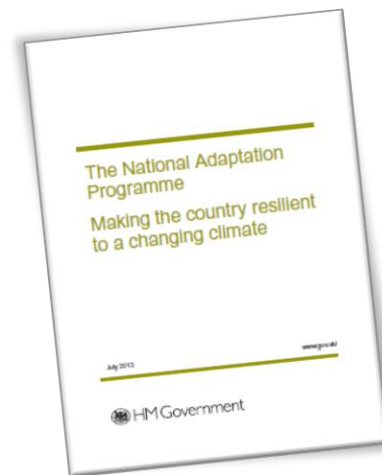
Healthy and Resilient Communities

Agriculture and Forestry

Natural Environment

Business

Local Government



# National Adaptation Programme Priorities

Priorities of the NAP match Defra's and Government's priorities

Economic resilience, growth and opportunities

Protection against flooding

Reliable, sustainable energy and water supply

Robust infrastructure

Production of food & dealing with pests and diseases





# NAP Action Examples

- Update Planning Practice Guidance to support the implementation of the NPPF
- HS2 to incorporate consideration of climate change implications in its design and environmental assessment processes
- Reform of the abstraction regulation system
- Embed adaptation into delivery of the Natural Environment White Paper and Biodiversity 2020
- Pilot a climate resilience training programme to support SMEs

# Adaptation in the MAWP

Based on these considerations, current and future EU policy could be supported by applications addressing the following areas:

- Support for **implementation of adaptation strategies**. This would include **specific vulnerability assessments at regional or cross-border levels** focusing on **highly vulnerable areas** as identified in the EU Adaptation Strategy such as **urban, coastal, mountainous and islands areas, marine ecosystems, drought-prone areas or river-basins** as well as implementing **innovative adaptation approaches**, **preparation of specific investment plans**.

# Possible Opportunities

- Green Infrastructure
- Cross-sectoral approaches
- Managing flood and coastal risk
- Community engagement – the resilient society
- Sustainable water management
- Energy efficient climate resilient buildings
- Local action and Local Government projects
- Urban (e.g. Mayors Adapt)