



The Catchment Based Approach

First Steps in Integrated Working, Delivery for Water and Land use Realising Multiple Benefits

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Introduction

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Objectives

1. To provide an update on the WFD Catchment Based Approach programme, including the direction of Government thinking and the pilot phase
2. To highlight how this links with the key priorities of the WFD agenda for the year in particular how catchment plans will be coordinated with River Basin Plans in 2015.
3. To look at a range of issues that arise from both these programmes including:
 - Roles and Responsibilities
 - Funding and durability
 - Information and how it is being provided and by whom
 - Issues arising from working in an integrated manner on water and land use issues
 - How the programme will be rolled out wider from 2013 and beyond
4. To help promote the programme to future partners and help them to prepare to participate in across all catchments in England
5. To test and scope ideas that will assist the rollout of the Catchment based approach and WFD

Programme

9.45 **Welcome**

9.50 **The Catchment Based Approach – recent developments** **Defra**

speaker to be confirmed

20 mins 10 + 10

- Government policy and direction – a recap
- The current programme overall – pilots, comms and Our rivers
- The potential for wider integration of environmental issues

10.10 The Pilot Evaluation

David Corbelli Cascade Consulting & **James Farrell** Environment Agency

2 presentations x 10 minutes (20 mins) and 20 discussion

Emerging lessons and issues, independent evaluation criteria and next steps

10.50 Pilot project sharing - Two case studies – Urban and Rural

An urban example 15 mins **David Lerner** Aire River Trust and University of Sheffield

A rural example 15 mins **Tim Pickering** Environment Agency

Two presentations x 15 mins 30 + 20 discussion

To cover:

- Share learning
- Look at the realities of these different settings
- Provide positive stimulus for the rest of the day

11.40 First break & Refreshments

12.30 WFD Priorities for 2012 and How will catchment plans fit with RBDP's?

David Baxter - Environment Agency

20 mins presentation and 20 discussion

- Overview of key work (10 mins)
- Catchment plans are key to this process – ownership, clarity and delivery of measures in the local context How will they fit together with the RBD plans – initial thinking – seeking views (10 mins)

13.10 Support required to enable participation **Arlin Rickard** Association of Rivers Trusts

10 mins short think piece to stimulate audience scoping discussion (20 mins)

To cover:

- What is needed to enable you to be ready to participate?
- What financial priming is required?
- What knowledge guidance is required?
- By what means can we facilitate adaptive learning? Accessing funding sources

13.50 Second Break and refreshments

Session 3: Chairman Bob Harris University of Sheffield

14.30 How to share emerging learning – accessing key information to help the CaBA across projects

2 x 10 mins – then 20 minutes discussion

Criteria for information provision; Issues for the pilots and other users wanting to work on catchment projects (10 mins)

Kieran Conlan Cascade Consulting

Information provision and support tools from the Environment Agency (10 mins)

Stuart Kirk Defra / Environment Agency

15.10 Integrating land use and water sectors

Two x 10 minute presentations + 20 mins discussion

- Effective integrated catchment management brings all the sectors of the water community (flooding, resources, and water quality) together with wide environmental interest (biodiversity, climate change) and land use. That's a practical reality of this way of project working. An example: Moorland and farmed land changes to meet WFD objectives

Martin Ross South West Water

- How can catchments address the issues arising from working across what are traditional sectoral boundaries? Developing thinking **Damien Crilly** Environment Agency

15.40 Roll out 2012 and beyond - scoping discussion what are your views and concerns?

Damian Crilly/Dave Baxter Environment Agency

A 10 mins presentation and 20 mins discussion

- One of the aims of the work in 2012 is to look at roll out to 2015 and to all 100 catchments in England
- A good deal of evidence suggests that one needs to take a long term approach to this type of project roll out not least to issues of deliver
- What are your thoughts on what needs to be in place to do this?

16.10 Close and refreshments

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