

Supporting Communities Adapt to Coastal Change

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Overview

- Supporting adaptation to coastal change: the challenge.
- Understanding coastal change adaptation in wider FCERM context.
- New coastal change policy: what's in the consultation.
- Planning and coastal change adaptation.
- Next steps and finding out more.

Supporting adaptation to coastal change: the challenge



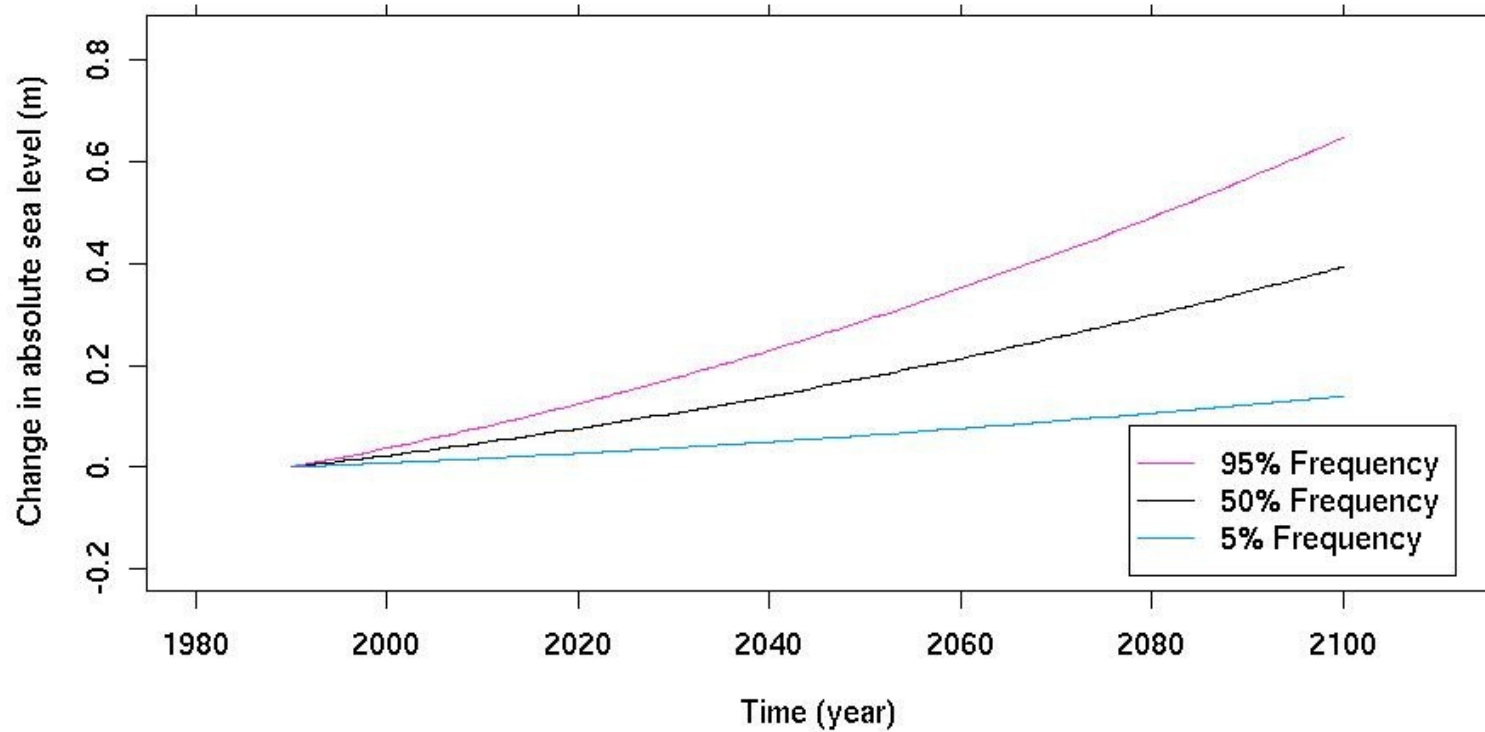
- Coastal change not new
- No single problem – issues vary from place to place
- Whole communities can be impacted – impacts on assets, local infrastructure, businesses, tourism

Climate change - heightens risk and challenge

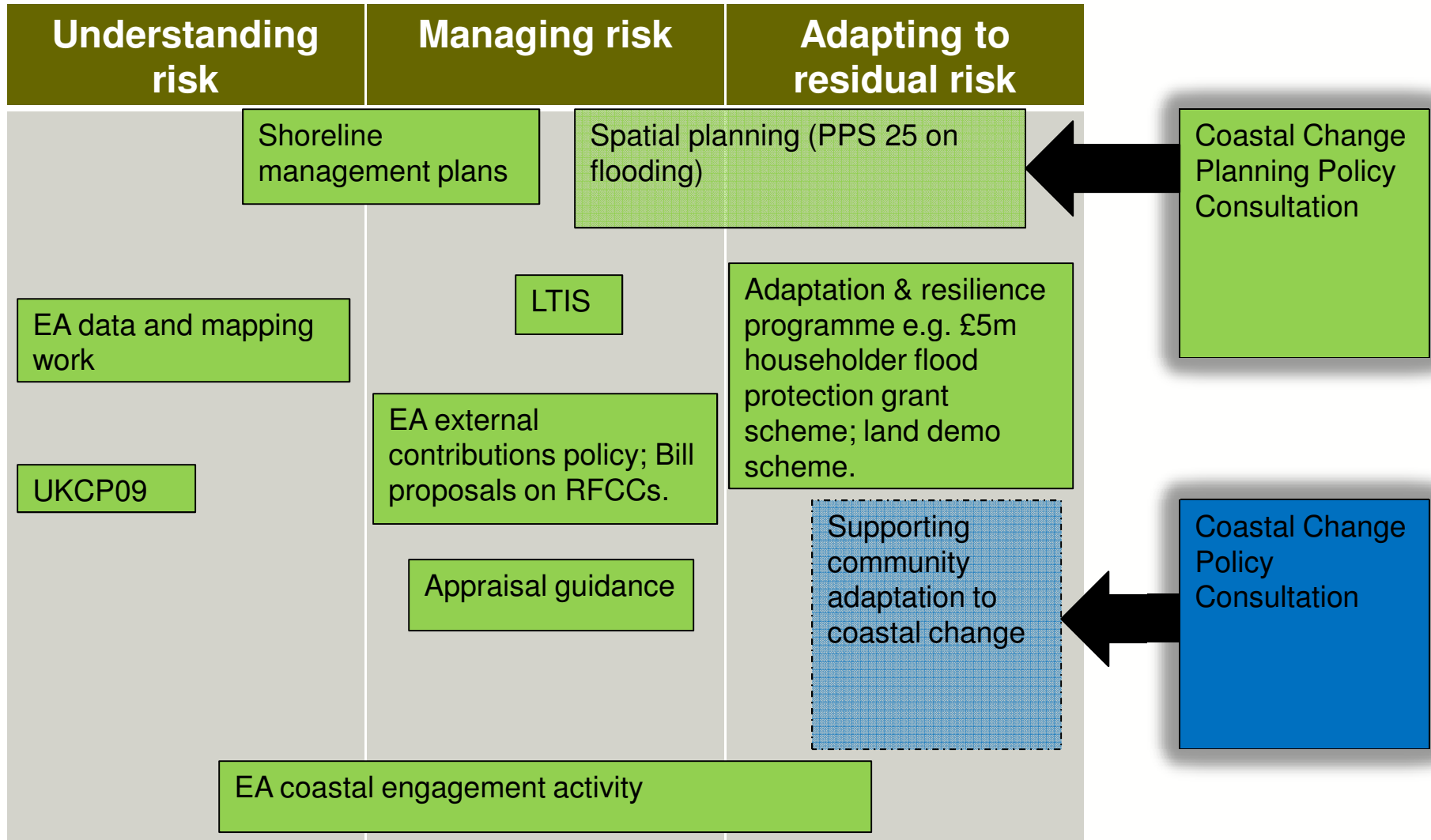


Plot Details:

Data Source: Sea Level Rise
Variables: abs_sea_level_rise
Emissions Scenario: Medium



Wider context to adaptation – managing coastal flooding & erosion risk



New proposals for plugging the gap...



- Consultation on Coastal Change Policy published 15/06/09.

“...we need the views of those who will be directly affected by the changing coastline on how we can adapt.”

Hilary Benn
Secretary of State for Environment and Rural Affairs

What the consultation does....

- Announces new Coastal Change Fund > £11m to support community adaptation to coastal change.
- Invites bids from local authorities interested in becoming coastal change pathfinders.
- Sets out and seeks views on draft ideas/guidance on approaches that pathfinders (and others) could explore.
- Seeks views on proposed coastal erosion assistance package for homeowners (up to £6k).

A key role for planning....

Both spatial planning:-

- CLG consultation on new planning policy on coastal change published 20/07/09.

... And community adaptation planning:-

- Draft guidance on community adaptation planning and engagement published 08/07/09.

Next steps

- Assessment of pathfinder bids.
- Coastal Change Policy consultation closes 25th September.
- Coastal Change PPS consultation closes 12th October.
- Autumn '09 announce selected pathfinders and outcome of consultation.
- Pathfinder programme – Autumn '09 to Spring '11.

Finding out more



<http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/coastal-change/index.htm>

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