



CLIMATE ADAPTATION TOOLKIT

For local authorities

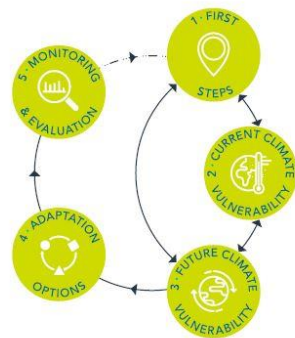


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The Environment Agency's latest [Living Better with a Changing Climate](#) adaptation report, shows that England will inevitably face significant climate impacts, and that early action is essential.

We need to find creative solutions to the challenges that arise from these impacts, and take advantage of any opportunities – in short, we need to adapt.

ADAPTATION TOOLKIT



The Adaptation Toolkit is a 5-step process to help you prepare for the impacts the current and future climate could have on your organisation and the services you provide. Whether you are new to climate change, have started the adaptation journey, or are looking to further enhance your action on adaptation, the Toolkit can help you to:

- raise awareness and priority of local climate change risk management and adaptation measures you can take
- make the case for adaptation in your organisation, including assessing your vulnerability to climate change
- access information and resources to help you
- produce a climate risk register specific to your organisation
- develop a climate-adaptation/resilient strategy, programme and project
- embed climate adaptation into business as usual decision making and risk management, and written into council policy (all service areas)
- access a dynamic, simple and workable decision-making tool

This toolkit has been structured to guide you through each stage of developing a strategy and action plan for adaptation, as a facilitation tool that seeks to bridge the technical guidance from the Climate Change Risk Assessment 3 (CCRA) and the practicalities of local government. Each stage outlines what you can do, what information you need to gather, some guiding questions, and how to record the information. Whilst the toolkit is presented in a linear way, your actual adaptation decision making may require you to jump back and forth between stages. This toolkit is intended to be read and used alongside other existing guidance documents (including the CCRA) to aid you develop your understanding of climate risk and resilience for your organisation. There is a list of [resources available here](#).