



Case for Action

**To improve resilience
to climate impacts
in the Outer Hebrides**

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This Case for Action presents the Outer Hebrides Community Planning Partnership (OHCPP) Climate Change Working Group's (CCWG) vision, purpose and priorities for action to adapt to climate impacts to improve climate resilience in the Outer Hebrides, responding to the climate challenge set out in the accompanying Climate Rationale.

As part of delivering the Case for Action, an accompanying Call to Action for OHCPP members will be developed which presents a pledge or commitment we need to stand behind and act upon in response to the climate challenge for the Outer Hebrides.

The Case for Action and accompanying Climate Rationale have been developed by the OHCPP CCWG in collaboration with Adaptation Scotland. They are not intended to present a comprehensive overview of all information and evidence about climate change impacts in the Outer Hebrides but to provide an overview of CCWG-gathered evidence which has been used to identify initial priorities for action. Both documents will be presented to the full OHCPP for signoff and approval later in 2022, and will continue to be updated as further information and evidence is gathered by the CCWG to support its activities.

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1. Purpose

This document has been developed in collaboration between the Adaptation Scotland programme and a subgroup of the Outer Hebrides Community Planning Partnership (OHCPP) Climate Change Working Group (CCWG) to outline priorities for action to improve climate resilience with the wider OHCPP. The primary audience is the Community Planning Partnership.

This document builds upon evidence gathered to date across OHCPP organisations and non-governmental, voluntary and community groups. This has been collated in the accompanying Climate Rationale and analysed by the CCWG subgroup to develop this Case for Action which sets out the group’s vision, purpose and priorities for action to adapt to climate impacts to improve climate resilience in the Outer Hebrides.

The CCWG recognises that both mitigation and adaptation action can and must result in complementary actions that are grounded in the needs of the islands; however, this Case for Action focuses on adaptation to improve resilience to the impact of a changing climate¹. This document builds on information set out in the accompanying [Climate Rationale](#).

Resilience within the context of Outer Hebrides means adapting to and with change. Even if we do take adaptive action, we can still expect to see change – particularly in coastal areas – impacting on assets and land use.

1. There is an important role for climate mitigation (emissions reduction) alongside adaptation. The CCWG is engaging with mechanisms for the development of mitigation policy, strategy and operational delivery across the islands. For the islands, fuel poverty, decarbonisation and a just transition are immediate challenges and mechanisms are being delivered, developed and expanded to help meet these needs and are being considered outwith this document. Fuel poverty in particular falls within the purview of the Poverty Action Group of the CPP, and the Resources and Policy Committee of CnES. Energy and climate change mitigation issues are also considered through the Islands Centre for Net Zero and Carbon Neutral Islands project (Barra and Vatersay). Wider mitigation efforts include the establishment of the short term post of Climate Action Network Coordinator through Scottish Communities Climate Action Network (SCCAN) and the longer term Climate Hebrides CIC. Nonetheless, further next steps by the CCWG to look at cross sectoral mitigation action will be ongoing.

2. The Climate Challenge

While the Outer Hebrides are already well used to dealing with extreme weather events, the changes in climate that are already being experienced are projected to continue and intensify. We expect to see different scenarios and impacts depending on how well we are able to curb emissions globally. However, regardless of the global response to emissions reduction, we will see a change in our climate locally and experience impacts as a result. We must therefore “think globally but act locally” by planning to **adapt to increase resilience to the unavoidable impacts of climate change and be ready to cope with extreme weather events.**

“Any further delay in concerted anticipatory global action on adaptation and mitigation will miss a brief and rapidly closing window of opportunity to secure a liveable and sustainable future for all”

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There are many interrelations between climate hazards, which cause impacts that cascade across human and natural environments in complex, interconnected ways. For example:

- **Economic growth and employment opportunities** are dependent on a healthy environment and well-functioning transport infrastructure and water systems. The impacts of a changing climate, such as an increase in winter storms and flooding, can have cascading impacts on economic activities.
- **Quality of life, wellbeing and health, and poverty reduction** will be affected as climate change impacts on health, economy, tourism, food production, infrastructure and livelihoods, affecting water, fuel and food security.
- **Population pressures** such as difficulty attracting and retaining young people are compounded by climate change impacts. Demographic changes may increase vulnerability to climate change especially for the elderly. Low population density in some places may mean that required interventions such as infrastructure upgrades may not be targeted at the right places and people at the right time.

- **Spatial issues** mean islands, such as South Uist may be particularly vulnerable where many climate hazards intersect e.g. sea level rise and coastal erosion compounding flooding and salinisation of freshwater supplies.

Healthy ecosystems underpin resilient communities. Our natural assets are vital, providing defences against climate impacts, services and intrinsic value to support, protect and enhance the social and economic and cultural needs of the Outer Hebrides

The changing climate will exacerbate vulnerabilities through increased exposure, isolation and lack of access to services, especially for the elderly and those experiencing extreme poverty.

Key issues for the islands which may be impacted by climate change include:

- Land ownership and rights.
- Fuel poverty and other forms of poverty
- Jobs & business opportunities
- Digital connectivity
- Affordable reliable transport
- Housing and quality of housing stock

If we choose to do nothing and delay taking action to adapt to our changing climate, there is a risk that pressures from climate change will have further detrimental impacts on our economy, our communities and our environment. We cannot look at climate change in isolation, and when considered alongside the other challenges we face, there is a clear threat to the resilience and viability of our island communities. **However, we do not see this from a perspective of “doom and gloom”; this is a time to look for opportunities to support and build a flourishing future.**

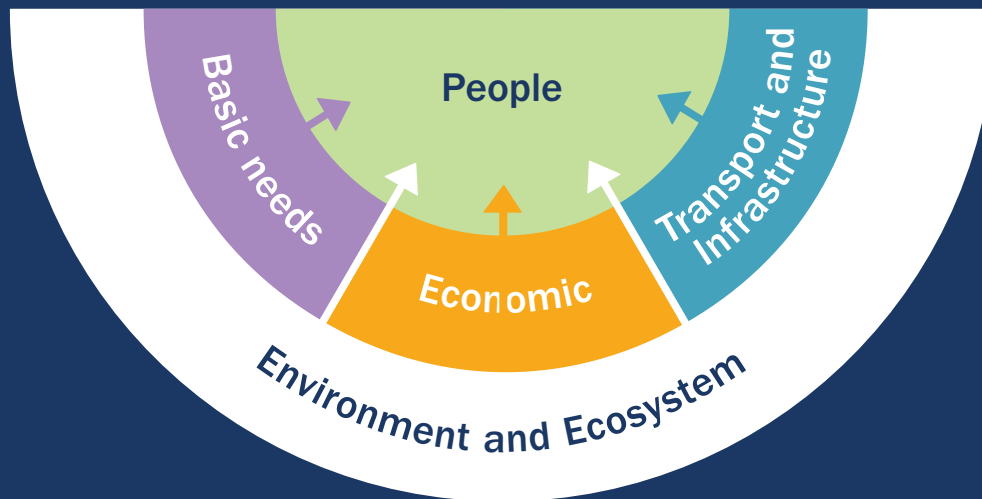
To respond to the climate challenge, we must link climate adaptation and resilience to societal issues, moving beyond sectoral responses and acknowledging the environment as the support network underpinning everything, to enable a safer, healthier and flourishing Outer Hebrides. Adaptation action should enable co-benefits and ensure a balance between environment, social issues and economic development.

There are different issues and climate impacts at every spatial scale in the Outer Hebrides, and every island geography and interest group has different influences, concerns and local knowledge of how climate change impacts that place. It is essential that adaptation action is developed and framed by local people and places so we can work together on shared priorities and ensure adaptation action is not done ‘to’ people, but that they have opportunities and agency to participate and be involved in decision making.

We recognise that the CCWG must ensure a whole society approach to address and respond to the climate challenge. The CCWG must work with different organisations and groups, including different Local Authority departments, other strategic partners, third sector, community groups and networks across the islands to enable collaboration and commitment to maximising opportunities, action and positive change. In order to support this whole society approach, the CCWG needs to enhance outreach and mobilise resources. We, the CCWG members, cannot do this alone. The CCWG need to present a Call to Action behind which all groups in the Outer Hebrides are able to rally.

3. The CCWG Vision

We will respond to our climate challenge to enable a safer, healthier and flourishing Outer Hebrides. To do so, we will integrate climate adaptation and resilience with societal issues, moving beyond sectoral responses and acknowledging a healthy environment as the support network that underpins everything.



We must link climate resilience to societal issues, acknowledging the environment as the support network underpinning everything – to enable a safer, healthier and more prosperous Outer Hebrides.

4. The CCWG Purpose

Our purpose is to support the Community Planning Partnership to improve climate resilience and deliver action as a whole-societal issue across the islands of the Outer Hebrides, grounded in what is important locally.

We do this through:

- Building a shared understanding of the urgency to take action to improve climate resilience.
- Providing strategic direction and potential oversight of climate action, setting the agenda for delivery based upon the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) priorities.
- Enhancing cooperation on climate action and resilience between different groups within and beyond the Outer Hebrides.
- Enhancing the case for resources and capacities for climate action.
- Ensuring Outer Hebrides climate resilience action has a particular concern for those people, groups, islands and resources most vulnerable to the impacts of a changing climate.

5. The Way Forwards

The CCWG recognise that across the Outer Hebrides we must:

- Build a shared understanding and sense of urgency with CPP members, elected members and CnES on the need for climate action through both mitigation and adaptation.
 - We must raise awareness of the need to act, focussing on the people, islands and the issues of the Outer Hebrides and how these connect with the changing climate
 - Develop climate actions for inclusion in Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP), both for adaptation and mitigation.
- Open the governance space for different groups to cooperate on climate action and resilience, now and in the future, with both strategic partners and hard to reach groups in order to:
 - Ensure our work is representative of our islands' society as a whole and encourage full participation;
 - Ensure the voice of wider groups are heard by making sure the views of members of representative organisations are part of our decision-making process.
- Ensure resources and capacity to understand the climate challenge and act together are invested where they can have most impact, connecting with what is important for the Outer Hebrides.
 - We must enable local groups to support delivery of climate and resilience actions with a clear role for cross-sectoral bodies such as Climate Hebrides CIC, non-governmental, community, third sector, academic and creative partners to engage communities and island groups in understanding and acting upon climate resilience.

The need for additional resourcing, both staffing and funds, to be able to act is vital. However, it is also important to recognise the existing strengths of the CCWG and through its representative bodies their members too. Fulfilling the above priorities are identified as key to better enable unlocking of resources.

6. CCWG Strengths and Opportunities

CCWG member organisations have expertise across a broad range of topics including climate adaptation and mitigation, environmental management and conservation, research, energy, transport, food, sustainable economy, public safety, and health and social care.

Làn Thìde, Community Interest Companies and membership organisations connect the CCWG to a wider network of arts, heritage, community, environmental and third sector organisations. UHI Outer Hebrides can support the CCWG in research, education and training, strengthening the evidence base for action and building capacity across organisations in the Outer Hebrides.

The CCWG has identified the importance of diverse community voices to be heard within its work and climate action across the islands, to ensure those who may be most likely to be impacted by climate change are involved in the decisions needed to adapt.

There is a need to better understand strengths and gaps in who is represented on the CCWG and ensure groups and organisations representing the various needs of communities, business and land/estates across the islands are integrated into analysis and planning and delivery of adaptation action.

7. Short Term Priorities for Action

The CCWG have identified three priorities for action in the short term. An overview of each is provided below, and these are elaborated further in **Annexes 1, 2 and 3**, setting out:

- Why each is important
- What needs to happen and when
- What success looks like

Priority 1: Internal Outer Hebrides CPP engagement to ensure member organisations and the Executive Group endorse the Climate Rationale, Case for Action and the need to act to improve climate resilience through adaptation action.

To ensure:

- The OHCPP signs off on the Climate Rationale and Case for Action, to endorse the need and urgency for climate resilience action.
- CPP members that are currently not participating in the CCWG are re-engaged, together with new partners such as HIE.
- New councillors and senior leaders of public, private and community sectors have an understanding of the climate challenge and importance of climate resilience.
- Resourcing and further support for staffing to assist the work under the CCWG are explored, either by the group directly or an appropriate body which can deliver under its direction, on its behalf.

Priority 2: Enhance and accelerate flexible, multi-sectoral, multi-stakeholder, inclusive and long-term planning and implementation of adaptation actions

To ensure:

- That the strategic direction for climate resilience action is based on local needs and issues identified by both the CCWG and island communities, ensures co-benefits and puts flourishing communities centre stage.
- Enhanced inclusion and collaboration between different types of organisations, especially third sector and non-governmental organisations.
- Continued development of a stronger evidence base on local climate change impacts and widened support to act on climate resilience. This offers increasingly convincing arguments for investment and resources to further engage communities and key groups.
- Enhancing knowledge and mainstreaming of sustainability and climate awareness across all types of organisation in the islands, through research, awareness raising, education and training opportunities.
- Meaningful engagement and stronger connections to communities, to inform policy and planning and for communities to better understand what they can do to improve their climate resilience.
- Improved access to funding to deliver resilience action.
- Strategic evaluation of actions, to identify further gaps and potential next steps

Priority 3: CCWG to co-ordinate development of adaptation actions for inclusion in the LOIP

To ensure:

- The LOIP sets intentions and makes recommendations for how communities will be included in the development and delivery of actions to improve climate resilience
- Actions included in the LOIP reflect the importance of CCWG members co-creating the evidence base for action
- The LOIP contains meaningful and deliverable actions for adaptation and resilience, both standalone and integrated to other related actions and areas in the LOIP.
- The CCWG (or other mechanism deemed fit by the CPP) has a mandate to move beyond updating the LOIP towards coordinating and enabling delivery and monitoring of actions.

ANNEX 1

Priority 1: Internal Outer Hebrides CPP engagement to ensure member organisations and the Executive Group endorse the Climate Rationale and the need to act to improve climate resilience through adaptation action.

This is important because:

- It is urgent that the CCWG be able to move from discussion to prioritised action, but this requires support and endorsement from the wider CPP.
- The 2022 local elections mark a change in local authority, elected member and CPP makeup and leadership. This is an opportunity to secure buy in and potential resource for raising awareness and delivering action.
- Pre-positioning and engaging CPP members should ensure that Executive Group discussion and approval of further action is gained, providing a foundation from which to move forwards.
- There is a need to re-engage key members of the CCWG whose participation in climate resilience planning is vital, but whose attendance has been, particularly due to Covid, more sporadic. This is also an opportunity to engage other strategic players not currently round the table. New elected officials, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, NHS Western Isles, the Western Isles Emergency Planning Coordination Group, Police Scotland Western Isles, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, Outer Hebrides Tourism and the existing Làn Thìde network, CICs and membership organisations are seen as key.

What needs to happen and when?

CCWG members will use the Climate Rational Executive Summary to hold discussions within their organisations to raise awareness of how climate resilience links to their own organisational priorities, consolidate a shared understanding of the climate challenge and commit to act to improve climate resilience together. Similar meetings will be sought to re-engage those who have had limited engagement with the group, as set out above. Through these meetings CPP organisations' endorsement of the climate rationale and case for action will be sought prior to sign off by the OHCPP Executive Group and full CPP.

What success looks like:

- The OHCPP and Executive Group signs off on the Climate Rationale and Case for Action, to endorse the need and urgency for climate resilience action.
- CPP members that are currently not participating in the CCWG are re-engaged, together with new partners such as HIE.
- New councillors and community senior leaders have an understanding of the climate challenge and importance of climate resilience.
- Resourcing and further support for staffing to assist the work under the CCWG are explored

#	Timescale	Action	Specific tasks	Indicative resource req.	Tools/ supporting resources	Lead
1.1	June 2022	CCWG review and sign off the Climate Rationale and Case for Action for use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCWG meeting • Subsequent adjustments to CR and CfA 	Existing CCWG resource sufficient	CR & CfA	CCWG subgroup members
1.2	August 2022	Stakeholder mapping to confirm priority organisations/ individuals for engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group members to bring priority suggestions for individuals/organisations to engage (existing members, those not actively participating, or new partners) • CCWG members commit to engaging key individuals with their own organisations 	Existing CCWG resource sufficient	Miro template	CCWG members
1.3	August 2022	Develop a Call to Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a Call for Action to capture organisational endorsement of Climate Rationale and Case for Action as part of 1:1 engagement, to increase commitment/ participation and enable support / contribution going forward. 	Existing CCWG resource sufficient		CCWG subgroup members
1.4	August 2022	CCWG member engagement within own organisations	<p>Each CCWG member to develop and deliver presentation to key individuals in own organisation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use CR Exec Summary to communicate how adaptation and resilience sit with organisational objectives • Policy and resources committee to be able to review (amongst other key departments and leaders in the council) – engage at all levels • Take account of feedback and share with CCWG • Explore existing/potential resource for adaptation & resilience • Seek CR and CfA endorsement through sign up to Call to Action. 	Existing CCWG resource potentially sufficient (but July/August meetings could be shortened to free up time for internal discussions*)	CR Exec Summary Customisable slide deck Standard question set e.g. Adaptation Capability Framework templates Climate Storyline Storymaps	CCWG members and subgroup

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1.5	August / September 2022	CCWG engagement with existing but non-participating/ wider partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCWG members co-develop a presentation to deliver to individual/groups of organisations Group briefing workshop Individual briefings/roadshow presentations 	Additional resource may need to be sought**	CR Exec Summary Customisable slide deck Standard question set e.g. Adaptation Capability Framework templates? Climate Storyline Storymaps	CCWG members and subgroup
1.6	September 2022	CCWG engagement with new councillors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key messages on adaptation and resilience included in welcome materials being developed by AH Online meetings with members where CCWG *members) could deliver presentations and open up discussion 	Existing CCWG resource sufficient	CR Exec Summary Customisable slide deck	Anna Hulme
1.7	September 2022	Synthesise discussions/update CR and CfA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special meeting of CCWG to feedback and synthesise input from CPP organisations 	Existing CCWG resource sufficient		CCWG members and subgroup
1.8	November 2022	OHCPP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek endorsement and sign off Climate Rationale and Case for Action Seek next steps/priorities for 'delivery' arm of CCWG? 	Existing CCWG resource sufficient		David MacIennan
1.9	Early 2023	OHCPP conference – climate resilience action planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver conference for CPP membership (+ potential to open out wider) to support action planning in line with the Climate Rationale and enable space for enhanced cooperation and maximising resources. 	Additional resource to be sought		

* Despite a lack of dedicated staff to lead this, through the extensive CCWG membership's engagement in 2-hour monthly meetings there is significant time allocation already provided to the work of the CCWG. Meetings in July-Sep 2022 could be shortened or cancelled to allow members to reassign that time to engaging internally.

** The CCWG may also want to mobilise a small grant to help deliver the engagement with currently non-participating or new partners. [Awards for All funding](#) might be a potential pot to support this engagement and could be used by an agile CCWG organisation that may offer to provide a person to deliver this piece of work.

ANNEX 2

Priority 2: (The CPP is supported to) Enhance and accelerate flexible, multi-sectoral, multi-stakeholder, inclusive and long-term planning and implementation of adaptation actions

This is important because:

- Adaptation gaps exist between current levels of adaptation and levels needed to respond to impacts and reduce climate risks.
- There is an urgent need to continue to improve the CCWG’s understanding, and evidence base on climate impacts and vulnerabilities on different areas, islands and communities of interest of the Outer Hebrides to better inform adaptation planning and delivery.
- The value of rolling out the North Uist community engagement pilot more widely and building upon initiatives such as the Community Climate Action planning developed in Eriskay is seen as an important action to help develop adaptation actions for the LOIP and enable more meaningful climate action with enhanced skills, confidence and partnerships to foster meaningful transformation.
- The Climate Rationale and Case for Action must reflect local realities and stories of people on the different islands of the Outer Hebrides, so that it is a convincing resource for engagement and increases the appetite for action at the local level.
- From May 2022, a newly recruited Climate Action Hub Coordinator will be in post to foster connections and build a “network of networks” between community groups as well as with the wider third and public sectors. The CCWG needs to have a clear offer and ask to present to the CAH Coordinator, in order to meaningfully inform their work and ensure the CCWG can link up with other networks of climate action.
- The Outer Hebrides LOIP states “Our ambition is to support the achievement of better outcomes for all. Improvement is about people – their lives, aspirations, skills and talents – and we recognise people as our most valuable asset.

In different communities across the Outer Hebrides, assets range from skills and knowledge to local clubs, groups and informal community networks. Effective engagement with people and communities about how local services are planned and delivered is integral to how we will deliver this plan.”

What needs to happen and when?

The CCWG recognises the importance of bringing together existing and potential engagement with different groups and islands throughout the Outer Hebrides. This demands a series of interlinked and complementary approaches building upon existing capacities in the CCWG, the work of the Climate Action Hub Coordinator, TSI, non-governmental, academic partners, creative partners, CICs and community groups and trusts.

What success looks like:

- The CCWG has a stronger evidence base and widened support to act on climate resilience. This offers increasingly convincing arguments for investment financing and resources to further engage community and key groups
- Stronger connections to community voices and groups to inform policy and planning and better understand how and what they can do as a part of working on climate resilience action and connecting with locally important issues
- Improved access to funding and delivering resilience action that responds to local issues and priorities, ensure co-benefits of interventions that work on short and long priorities at the same time and puts flourishing communities centre stage.
- Enhanced collaboration between different types of organisations, especially third sector and non-governmental to support delivery of climate resilience actions based on the gaps and needs identified by both the CCWG and people, groups and island communities themselves
- Groups and issues are connected and those best placed to enable action and delivery are ready to support whether at an island, regional or national level.

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2.1	May – Nov 2022	Engage and align CCWG activities with the new Climate Action Network Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage with CAH Coordinator via SCCAN and CES to sit on CCWG Explore opportunities to engage specific island groups and networks (linked to 2.3) 	Existing CCWG resource sufficient		CES (as CAH coordinator host)
2.2	June – Nov 2022	CCWG third sector and membership orgs and those currently delivering community based work engage with their members views to CCWG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrate Climate Rationale key messages into existing activities, meetings and dialogues Seek feedback and input/content for CR Better understand members' capacity gaps/needs on adaptation Continue to develop evidence base of local climate impacts and vulnerabilities <p>...to integrate into resource proposals and policies (LOIP inputs)</p>	Further planning with specific CCWG members is required to determine the resources necessary to deliver this element as a basis of preparing activities 2.3 and 2.4	CR Exec Summary CfA Customisable slide deck Tools to support member capacity gaps / needs mapping	CCWG member organisations
2.3	2023	Engagement strategy to reach out to different groups and islands, building on rolling out North Uist engagement pilot approach to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver capacity building activities, Continue to develop evidence base of local climate vulnerabilities and impacts Engage/consult on LOIP update 	Potential activities may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A series of in person and online participatory mapping activities to gather further evidence of local climate impacts and vulnerabilities. Using the Place Standard Tool with a Climate Lens to support community engagement to contribute to LOIP adaptation actions. Developing and rolling out capacity building resources or training through CCWG members such as Community Land Scotland, UHI Outer Hebrides or an alternative delivery organisation to support community groups and trusts to better understand and contribute to climate resilience action at the most local level 	North Uist pilot indicative costings Requires a costing plan and delivery model as a priority to be able to apply for funds, to be taken forwards by developing a strategy, project plan and proposals	North Uist pilot materials Outer Hebrides Climate Storyline Place Standard with a Climate Lens	
2.4	2022	Clear role for non-governmental, third sector, academic and creative partners and CICs to engage communities and island groups in understanding and acting on climate resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building a strategy between CCWG and partners to be able to develop proposals and projects to strengthen their role to deliver coordination and collaboration between community groups, communities of interest, third sector, educational establishments, and membership organisations and trusts. This may include exploring opportunities to develop applications to EU Horizons and National Lottery funding 	Further planning with specific CCWG members is required to determine the resources necessary to deliver this element as a basis of preparing activities		

ANNEX 3

Priority 3: CCWG to co-ordinate development of adaptation actions for inclusion in LOIP²

This is important because:

- It is fundamental to the CCWG's role and the reason the group was brought together.

What success looks like:

- The LOIP sets intentions for how communities will be included in the development and delivery of actions to improve climate resilience
- Actions included in the LOIP reflect the importance of CCWG members co-creating the evidence base for action
- The LOIP contains meaningful and deliverable actions for adaptation and resilience, both standalone and integrated to other related actions and areas in the LOIP.
- The CCWG has a mandate to move beyond updating the LOIP towards coordinating and enabling delivery and monitoring of actions.

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3.1	TBC	Developing interim actions for LOIP update -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish expectations and mechanisms on LOIP update/ timeframe • Establish subgroup to coordinate this workstream to enhance efficiency • Workshop with all CPP members for intention setting to develop inputs to the LOIP in advance of a full revision to the LOIP 			
3.2	TBC	Development and review of potential actions				

² Noting this section is less developed pending clarification on LOIP update expectations and mechanisms/ timeframe

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