



'Edinburgh Adapts' – Project Summary

1. Purpose

This document provides a summary of the 'Edinburgh Adapts' project which will be implemented by the Edinburgh Sustainable Development Partnership (ESDP) in partnership with the Adaptation Scotland programme.

2. Background

The [Resilient Edinburgh Climate Change Adaptation Framework](#) (the Framework) was approved by the City of Edinburgh Council's Transport and Environment Committee on 28th October 2014 and endorsed by the ESDP on 12 November 2014.

The Framework sets out Edinburgh's strategic approach to increasing resilience to the impacts of climate change, identifies priority actions, and commits partners to ongoing monitoring and reporting, including the development of a detailed action plan during 2015.

Developing the action plan for the city will require partnership working, capacity building and collaboration. The 'Edinburgh Adapts' project will support this process by bringing together an Adaptation Task Group to plan and run a series of engagement workshops to address actions identified in the Framework and, produce a shared action plan.

The project will be supported by the Sniffer managed Adaptation Scotland programme¹ and has been designed in partnership with the City of Edinburgh Council.

The project was approved by the ESDP on 26th March 2015.

3. Aims and objectives

The project aims to:

- develop a shared ESDP adaptation action plan as required by the Resilient Edinburgh Climate Change Adaptation Framework;
- build the capacity of ESDP members to increase resilience and adapt to climate change and, comply with the Public Bodies Climate Change Duties; and
- demonstrate the role of Community Planning Partnerships in developing and implementing shared adaptation frameworks and action plans.

This will be achieved through:

- forming an ESDP led Adaptation Task Group to plan and run three workshops that will identify existing and new adaptation actions, and inform the development of a jointly owned action plan;
- sharing information gathered through the action plan to inform adaptation planning within individual partner organisations; and
- sharing information about the ESDP Adaptation Framework and action plan with Community Planning Partnerships across Scotland, raising the profile of ESDP adaptation work and encouraging replication where appropriate.

¹ The Adaptation Scotland programme is funded by the Scottish Government and delivered by Sniffer. The Programme supports organisations, business and communities across Scotland to adapt to climate change. For more information visit www.adaptationscotland.org.uk



4. Approach

Step 1 – Project approval from ESDP members - **COMPLETE**

The ESDP approved the project on 26th March 2015.

Step 2 – Setting up adaptation Task Group and planning the workshops - **ONGOING**

Mar – Jun 2015

An Adaptation Task Group will be formed during March – June 2015.

A number of ESDP members have already committed to joining the Adaptation Task Group. Membership of the Task Group is open to all ESDP members and partner organisations including private, community and public sector representatives and will be finalised in June 2015 – contact Fiona MacLeod to register interest in getting involved with the Task Group: Fiona.MacLeod@edinburgh.gov.uk

Jun – Aug 2015

Three Task Group meetings will be held between June 2015 and December 2015, and will be used to agree the purpose and content of each of the three workshops.

Adaptation Scotland will work in partnership with the Task Group to agree a detailed plan for the workshops, and provide regular updates to all ESDP members.

Step 3 - Running the workshops

Sept – Dec 2015 The Task Group will run and report on three workshops as agreed in the detailed workshop plan (Step 2). A further three Task Group meetings will be held during this period to feedback on and plan each workshop.

Step 4 – Publishing the Action Plan and Sharing lessons learned

Jan – March 2016 The Task Group will lead on finalising and publishing the action plan which will be jointly owned by members and formally approved by the ESDP. The action plan is likely to comprise of actions owned by a range of ESDP members each of whom will, at their discretion, seek the required approval for specific actions from within their own organisations. Timings for sign off on the action plan will accommodate the different internal processes required by member organisations.

The action plan will be monitored and reviewed on a regular basis in line with commitments made in the Framework.

Adaptation Scotland will work with the Task Group and wider ESDP members to evaluate the impact of the project and, raise the profile of ESDP's adaptation planning work, sharing lessons learned with other community planning partnerships.



5. Project benefits

The project will :

- maintain momentum and deliver on commitments made in the Resilient Edinburgh Climate Change Adaptation Framework;
- provide an efficient mechanism for sharing information and developing a jointly owned action plan;
- support ESDP members and wider project participants in demonstrating compliance with the Public Bodies Climate Change Duties; and
- support wider uptake of adaptation planning by community planning partnerships across Scotland.

6. Resourcing

- The Adaptation Scotland programme will commit 25 staff days to support the project. This time will be allocated to overall management of the project, supporting the set up of the Task Group and, designing, running and evaluating the workshops. Limited time may also be available to review and contribute to writing the action plan.
- Adaptation Scotland will provide a discretionary project budget in the region of £3,000 to fund workshop venues, catering and associated costs.
- ESDP members will commit staff time to participate in the Task Group.
- The City of Edinburgh Council will participate fully in the Task Group, and will play a key coordinating role with Task Group members to compile the action plan following completion of the three workshops.

7. How the project will be managed/ governance arrangements

As per 4 and 6 above, an Adaptation Task Group, made up of ESDP members will lead on developing this key action plan for the city. The City of Edinburgh Council will play a co-ordination and facilitation role and ensure that the Task Group works efficiently.

The Adaptation Scotland programme will support the Task Group in designing and running the three project workshops and will lead on monitoring and evaluation of the project, providing feedback to ESDP.

The Task Group will report back regularly on progress to the ESDP. The ESDP will have the final sign off on the action plan. Progress will be reported to the Edinburgh Partnership.

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