

Title	Climate Change Risk Assessment
Item Number	7
Date of Meeting	25 March 2025

To consider and comment on the following issues:

Overview

The **Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA3)** for Wales, produced by the UK Climate Change Committee (CCC) in 2021, provides a comprehensive evidence base that underpins national adaptation programmes in Wales. The assessment identifies 61 climate risks and opportunities for the UK, which are detailed in a Technical Report.

Key points from the CCRA3 Summary for Wales include:

- The assessment highlights the need for Wales to address climate risks such as flooding, coastal erosion, and extreme weather events.
- It emphasizes the importance of integrating climate adaptation into all levels of planning and decision-making.
- The report also underscores the necessity of building resilience in communities, infrastructure, and natural environments.

Requirements for Public Service Boards (PSBs) in Wales:

1. Conduct Local Climate Risk Assessments:

- PSBs should undertake local climate risk assessments to identify specific risks and vulnerabilities within their areas.
- These assessments should be robust enough to inform local adaptation strategies.

2. Collaborate and Share Knowledge:

- PSBs should work collaboratively with other organisations and stakeholders to pool existing work and avoid duplication.
- Sharing knowledge and best practices can enhance the effectiveness of climate adaptation efforts.

3. Establish Governance Structures:

- PSBs should establish clear governance structures, such as task and finish groups, to oversee the implementation of climate risk assessments and adaptation strategies.
- Regular workshops and meetings can help in coordinating efforts and ensuring progress.

4. Integrate Climate Adaptation into Well-being Plans:

- PSBs should incorporate climate adaptation measures into their well-being plans, as required by the Well-being of Future Generations Act.

- This integration ensures that climate risks are considered in the broader context of community well-being.

5. Engage with the Community:

- Engaging with local communities to raise awareness about climate risks and adaptation measures is crucial.
- Public participation can help in developing more effective and inclusive adaptation strategies.

6. Monitor and Review Progress:

- PSBs should regularly monitor and review the progress of their climate adaptation efforts.
- Continuous evaluation helps in identifying gaps and making necessary adjustments to improve resilience.

To discuss and agree:

- Ceredigion PSB are due to start work on the CCRA in the coming months. To avoid duplication of effort and officer time, there is an opportunity to work together as Carmarthenshire and Ceredigion PSBs to undertake this work. Pembrokeshire PSB has completed this work.
- A meeting has been scheduled for the 28 March (11-12 via Teams) to discuss governance, organising a dedicated workshop and agree resources.
- Members to check nominations and forward any additional names to the PSB Support Team.

Is a decision necessary?

Yes

Proposed by:

PSB Support Team