



Newsletter - December 2013



Making London a world leader in environmental data innovation and resilience

LCCP met with leading figures from London's various sectors to address the challenges and opportunities set out in our publication [Observing London: weather data needed for London to thrive](#).

The event featured presentations from Google's Ed Parsons and Scott Cain from the Future Cities Catapult. Afterwards the group was involved in lively discussions about how we can make London a world leader in environmental data innovation and resilience.

There was strong support from the group for a London Climate Data Portal, and following on from this, LCCP is working with the Met Office, Greater London Authority, Arup, the Open Data Institute and Future Cities Catapult to address the value chain for building the London Climate Data Portal.



Commercial Property in a Changing Climate

The London Climate Change Partnership in conjunction with the Better Building Partnership and LSx organised a roundtable event on commercial property and climate change adaptation on 3 December 2013.

The event featured presentations from Mel Allwood, Associate at Arup (*Designing differently for a future climate at 100 City Road*) and Greg Davies, Assurity Consulting (*Ensuring buildings are fit for the long term purpose*).

The roundtable discussion explored how London's commercial property owners can take further steps to ensure long term sustainability and preparedness for extreme weather and climate change. [Read full write up of the event including actions and presentations.](#)



Latest blog: The storm surge of 6 December

Tim Reeder from the Environment Agency writes about the storm surge of 6 December – the highest surge levels since the Thames Barrier was built. Tim explores the various forms of flood risk that London faces and outlines the work that the Environment Agency and other LCCP Members are carrying out.

[Read blog article](#)



Round up

Professor Chris Rapley, Chair of LCCP delivered the keynote speech at the [Thames Estuary Partnership Annual Forum](#).

Tim Reeder took part in the opening plenary at [Retrofit London](#) and made the case that large scale retrofits offer a real opportunity to include adaptation features, ensuring houses and residents are resilient to extreme weather and climate change.

Juliette Daniels recently presented a webinar to the C40 on partnership working and stakeholder engagement. The session drew on LCCP's collaboration with Toronto to illustrate the benefits of international knowledge exchange with other cities.



Resilient Business Case Study: Calverts

Calverts, a design and print co-operative, has a commitment to sustainability and a proven track record as a 'green' printer. Calverts are always keen to learn and invest in practices that will make them a more sustainable printer, and as result participated in LCCP's business resilience survey.

The [Calverts case study](#) highlights how investing in modern printers reduced water consumption, raising valuable equipment and potentially harmful chemicals above flood levels, backing up important data and other practices can make them a more resilient and sustainable business.

Further news and events

- The [Environment Agency have released flood maps](#) that show the risk from flooding from the sea, rivers, reservoirs, and for London (+10 other areas), heavy rainfall.
- The Thames Barrier closed on 5 December as a precaution against the biggest storm surge in 60 years which caused flooding in other parts of South-East England. This was the 125th time that the barrier has been closed to protect London.
- The Environment Agency have launched '[Assessing and managing climate change risks in supply chains](#)', guidance to help companies to consider and take steps to be resilient to worldwide climate risks in their supply chains.
- Congratulations to Groundwork London for recently winning the [NEA Community Action Award](#) for effective home energy saving visits
- European Academies Science Advisory Council (EASAC) have released a [report on extreme weather trends in Europe](#).
- [Rio Mayor Paes to succeed Mayor Bloomberg as C40 Chair](#)

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