# Adaptation Strategies and Partnership-Working in a Global City:

The Case of London

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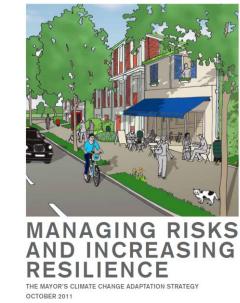




## **London Climate Change Adaptation Strategy**

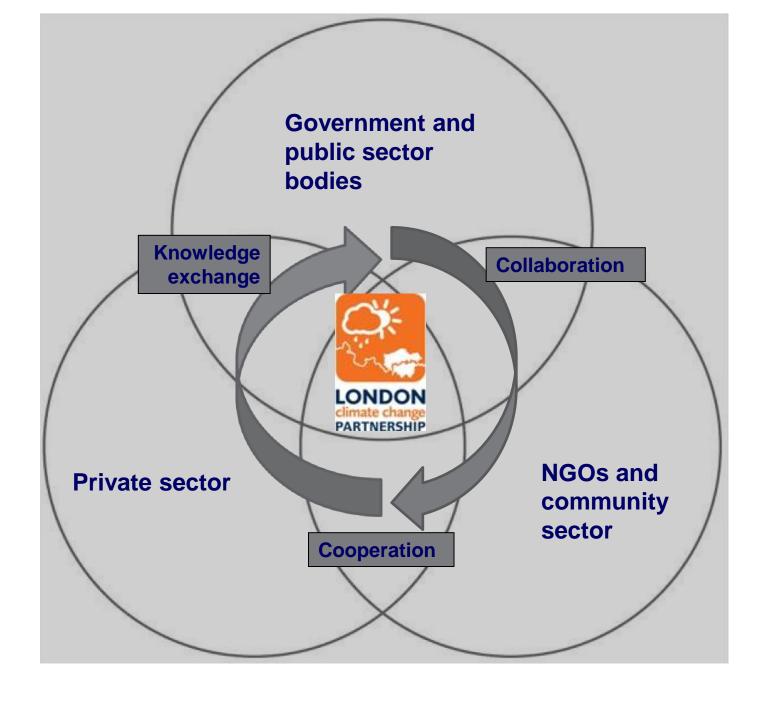
## A risk-based approach that:

- 1. Assesses how London is vulnerable to weather-related risks today
- Uses climate projections to understand how climate change accentuates existing risks or creates new risks / opportunities in the future
- 3. Identifies and tests risk management options in partnership



## Mayoral adaptation actions

- Identifying who and what is at risk, today & tomorrow
- Re-greening the city
  - Increase London-wide tree cover by 5% by 2025
  - Increase greencover in the centre of London by 10% by 2050
- Ensuring new development is fit for the future
- Retrofitting existing development
  - Public and private sector retrofit programmes
- Raise awareness, encourage ownership of risk and build capacity to act
  - Revising emergency plans to be more proactive
  - Community Resilience Plans
- Leading by example
  - Changing corporate approach to climate risks
- Research into 'adaptation gap'

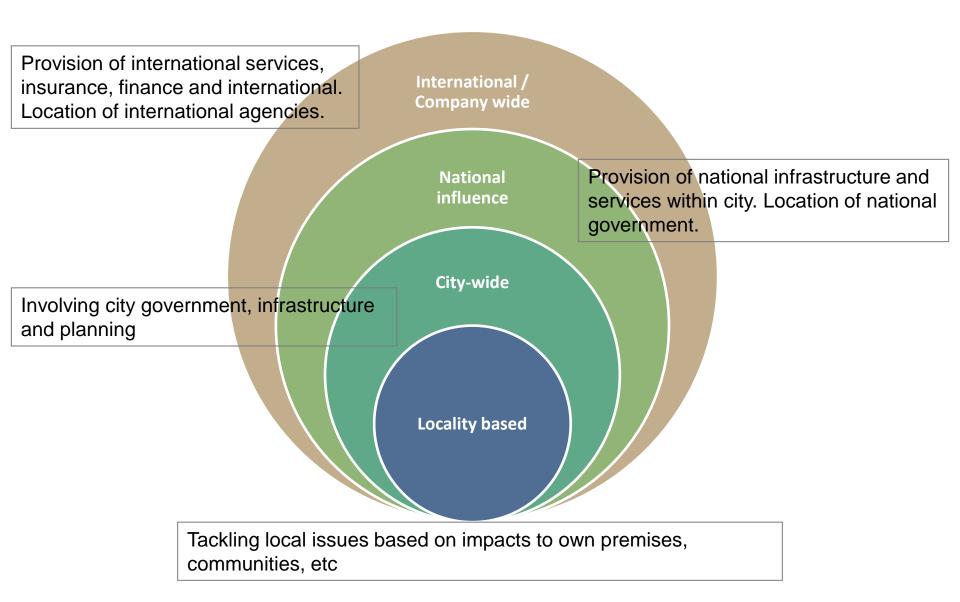


### LCCP's Vision

London's people and systems are dynamically adapting to its changing climate, and its economy is reaping the rewards of being a world leader in this field.



## City scale stakeholder engagement



## The Climate UK network

- 1 Sustainability East
- 2 Climate East Midlands
- 3 London Climate Change Partnership
- 4 Climate NE
- 5 Climate Change Northwest
- 6 Climate South East
- 7 Climate SouthWest
- 8 Sustainability West Midlands
- 9 Your Climate Climate Change Partnership for Yorkshire and Humber
- 10 Climate Northern Ireland
- 11 Adaptation Scotland
- 12 Welsh Government



## www.climateuk.net

## **Business impacts to consider**

#### 1 Markets

Population need and changing demand

#### 2 Logistics

Vulnerability of supply chain, utilities and transport infrastructure.

#### 3 Premises

 Impacts on building design, construction, maintenance and facilities management.

#### **4 Process**

Impacts on planning and service delivery.

#### 5 People

• Implications for workforce and changing lifestyles.

#### 6 Finance

Implications for investment, resources and organisational reputation

## **World Economic Forum 2014 Global Risks**

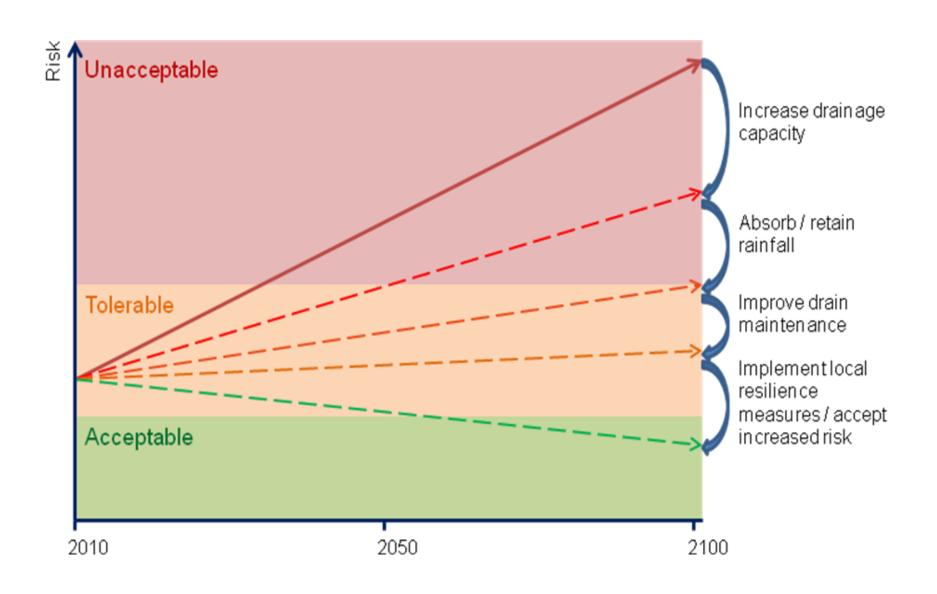
- 1. Fiscal crises in key economies
- 2. Structurally high unemployment/underemployment
- 3. Water crises
- 4. Severe income disparity
- 5. Failure of climate change mitigation and adaptation
- 6. Greater incidence of extreme weather events
- 7. Global governance failure
- 8. Food crises
- 9. Failure of a major financial mechanism/institution
- **10.** Profound political and social instability.

### But...

The Carbon Disclosure Project's 2013 Supply Chains report found:

- Only 20% of businesses responding to their survey identified water-related risk to their supply chains
- Few were ready to engage on the subject
- Some great examples of practice in private sector:
- Asda supply s
- www.businessresiliencehealthcheck.com

## Understanding the 'adaptation gap'



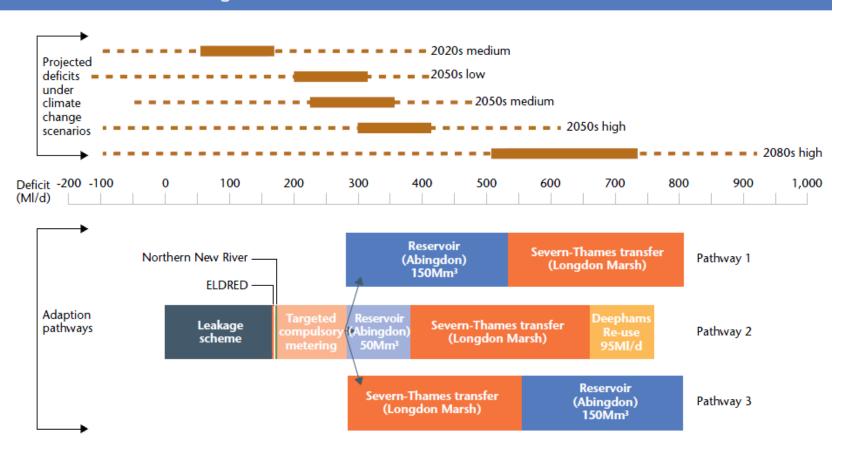
#### **Maximum water level rise:** 0m 1m 2m 3m 4m **Improve defences** Improve Thames Barrier and raise d/s defences TE2100 developed options **Over-rotate Thames** Barrier and restore Flood storage, improve Thames interim defences Barrier, raise u/s & d/s defences **Existing system** Maximise storage Food storage, over rotate Thames Raise Barrier, raise u/s & d/s defences **Defences** Flood storage, restore interim defences **New Barrier** New barrier, retain Thames Barrier, raise defences 2100 New barrier, raise defences 2100 New barrage Hig

Each box represents one or more portfolios of responses

Note:

## Climate Change Adaptation SC

Figure B4.2: Water resourcing investment decision tree for London, 2020s to 2080s



## **London's Adaptation Economy**

## New study to be published soon:

- The UK's is the sixth largest in the world (£6.9bn A&R; £897m A&RCC in 2012/13)
- Strong throughout the recession and set to continue growing
- New York is has a bigger adaptation economy than London, but we're ahead of Rotterdam, Paris, Beijing and Singapore
- Cities are more comparable with each other than with their respective countries

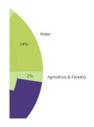
# London A&RCC Sales, Employment and Companies by Sub Sector 2012/13

#### Key

Inner: Companies Middle: Employment

Outer: Sales

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## **Benchmarking**

- Many comparisons taking place internationally (C40 Cities, World Bank, Rockefeller Resilient Cities, Munich Re, Maplecroft, Carbon Disclosure Project, etc)
- National process via Adaptation Sub Committee
- Knowledge exchange more important than ranking

## Thank you

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