

Educator Factsheet: What is the National Adaptation Strategy (2023)?

The **National Adaptation Strategy (2023)** sets out how the country will respond to the impacts of a changing climate and strengthen national resilience. It represents the beginning of a five year programme of work across government to build resilience to climate change, working together to realise the vision: support a country that effectively plans for and is fully adapted to the changing climate.

What is included in the Adaptation strategy?

1. **Infrastructure** (a whole society approach to resilience, investments to safeguard water supply from climate change posed risks, and a holistic approach to addressing climate risks to transport)
2. **Natural environment** (Local Nature Recovery strategies, promotion of resilient and sustainable land management and farming practices, support for net-zero, protected sites and wildlife-rich habitats, six Nature Recovery projects in 2023 and 13 more launched)
3. **Health, communities and the built environment** (£5.2 billion investment in flood and coastal erosion schemes, adverse weather and health plan alongside weather health alerting systems, adaptation and mitigation efforts in housing and community planning policy frameworks, local authority hazard adaptation planning support)
4. **Business and industry** (Development of green finance strategy protecting financial systems from climate-driven impacts and threats to imports)
5. **International Impacts** (Support adaptation and resilience building in vulnerable communities to climate related disasters)
6. **Supporting evidence** (Department of Environment and Rural Affairs will support world-leading science and evidence and further research and innovation needed to deliver adaptation action)

What are the key messages for learners?

That the government is developing a coordinated approach to governance, engagement and coordinated policymaking, driving improvement through better evidence and tools to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change.



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