

Agenda 6th September – Defra /EA Visit to the Cotswold (Upper Thames) Catchment pilot to show the developing framework of Integrated Local Delivery (ILD)

Through the WFD pilots learning events the following questions below have been frequently asked. The visit aims to answer these questions (in red):

9.30am Jenny Phelps (Gloucestershire Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group) and Andy Ormiston (FWAG SW) to pick up Nick Hopwood (Defra/EA), Lorraine Hutt (EA) and Dave Corbelli Cascade Consulting).

9.45 am Arrive Gloucester Rural Community Council Offices for coffee.

Meet Gloucestershire Rural Community Council Chief Executive Lesley Archer and GRCC Rural Adviser Chris Coucher. Hopefully also meeting Glos FWAG Simon Pain also representing the NFU, still weather/ harvest dependant.

Q: How do you consult with local people and communities, using a framework that is scaleable?

<http://www.grcc.org.uk/>

An introduction to the work of GRCC and parish planning, and how they are a well established organisation working with communities and how they are starting to work with Gloucestershire FWAG (and other partners) to further test ILD as part of the WFD pilot to help develop a scalable a framework for integrated catchment management.

10.15am 5 minute walk to Shire Hall, Gloucester

10.25am Arrive Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) Offices

Q: How do you aim to coordinate, communicate and integrate partnership working?

<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/resident>

Meet Esther Collis, (Gloucestershire FWAG) Farming and Integrated Environmental Local Delivery (FIELD) Coordinator, hosted by GCC. View how the catchment/ parishes and farms are being scoped with GIS within the catchment and the locally relevant partner contacts found for each locality for multi objective delivery. Esther is also integrating this with catchment modelling tools.

11.00am Joined by Chris Short Countryside and Community Research Institute <http://www.ccri.ac.uk/> and Peter Holmes Natural England team leader for Gloucestershire and South Gloucestershire, Drive to Leckhampton Hill SSSI Cheltenham

Q: How is multi objective delivery achieved? What is a collaborative approach?

11.30 pm Brief visit Leckhampton Hill from Hartley Farm footpath, meeting Wayne Sedgwick, Mark Connelly from Cotswolds AONB and Friends of Leckhampton Hill and Charlton Kings Common (FOLK). Possibly meet Dan Powell, farmer, if free, again possibly weather/harvest dependant.

See a past case study of ILD showing multi objective delivery, and what can be achieved when a project is a locally led with an all inclusive partnership working in support.

11.55am Drive down the catchment down following the river churn showing land usage, uptake of Agri Environment Schemes, WFD failures and opportunities for delivery with multiple benefits.

Q: How do you avoid competition between organisations and build on partners areas of expertise in delivery?

12.15pm Meet Richard Spyvee from the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust Living Landscapes Project (LLP) at mid point between Cirencester Lodge (Rendcomb) and North Cerney to showcase LLP.

12.35pm Continue down the Churn Valley to Cirencester

Q: Can the ILD approach be applied in urban as well as rural setting?

Drive through Cirencester – and talk about the use of ILD in the development, completion and beginning the implementation of the Cirencester green spaces strategy

Q: How do you release the social capital within a community?

1.00pm Lunch Greyhound Inn Siddington

Meet members of the Parish Planning Group, Chris Rumble, Malcolm Mosley, Alison Wagstaff and David Vernon – Smith, and talk about work done on the Siddington WFD Parish case study so far. Also meet Matthew Millett Managing Director Cotswold Water Park Trust and Paul St Pierre, Catchment Coordinator Environment Agency, for lunch

1.55pm leave to visit Lake 12 (SSSI lake in the Water Park)

Q: How to tackle specific WFD failures?

2.10 pm Arrive Lake 12 - Peter Holmes to discuss SSSI failures from high nutrients (talk about the diffuse water pollution plan)

Q: What resources are needed to achieve WFD delivery on the ground?

2. 30pm Leave to drive through WILD project area (WFD with ILD) The WILD project is currently being procured by the regional EA to potentially further roll out the ILD approach in 14 parish and 4 towns over 3 years with two full time project officers. (One hosted by FWAG and the other CWPT).

Q: How do we solve urban pressures within a catchment?

3.00 pm meet Jonathan Wilshaw Swindon Borough Council

Shaw Forest Park, off Mead Way Swindon – to see Swindon Borough Councils Green Infrastructure work and the impact of Swindon and the River Ray on the catchment.

3.30pm Leave for Gloucestershire station - **4.30 pm** Arrive Gloucester Station