



Guidance

<p>Title: Regional climate change partnership model:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discussion paper 2. Change tool report 							
<p>Keywords: Partnerships, stakeholders, regional partnerships, change management, champions, cross-cutting.</p>							
<p>Audience: Stakeholders to regional and other planning bodies; spatial and other planners</p>							
<p>Messages in the ESPACE strategy to which the guidance applies:</p>	1.	2.	3.X	4.	5.	6.	7.
	8.	9.	10.X	11.	12.X	13.	14.
<p>Sentences linking the guidance to relevant strategy messages:</p> <p>3: Building effective partnerships with a broad range of stakeholders across social, economic and environmental interests is a key mechanism for responding to climate change risks and allows partners to explore and apply change management processes alongside more technical approaches to risk management.</p> <p>10: The inclusive and multi-disciplinary nature of regional climate change partnerships helps to ensure that organisations are able to appreciate each others' perspectives and to build trust in the issues and responses.</p> <p>12: 'Partnerships' exist on a spectrum of engagement and resources – and can develop from one end of this to the other: from loose networks of interested individuals to formal alliances of organisations with a common agenda. Champions – committed individuals, with strong awareness and agency and an ability to use their association with others to make progress – are essential in all types of partnership, especially on an issue as complex and cross-cutting as climate change.</p>							
<p>Photo/diagram/map:</p> <p>N/A</p>			<p>Overview:</p> <p>Partnership working brings together perspectives, priorities and resources and is invaluable in addressing complex issues. The discussion paper captures many of the dimensions and challenges involved in partnerships; this was informed by and has itself informed SECCP's development, our input to ESPACE and how we have used the outcomes – especially on championship and the "4As" to develop and understand the successes we have achieved through our sector groups.</p>				
<p>Description:</p> <p>The original discussion paper has informed the development of SECCP's own approach, as has the work within ESPACE and the championship and "4As" work in particular. SECCP has used this experience to review and refocus our work programme.</p>							



This guidance has recently been complemented by new work in ESPACE, exploring the applicability of an organisational development approach that can help a partnership to improve its approaches and potential for joint working – and also help individual partner organisations to build their adaptive capacity to climate change. This work is being piloted alongside work by Hampshire County Council and the report will contribute to the next stage of ESPACE as well as strengthen SECCP and the regional partnership model.

Although SECCP's work programme has evolved and new sector groups been established, the schematic diagram of the regional climate change partnership model in the discussion paper (see Further information) still provides a good overview of SECCP's organisation, activities and outputs.

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Further information:

1. ESPACE Partnership discussion paper June 2004
2. Developing a change tool to assist with organisational responses to climate change: Report on pilot project with South East Climate Change Partnership, February to March 2007
3. Summary of the South East Climate Change Partnership change tool project, February to March 2007