

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council's Adaptation Journey

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District Council
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A Brief Timeline

- Climate Emergency Declaration 2019
- Climate Change and Sustainable Development Strategy 2020
- Climate Action Plan 2021-2024
- Climate Change & Innovation Team 2022
- Climate Change Act (2022)
- Public Body Reporting 2024
- Review of the Climate Action Plan 2021 -2024
- **Drafting of the Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Action Plan 2025-2030 (Climate MAAP)**

Alternative Timeline

2018

- Heatwave – Highest temps in NI since 1995
- Storm Ali
- Flooding Carrickmore & Gravaghy

2020

- Storm Ciara: District wide flooding
- Heatwave: Worst drought-type conditions since 1976
- Spring 2020 was the sunniest on record for NI

2021

- NI recorded hottest day on record (31.2°C)
- Storm Barra: Powercuts and Road Closures due to fallen trees

2024

- Storm Isha & Joceylyn: NIE used leisure centre as a hub for residents without power
- Warmest May on record
- Storm Bert: Homes Ballinamallard flooded
- Storm Darragh: All council outdoor events cancelled

2023

- Hottest June on record
- Wettest July on record
- Storm Babet: Heavy persistent rain across district

2022

- Storm Dudley, Eunice and Franklin hit FODC area within a week
- July was driest July in over 20 years

2025

- Storm Eowyn: 30% of homes and businesses in NI without power, 5000 trees fell in Ecclesville Forest Park
- 1/3 of Slieve Beagh damaged by Wildfires
- Localised flash floods: Marble Arch Caves evacuated
- Storm Amy: Widespread disruption. Tree fell on car at the Ardowen Theatre



Storm Eowyn Damage Ecclesville



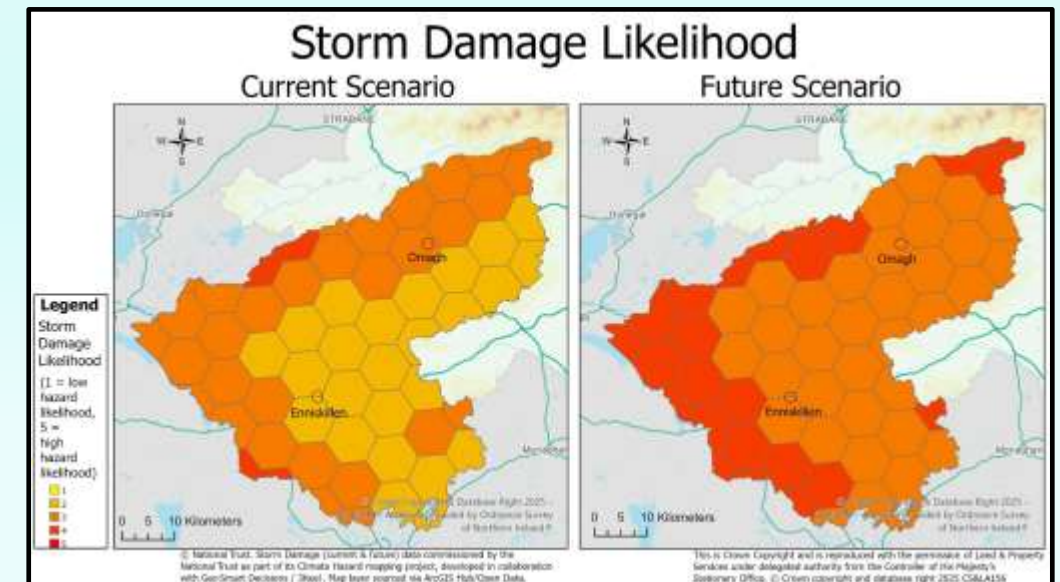
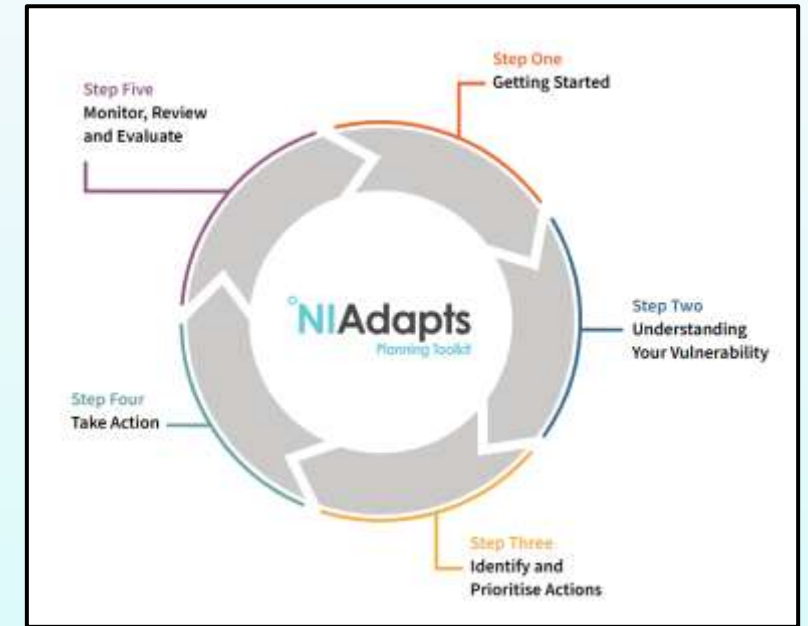
Lough Erne Flooding



Slieve Beagh Wildfire

Fermanagh & Omagh's Climate MAAP: Planning for a Resilient Future

- Reviewed Action Plan
- HoS Workshop on Adaptation
- Hazard Maps Developed
- Climate NI Adaptation Toolkit Embedded
- 1:1 Service Lead Sessions
- Stakeholder Consultations
- Members Workshop
- Mandatory E-learning for colleagues
- Council Approval



Some Key Adaptation Actions

Develop cost estimates for achieving net zero across Council operations

Design all new Council buildings to incorporate climate resilience and flood adaptation measures, where appropriate to site conditions and projected climate impacts



Improve understanding and quantification of the financial costs of emergency climate related event impacts

Embed environmental sustainability into the design and assessment of grant schemes aimed at community groups where appropriate.

Identify Council assets at risk from climate impacts supported by building-specific risk mapping.

Challenges and how we faced them

Challenge	Approach
Differing priorities in other Service Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demonstrating how climate actions could directly support their existing objectives• Align KPIs wherever possible with indicators they were already collecting
Questions on financing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Highlighted the cost of inaction• Highlight that every £1 invested in adaptation can generate between £2 and £10 in social and economic value (CCC)• Wider benefits such as green job creation and improved energy resilience.
Questions on the need to adapt	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Highlight climate impacts the district is already experiencing• Explaining impacts through Climate Hazard maps



Any Questions?