

National Indicator 188: First year returns

Update for local and regional government



Dear adaptation leads,

Earlier this year, 150 local authority areas and Local Strategic Partnerships submitted data to the CLG Hub reporting their progress against National Indicator 188 – Planning to Adapt to Climate Change. A summary of the results is below.

Overall the first year of NI 188 has been a success and there are many good examples of adaptation work across the country. But we've only just got started – there is plenty more to do in building up the UK's ability to cope with the changing climate.

56 authorities included NI 188 in their LAA. Of these 56, over 80% have met or exceeded their stated target. And of the same 56, 75% are already at Level 1 or higher. This is really great progress.

The summary below shows results for all authorities by region.

GO Region	Number of local authority areas and LSPs at each Level				
	Level 0	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
East	1	9	0	0	0
East Midlands	2	6	1	0	0
North East	4	6	1	1	0
North West	10	11	1	0	0
South East	12	7	0	0	0
London	23	7	3	0	0
South West	5	11	0	0	0
West Midlands	9	4	1	0	0
Yorkshire & Humber	10	3	2	0	0
Total number (%) submitted	76 (51%)	64 (43%)	9 (6%)	1	0

The Adapting to Climate Change (ACC) Programme in Defra commissioned a study into the first year returns for NI 188. Thank you to those authorities who were involved in the study. A copy of the **Executive Summary** of the report, *National Indicator (NI) 188: Year 1 Review and Analysis*, is attached with this letter, and will be available on the Defra website shortly. The report gives **recommendations** for both Defra and local government to consider.

The full report explores activities by region. To safeguard those who participated in interviews, the report is not being published in full, but your **Government Office** will be able to give you more information from the report about your region.

ACC is **reviewing** NI 188, and through a review group is working with the Local and Regional Adaptation Partnership Board (LRAP) and a number of partners, including Government Offices, local authorities, the Local Government Association, Nottingham Declaration Partnership, UKCIP, Environment Agency, Natural England, Regional Climate Change Partnerships, the Local Government Information Unit, and Audit Commission.

The review process is structured around the recommendations in the report. In December we'll be looking for direct feedback from you through an online survey.

Alongside this work, LRAP is working with Government Offices and UKCIP to develop a programme of NI 188 support for you in early 2010.

Defra has been pleased with the first year results and hope Year 2 shows continued progress. Thanks to you all for the commitment and progress shown by so many of you, which we have seen first-hand at the recent series of regional Projections in Practice events.

Best wishes,

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