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Submitted to **Climate change adaptation: proposals for the third round of adaptation reporting**

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Introduction

1 What is your name?

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3 What is your organisation?

Organisation:

Severn Trent Water

4 Would you like your response to be confidential?

Please indicate answer here:

No

If yes, please explain here:

N/A

Proposal for reporting

5 Do you agree that reporting in the third round should continue to be voluntary?

Please select your answer here:

Yes

Please give your justification here. If you are a reporting organisation please include information on how effective a voluntary or mandatory approach to reporting would be for your sector.:

Severn Trent Water will respond to a request for information on climate change risks regardless of whether it is voluntary or mandatory as we recognise the importance of the risks we face.

We suggest Government at least questions organisations who do not report as to why they have not done so.

6 Do you agree with the principles for reporting in the third round? (These principles are: proportionate, risk-based and streamlined to minimise burdens or duplications; build on previous reporting rounds to improve report quality and participation; and that reporting will primarily support integration of climate change risk management into organisations' work, with a secondary objective to understand levels of preparedness to feed into the ASC's reports to Parliament).

Please select your answer here:

Yes

Please set out your justification here:

7 Do you agree that reporting in the third round should build on the second round by agreeing sector or organisational reporting proposals?

Please select your answer here:

Yes

Please set out your justification here. If you are a reporting organisation, please include information on how effective or otherwise a reporting proposal would be for your sector.:

Yes - this should aid standardisation. The Water industry has a route to collaborate on this through existing Water UK networks.

Timescales for report submission

8 Do you agree that the reporting date should be determined by sector, reflecting regulatory or business pressures, within the reporting window of 2019-2021, with a final deadline of 31 December 2021?

Please select your answer here:

Yes

Please set out your justification here. If you are a reporting organisation please indicate when it would be suitable for your organisation to report:

It is important that organisations are given sufficient time to respond and the opportunity to align reporting with regulatory timescales.

In the case of the water industry; We will be able to include more detail and certainty and allocate more resource if the deadline were to fall after the submission of our plans for the 2020+ period and the 2019 price review final determination by Ofwat.

Criteria for identifying reporting organisations

9 Are there any other sectors which you believe should be included on the list?

Please select your answer here:

Yes

If yes, please list here with your justification:

Local authorities and other organisations with a stake in local water environment management and flooding should be asked to report; as there are many cross-cutting risks which organisations need to coordinate to address.

We believe the Environmental regulators for England and Wales should be asked to report.

10 Are there any organisations that the Government proposes to invite to report which you believe should not be included?

Please select your answer here:

No

If yes, please list here with your justification:

n/a

11 Are there any organisations that have not been included which you believe should be?

Please select your answer here:

Yes

If yes, please list here with your justification:

See above.

Additional circumstances in which reports may be required

12 Do you agree with the additional situations in which organisations may be asked to report?

Please select your answer here:

Yes

If no, could you suggest any others should be included?:

n/a

Additional information

13 Please include any other information you would like us to consider as part of this consultation

Please include any additional information here:

In preparing our last report we had assistance provided by the adaptation service from the EA which has now been withdrawn. That support was valuable to us and should be considered again, perhaps as a temporary service.

It would be very helpful if the direction to report included information on support and advisory bodies available, as well as information on the latest climate projections and other risk data sources available for businesses to use.

Consultee feedback on the online survey

14 Overall, how satisfied are you with our online consultation tool?

Satisfied

Please give us any comments you have on the tool, including suggestions on how we could improve it. :

It would be useful to know whether we can save the submission for our records before filling it in.