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# **Priorities 4, 5, 6 & the Cross Cutting Theme**

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## **Priority 4: Supporting the Shift towards a Low Carbon Economy in all Sectors**

### **Priority 4 – Supporting the Shift to a Low Carbon Economy in All Areas**

- Innovation in the low carbon sector
- Supporting micro renewable energy projects
- Domestic, public & SME energy efficiency projects
- Whole place solutions

### **Priority 5 - PRIORITY AXIS 5: Promoting Climate Change Adaptation, Risk Prevention and Management**

- Flood prevention for businesses, river, coastal and surface water

### **Priority 6 - PRIORITY AXIS 6: Preserving and Protecting the Environment and Promoting Resource Efficiency**

- Developing and protecting biodiversity
- Resource Efficiency



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## Priority 4: Key Issues & Programme Modification

- 5 Investment Priorities with specific outputs
- Lack of match funding
- Commissions drive for Innovation
- Large number of other public funding sources
- Public organisations don't have the staff resources
- 7 out of 8 SUD's have Priority 4

### Programme Modification

Provide more flexibility

- 4b – SME Support - Extend the scope to include all resource efficiency not just direct energy
- 4c – Domestic retrofit - Standard retrofit along side innovative technologies or as part of a whole place solution.
- 4e – Whole Place Solutions – Green Infrastructure can be used strategically to support city cooling.



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## Priority 4 project case studies

ZebCat - Off site retrofit



Jubilee pool



Keele University Smart Grid



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## Priority 5 Key challenges

- 2015 storms changed flood plans in many northern areas
- Likely all projects will have Environment Agency (EA) – EA is at full capacity delivering £3 billion domestic programme
- Can take a very long time to bring a project through.
- Delivery can be very weather dependent
- Projects protecting undeveloped Enterprise Zone sites deliver poor outputs.

### Programme Modification and progress

- Lancashire, Hull and Cornwall LEPs have moved money into P5
- Sheffield have been added an allocation
- Opportunity for projects outside named LEP areas
- Output target P6 Businesses and properties with reduced flood risk – changed to included properties impacted by flooding as well as those actually flooded.
- Focusing on a small number of key projects with the EA



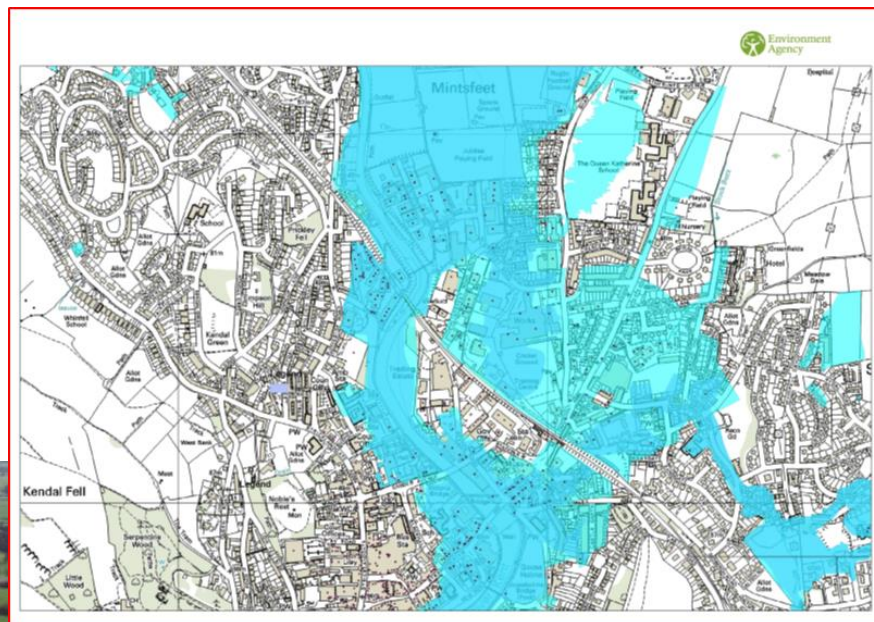




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## Priority 5 project case studies

Caton Road Lancaster



Kendal Town Centre



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## Earby - Lancashire

## St Austell Bay Resilient Regeneration Project (STARR)



# St Austell - Cornwall



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## Priority 6: Key Issues & Programme Modification

- Demarcation with Countryside Stewardship initially caused some challenges
- Applications have been focused on 6d biodiversity projects and not resource efficiency
- Resource efficiency can be supported in Priority 3
- £1 million is a very large project for the environment sector – accessing match funding

### Progress

- More activity coming forward Priority 6 leads have worked with LEPs and applicants to support applications- providing greater clarity
- Leeds SUD has been launched, Greater Birmingham to follow shortly
- Natural England potentially applying in Cornwall



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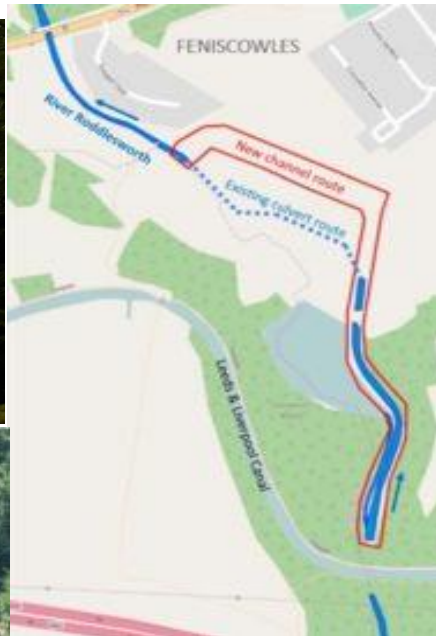
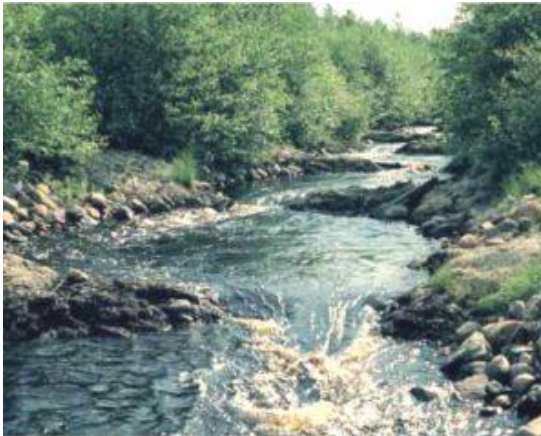




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### Priority 6 project case studies

BRILLIANCE – Blackburn's Rivers Important to Lancashire's  
Landscape Investment and Natural Capital Economy



Finsley Gate - Burnley



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## Cross Cutting Theme- Sustainability

In 2016 - Series of joint sustainability training between ERDF & ESF with DEFRA

Capital Projects

BREAAM – New Build – Excellent, Refurbishment Very Good

CEEQUAL – Civil Engineering projects – Very Good

Focus of the CCT is where the biggest impacts can be – Project beneficiaries not the applicants

Priority three – Support for SME's through Resource Efficiency advice

Work is currently underway to review current impact to date and applying to future calls



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## Future Low Carbon Fund

### Climate Change Adaptation & Mitigation Fund

Combine 4,5 & 6 to deliver a more flexible

**National  
Commissioning  
&  
Local Delivery**

**Sustainable Economic Growth**

**Low carbon**

**Green Infrastructure**

**Low carbon  
Innovation**

**Health &  
wellbeing**

**Energy  
Infrastructure**

**Energy  
Efficiency**

**Natural  
Capital**

**Flood  
Protection**

**City Cooling**

**Increased Resilience to Economic & Natural Change**



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