

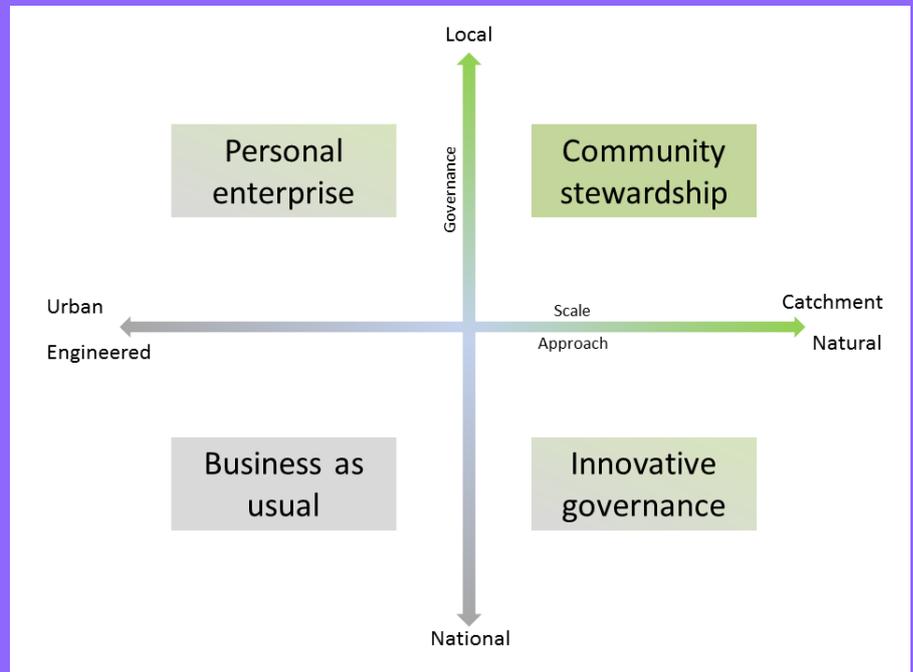
# Future Scenarios

## e-Bulletin #15

In this e-Bulletin we look at how we plan to use future scenarios in the final workshop, in order to frame the recommendations we make in our project report.

In this bulletin:

- *An insight into using future scenarios in making recommendations*
- *Gearing up for the final modelling workshop*



## Sixth modelling workshop

The final modelling workshop in Hebden Bridge will take place in late February or early March. It will include:

- **Developing future scenarios**  
We will develop the four future scenarios further (see diagram), such that we select which interventions are implemented under each scenario.
- **See what happens to each objective in the scenarios**  
Once we have chosen a combination of interventions that suit each scenario, we can run the model and discuss the outputs.

We will also discuss how to present our work to the public.

An invitation and date will be out shortly. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

### *A matrix of socio-economic futures*

One way in which many projects deal with uncertainty is to accept that there are a number of different paths the future can take. Depending on which path we end up following, people and groups will value things differently and certain interventions will be favoured over others. We are accepting that flood risk management may be unrecognisable from what we do today.

The above diagram will act as a basis for testing the model and framing discussions in the sixth (and final) workshop. In terms of testing the model, we will discuss each future and then break off to discuss which interventions are most likely to be favoured in each scenario. We will then activate these interventions in the model and see the effect on our objectives.

The outputs from this 'scenario testing' will form the basis of the project report, as we begin to build consensus on the type of future we want to see for Hebden Bridge. This will be useful for the Environment Agency and local government in the following ways:

- It will provide a clear vision of how stakeholders want to see flood risk done in the future
- It will highlight those areas (and interventions in particular) where we want to see future research and work
- It will highlight interventions that the community support and those that you feel are not worth pursuing
- It will show the catchment understanding that exists in the community and where any gaps are in our understanding
- It will form the structure of a formal report that will summarise what we have achieved through this project

Work on the model since the January workshop has included a formal testing of each objective to see which interventions have the greatest effect (continuing the work we started in the last workshop). This will be presented in a visual way at the sixth workshop, so we can discuss the model as a whole group. This will provide for an interesting discussion and introduce the work we will be doing on scenarios (see above).