

FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT TOPIC GROUP

The Recommendations of the Flood Risk Management Topic Group are:

1. Members requested that the Flood Risk Management Strategy 2017-2027 includes:
 - a) A criterion for prioritising flood schemes, which takes into account:
 - The number and type of properties affected
 - Frequency of flooding (based on historical data)
 - Developing early cost estimates for contributory consideration.
 - b) A review of service 'Trigger Points' to better prioritise and manage work within resources and to improve outcomes.
 - c) Further development of the internal Hertfordshire County Council links between Flood Risk Management, Highways and Property services
 - d) Investigation of partnership working and approaches to scheme funding for areas where flood risk management crosses county boundaries and agency responsibilities.
 - e) Consideration of the feasibility of establishing a small works fund to facilitate direct action on flood issues.
 - f) That the 2017-2027 strategy be launched with a new communications campaign to increase public awareness and raise engagement: and that this includes the involvement of external agencies such as the Environment Agency (EA) and other risk management authorities (RMA's).
2. That at a future meeting of Herts Infrastructure and Investment Planning Partnership (HIPP) the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) leads a discussion with Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) and other agencies to agree a countywide approach to flood risk management. This discussion should have an emphasis on pressing developers to provide surface level Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) and SuDS maintenance in planning pre-applications.
3. That the LLFA sets up formal meetings with Thames Water, Anglian Water, and Environment Agency, regularly (approximately every six months) for strategic based discussions.
4. That the department aims to explore partnership opportunities with relevant higher education institutions to develop training and skills development in this professional area.

5. That the LLFA work with all Hertfordshire LPAs to explore how best to involve Thames Water and Anglian Water earlier in the planning process for new developments.
6. To ensure the LLFA's contributes to the 2019 business planning process of the water utility companies to encourage a focus on the renewal of damaged and under capacity sections of the sewer network in Hertfordshire to cope with the predicted change in extreme weather events resulting from climatic change.

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