

Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Flood Risk Management Board

Terms of Reference

Overall Objective

To enable the upper tier local authorities to fulfil their statutory responsibilities, as defined by the Flood and Water Management Act (2010) and Flood Risk Regulations (2009), by providing a forum of officers from the relevant agencies/organisations to develop a strategic, multi-agency approach to flood risk management in all its forms.

Board Membership

The board will consist of senior officers/executives from Lead Local Flood Authorities (Leicestershire, Leicester City and Rutland), LLR Prepared, District/Borough Councils, drainage boards, water/utilities companies, network rail, canal and river trust, highways authorities, the Environment Agency and any other relevant organisation/body as appropriate. The Fire and Rescue, Police and Ambulance Services will also have representation.

Specific Aims

Whilst the Board recognises that each authority has specific responsibilities under the legislation, the Board seeks to ensure a joint approach is taken, wherever reasonable, on all aspects of flood risk management in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

The Board will exist all year round and its remit is to facilitate discussion as appropriate regarding, but will not be limited to, the following specific aspects:

- Ensuring a coordinated approach to flood risk management and planning and development.
- Identifying and reviewing learning from local and national flood incidents.
- Identifying opportunities for and working together on public awareness and expectation management regarding flooding.
- Maximising opportunities to influence partner strategies and resource allocation.
- Identifying and maximising funding opportunities.
- Identifying training requirements and desired capacity of suitably qualified, trained and/or experienced staff.
- Development of complementary Flood Risk Management Strategies.
- Sharing good practice to help understand partnership roles.
- Review/writing of the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA)/Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment (PFRA).
- Feed into Local Resilience Forum flood planning and response arrangements.

Data and Information Sharing

Ensure that information sharing agreement in LLR Prepared is adhered to therefore enabling the optimal sharing of data on each partners' infrastructure to provide the best for the benefit of communities.

Consider opportunities for using like systems for data capture to facilitate data exchange.

Ensure information on strategic priorities and key work programmes relating to drainage and flood risk management are shared to highlight potential problems and to identify potential opportunities for partnership working to resolve issues or address other challenges.

Note: there is an Information Sharing Agreement in place across all LLR Prepared organisations to facilitate the sharing of data in preparation for, and response to emergencies.

Frequency of Meetings

Meetings will take place three times a year at the End of Winter (March), Summer (May/June) and October.

Chairing of Meetings

Meetings will initially be chaired by Leicestershire County Council.