

Appendix

Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Action Plan

Objectives

The Local Flood Risk Management Strategy objectives are:

1. To manage local flood risk through the effective management of **flood risk assets, watercourses, and catchments**.
2. To manage local flood risk through **encouraging sustainable development**.
3. To manage local flood risk through effective **preparedness, response to, and recovery** from flood events.
4. To **better understand local flood risk** and impacts, informing approaches to managing this risk.
5. To manage local flood risk through developing and or managing **local projects** for at-risk communities.

Measures

Some measures, mainly those relating to studies or projects, are not included within the Strategy document itself. Otherwise, the measures shown below are in the order by which they appear in the Strategy document.

General Measures

Measure title	Measure text	Expected timescale	Key funding source	RAG	Comments
Leicestershire Flood Risk Management Board	The LLFA will continue to coordinate and chair the Leicestershire Flood Risk Management Board	Ongoing	LCC		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board met three times in 2024, twice in 2025 and in January 2026 Supported by sub-meetings such as the Leicestershire Flood Enquiries Partnership
Individual preparedness and resilience	Risk management authorities will work together to encourage and support individuals to be more prepared for and resilient to flooding	Ongoing	LCC		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be Flood Ready campaign Fifteen multi-agency drop-in sessions since February 2024, with a combined attendance of 850. Leicestershire Matters comms

Assets, Watercourse and Catchments

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Riparian guidance	The LLFA will signpost and make available guidance for riparian landowners, and proactively disseminate this in locations of identified priority.	Ongoing	LCC		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New national guidance published in July 2024. Local guide for watercourse riparian landowners developed in 2024, and proactively disseminated
Ordinary watercourse regulation	The LLFA will regulate ordinary watercourses in accordance with the Leicestershire Ordinary Watercourse Regulation and Culvert Policy, and supporting guidance.	Ongoing	LCC		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New policy working well for consenting. 92 Land Drainage consent applications received in 2025
Asset register and record	The LLFA will continue to maintain the Leicestershire Flood Risk Asset Register and Record in accordance with Leicestershire's Asset Register and Record Policy.	Ongoing	LCC		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asset register maintained. Not published but available to view. Environment Agency regulated assets map available to view online.
Highway drainage maintenance	The Local Highway Authority will continue to maintain highway drainage assets in accordance with the Leicestershire Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan.	Ongoing	LCC		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional service demand due to flooding causing debris to be washed into gullies. Capacity increased and gully prioritisation reviewed following Henk and 6th Jan 2025

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Natural flood management	The LLFA with support from catchment partnerships, will seek to maximise opportunities for natural flood management across Leicestershire.	Ongoing	LCC		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NFM being installed through schemes and stewardship. • Strategic approach taken as NFM can also increase risk if wrong measures in wrong places.
Catchment partnerships	The LLFA will work with catchment partnerships and landowners to integrate environmental and flood risk management workstreams.	Ongoing	LCC		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported colleagues with Local Nature Recovery Strategy development. • Environment team colleagues supported development of riparian guidance. • Regular LLFA (and EA) attendance at Soar, Mease, and Welland catchment partnerships

Encouraging Sustainable Development

Measure title	Measure text	Expected timescale	Key funding source	RAG	Comments
Surface water consultee major applications	The LLFA will continue to fulfil its role as statutory consultee for surface water drainage matters on all major planning applications, in accordance with national and local policies and guidance.	Ongoing	LCC		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2025, the LLFA responded to approximately 1,200 planning application consultations from the district councils. Community interest due to flooding in recent history
Pre-application advice and chargeable services	The LLFA will review all options for implementing a chargeable service for planning pre-application advice and other service delivery.	Unknown	LCC		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited progress due to other priorities. LLFA providing advice free of charge to influence development at the earliest stage
SuDS Approval Bodies	The LLFA and other risk management authorities will prepare for implementation of Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, and if required revise the Strategy Action Plan if implemented.	Unknown	LCC		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expected consultation in summer 2023 was delayed until May 2024 and then put on hold. Responded to National Standards for Sustainable Drainage Systems consultation in 2025

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Local planning guidance coordination	Risk management authorities and those involved in development approvals will continue to work together to ensure coordinated local standards and developer guidance, from pre-application to completion.	Ongoing	Various		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LLFA supported with updates to the Leicestershire Highways Design Guide • Attend forums with local planning authorities
Local planning policy	Risk management authorities will support the development and review of local planning policy affecting local flood risk management. This includes local development plans, infrastructure development plans, strategic flood risk assessments, and neighbourhood plans.	Ongoing	Various		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RMAs have been consulted on multiple local policy updates, and the Strategic Flood Risk Assessments that support these. • RMAs recommend policies which seek to reduce the impact of development upon flood risk.

Flood Preparedness, Response and Recovery

Measure title	Measure text	Expected timescale	Key funding source	RAG	Comments
Leicestershire and Rutland Multi-agency Flood Plan	LLR Prepared will continue to maintain the Multi-Agency Flood Plan for Leicestershire, Leicester City and Rutland.	Ongoing	LCC		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated following Storm Henk and 6th Jan 2025 flooding 2025 Defra health check feedback was very positive. Only minor updates required
Community flood action plans	LLR Prepared, and risk management authorities will continue to assist local communities in producing and maintaining community flood action plans.	Ongoing	LCC		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flood Action Plans part of Community Response Plans LLR Prepared supporting parishes. A number in development
Flood exercises	LLR Prepared and risk management authorities will continue to plan and support flood exercises as and when required and resources allow, implementing lessons learnt.	Ongoing	LCC		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In 2024, 4 x VOLTURNUS tactical and coordination group exercises have been well supported and attended EA exercise likely in 2026
Environment Agency flood warning service	Risk management authorities will continue to promote the Environment Agency's flood warning service where it is available in Leicestershire.	Ongoing	Various		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoted in flooding comms. Three new flood warning areas also promoted

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Community initiatives	Risk management authorities will work together to develop initiatives and web-based information to enhance community preparedness and resilience to flooding.	Ongoing	LCC		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web based material periodically updated • Be Flood Ready messaging developed • 140 enrolled flood Wardens
Recovery schemes	Risk management authorities will continue to support national recovery schemes following flood events.	Ongoing	LCC		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Districts administered support for Babet and Henk. • 157 PFR Repair Grants totalling £0.759m have been awarded or approved by the LLFA
Flood investigation and reporting	The LLFA will continue to complete and publish formal flood investigations in accordance with Leicestershire's Formal Flood Investigations Policy.	Ongoing	LCC		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Packington and Oadby and Wigston published in 2025 • Four investigations scheduled for publication in 2026 • Significant resource requirement

Better Understanding Flood Risk

Measure title	Measure text	Expected timescale	Key funding source	RAG	Comments
Surface water modelling	The LLFA will manage the production and maintenance of detailed surface water modelling for Leicestershire.	July 2024	National flood funding		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modelling process complete Outputs have already been used for investigations and bid development
Market Harborough Surface Water Management Plan	The LLFA will maintain and coordinate the Market Harborough Surface Water Management Plan.	Ongoing	LCC		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnership meets quarterly. £51K Grant in Aid allocated in 26/27 for pilot works
Cossington flood study	The LLFA will continue to investigate flooding mechanisms for the community of Cossington.	March 2025	National flood funding		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete
Loughborough Surface Water Management Plan	The LLFA will maintain and coordinate the Loughborough Surface Water Management Plan.	Ongoing	LCC		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinated meetings of Loughborough Flood Board Funding allocated for study work 26/27 onwards.
Oadby	The LLFA will coordinate work with relevant risk management authorities to better understand flood risk in Oadby	Ongoing	National Flood Funding		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Underway. Scheduled for completion summer 2026

<p>Hinckley and Burbage</p>	<p>The LLFA will coordinate work with relevant risk management authorities to better understand flood risk in Hinckley and Burbage.</p>	<p>Not yet identified</p>	<p>To be confirmed</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing conversations between RMAs. • Further work required when resources allow.
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Local Projects

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Completed scheme monitoring	Risk management authorities will monitor the benefits of completed flood risk management schemes (e.g., Swithland flood alleviation scheme).	Ongoing	Various		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swithland monitoring to be completed
Pipeline of schemes	The LLFA will maintain a pipeline of local projects.	Ongoing	LCC		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment of local flood risk and recent flooding key considerations
Breedon-on-the-Hill	The LLFA will manage the delivery of the Breedon-on-the Hill flood alleviation scheme.	March 2026	National flood funding		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close to completion
Long Whatton	The LLFA will manage the delivery of the Long Whatton flood alleviation scheme.	March 2027	National flood funding		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business case approved Highways works completed in 2025
Diseworth	The LLFA will manage the delivery of the Diseworth flood alleviation scheme.	March 2026	Local levy		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business case approved Property flood resilience and natural flood management
Stoney Stanton	The LLFA will manage the delivery of the Stoney Stanton flood alleviation scheme	March 2027	National flood funding		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business case approved in 2025 Construction to begin summer 2026

<p>Mease Special Area of Conservation</p>	<p>The LLFA and Environment Agency will continue to investigate options for reducing flood risk including natural flood management in the Mease Special Area of Conservation.</p>	<p>March 2026</p>	<p>To be confirmed</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close to completion
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