

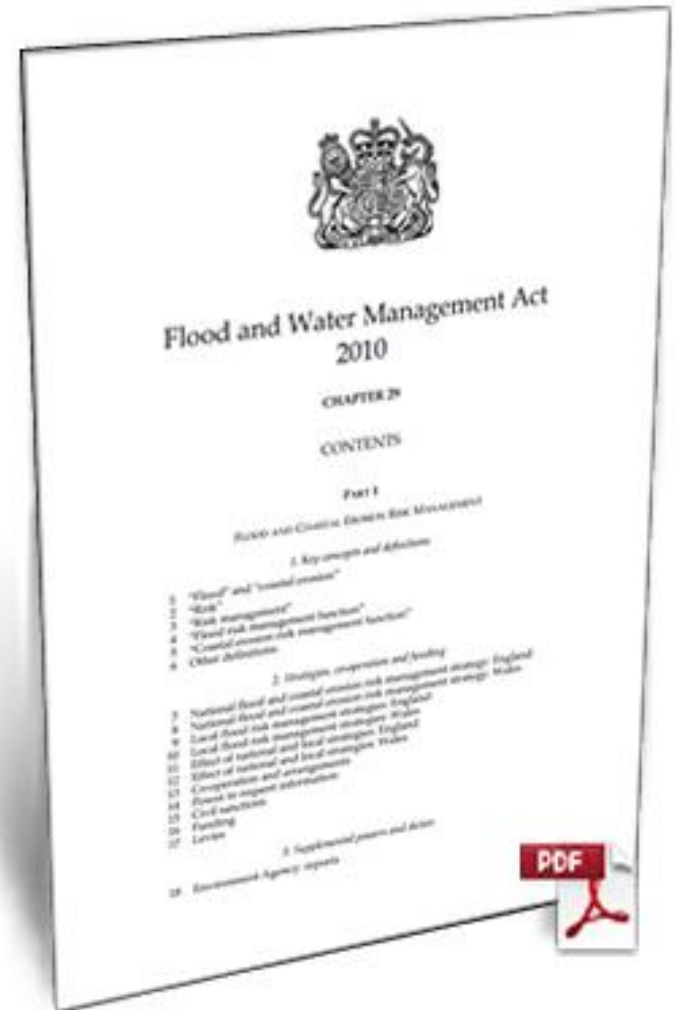
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Local Flood Risk
Management

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Legal and policy context

- The council is a lead local flood authority (LLFA) and has powers and statutory duties to manage and co-ordinate local flood risk management activities
- We are responsible for overseeing the flood risk from ordinary watercourses, groundwater and surface water runoff



The council's roles and responsibilities

Land drainage authority	Highway authority
Local planning authority	Emergency responder
Investigating flood incidents	Consenting for works on ordinary watercourses
Asset register	Designation powers
SuDS approving body	Works powers
Local Flood Risk Management Strategy	

Flood risk in Herefordshire

- Some of the most notable events are listed below with the July 2007 floods as the most extensive and damaging

	No. of residential properties affected
1998	70
2006	20
2007	309
2012	124
2014	34

Main types of flooding

These flooding mechanisms often occur at the same time and may interact with each other leading to combined impacts and requiring complex solutions:

- Pluvial (rain)
- Surface water
- Fluvial (river)
- Sewers
- Groundwater
- Reservoir



Responsibilities

Key flood risk management authorities in Herefordshire

Source of flooding	Environment Agency	Herefordshire Council	Welsh Water and Severn Trent Water	Internal Drainage Boards
Main rivers	✓			
Ordinary watercourses		✓		✓*
Surface water runoff		✓		
Highway assets		✓		
Public sewerage system			✓	
Groundwater		✓		
Reservoirs	✓			

*IDB owned watercourses

All risk management authorities have a duty to co-operate and to share information in relation to their flood risk management functions

Funding

- Local flood risk management and land drainage forms part of the Herefordshire Council and BBLP annual plan
- BBLP's work programme includes undertaking studies to access flood defence grant in aid (FDGiA) and local levy funding
- These grants will not fully fund all schemes – local contributions needed for many schemes to proceed
- Risk-based approach – targets resources/funding at those parts of the county that are most susceptible to flooding

Local flood risk management strategy

We are required to develop, maintain, apply and monitor the strategy – its overall aim is to:

- Continue to improve understanding of flood risks within the county, both within the council and general public;
- Continue to reduce flood risk to communities and business within the county, through fair and transparent means; and
- Ensure good communication and coordination between the relevant risk management authorities for the management of flood risk.

How will we manage local flood risk

The strategy is based on five principle objectives:

- Understand flood risks throughout Herefordshire;
- Manage the likelihood and impacts of flooding;
- Help the community help themselves;
- Manage flood warning, response and recovery; and
- Promote sustainable and appropriate development

Public consultation

We sought feedback on:

- Our proposed objectives for the management of local flood risk across Herefordshire;
- The actions we have proposed to deliver our objectives; and
- Any other comments in relation to the local flood risk management strategy or local flooding in general

We received 18 responses:

- These were reviewed and addressed as appropriate and were taken into account in the preparation of the finalised strategy document

Next steps



Present high level strategic document to Cabinet on 14 September 2017 for adoption

Prepare a non-technical summary (easy reference guide summary document)

Finalise an action plan that identifies a programme of work for reducing local flood risk within Herefordshire

How can implementation of the local flood risk management strategy be enhanced?

Thank you