

Appendix 2 Roles and Responsibilities of Risk Management Authorities

FWMA Responsibility	Risk Management Authority	Explanation	Action
Prepare a Local Strategy for Flood Risk Management	LLFA	LLFAs are required to develop, maintain, apply and monitor a local strategy for flood risk management in its area. The local strategy will build upon information such as national risk assessments and will use consistent risk based approaches across different local authority areas and catchments.	This document fulfils this requirement
Strategic Leadership of local flood risk management authorities	LLFA	It is recommended this is done through the formation of a local flood partnership between risk management authorities.	Meeting of the North West London Flood Risk Partnership every quarter.
Preparation of an Asset Register	LLFA	Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFAs) have a duty to maintain a register of structures or features which are considered to have an effect on flood risk, including details on ownership and condition as a minimum. The register must be available for inspection and the Secretary of State will be able to regulate the content of the register and records.	London Borough of Hillingdon has a record of all significant structures which may affect flood risk.
Powers to request information	LLFA, EA	Powers to request a person for any information relating to their flood management responsibilities	Will utilise this power, when necessary.
LLFAs have a duty to co-ordinate the investigation and recording of 'significant' flood events	LLFA	This duty includes identifying which authorities have flood risk management functions, and what they have done or intend to do with respect to an incident, notifying risk management authorities where necessary and publishing the results of any investigations carried out.	Hillingdon have undertaken, and published, two flood investigations.

Duty to contribute to sustainable development	LLFA	Advice on land use planning processes to mitigate flood risk resulting from new development, or redevelopment, of land	The FWMO provides input into the strategic planning process to advise on issues of flood risk.
Power to designate flood risk management structures¹	LLFA, EA	LLFAs, as well other flood management authorities, have powers to designate structures and features that affect flooding or coastal erosion in order to safeguard assets that are relied upon for flood or coastal erosion risk management. Investigation of flood incidents to be undertaken.	No structures have yet been designated, but a number are being considered.
SuD Approval Body**	LLFA	LLFAs have a duty to establish a SuDs Approving Body (SAB) to approve, adopt and maintain any new sustainable drainage systems (SuDs) within their area. NOT Implemented. LLFA to comment on the surface water flood risk for major planning applications.	The Council is undertaking this role and also commenting on minor development in Critical Drainage Areas
Works powers to do works for surface water and groundwater	LLFA	LLFAs have powers to undertake works to manage flood risk from surface runoff and groundwater, consistent with the local flood risk management strategy for the area.	Hillingdon will utilise this power, when necessary.
Ordinary Watercourse Consenting	LLFA	If riparian owners wish to culvert an ordinary watercourse or insert any obstructions, consent is required from the LLFA.	A Consenting process has been developed for consenting. Contact the Flood and Water Management

¹ <http://www.defra.gov.uk/publications/files/pb13804-fcerm-infonote.pdf>

			Officer for further details.
Consistency with the National Strategy	LLFA	A duty to do all the above in a manner consistent with the National Strategy, which has 6 guiding principles – Community focus, catchment approach, sustainability, proportionate risk based approaches, multiple benefits and varieties of beneficiaries.	The LFRMS drafted includes these 6 guiding principles to ensure that it is consistent with them.
Development of a National Strategy	EA	To provide the overarching framework for future action by all risk management authorities to tackle flooding and coastal erosion in England.	Completed by the EA
Regional Flood and Coastal Committees	EA	Brings together members appointed by Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFAs) and independent members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to ensure there are coherent plans for identifying, communicating and managing flood and coastal erosion risks across catchments to encourage efficient, targeted and risk-based investment in flood and coastal erosion risk management that represents value for money and benefits local communities to provide a link between risk management authorities, and other relevant bodies to build understanding of flood and coastal erosion risks in its area 	See Thames RFCC ²
Adoption of Private Sewers	Water companies	Only drains serving one property and located within that property's curtilage will be exempt from the new legislation.	See Thames Water Website ³
Duty to cooperate with other RMA	LLFA, HA, EA Water companies	The FWMA places a duty on all Risk Management Authorities to cooperate.	See Government guidance note ⁴

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/thames-regional-flood-and-coastal-committee>

³ <https://www.thameswater.co.uk/developers/15366.htm>

⁴ <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/flood-risk-management-information-for-flood-risk-management-authorities-asset-owners-and-local-authorities>