

Lead local flood authority national once measures for second cycle flood risk management plans (FRMP2s)

Final for FRMP2s consultation

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These national once measures set out the day to day activities undertaken by lead local flood authorities (LLFAs). They have been developed with the Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning & Transport (ADEPT) Flood and Water Group who are a representative group of LLFAs.

The measures have been split into the four categories to align with the 2009 Flood Risk Regulations. These are: prevention, protection, preparedness, and recovery and review. They have been written in a specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and timebound (SMART) format so that they are consistent with other measures in FRMP2s.

These link to existing legal powers and duties as set out in the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 and other relevant policy, legislation and guidance. Hence they should not place any undue burden on LLFAs.

The notes in italics below are for context and do not form part of the measure wording itself.

The following caveating is planned for the National Overview and individual Flood Risk Management Plan documents that will accompany the regional plans:

- LLFAs are responsible for the national-scale measures that apply to every flood risk area (FRA) for surface water. Some of these measures are a statutory duty (the work is required by law) and others are optional.
- LLFAs implement their day to day work in different ways depending on local priorities, funding and resources. You should look at LLFA websites and their local flood risk management strategies for more information on how they carry out their day to day work.

The measure wording below is compatible with our measure development tool to ensure it is accessible. The word 'may' has been used instead of 'will' where a measure is not a statutory requirement.

These measures will be included in the draft FRMP2 for public consultation and are subject to change following feedback received. We will work with the ADEPT Flood and Water Group and other LLFAs to make tweaks to the final set for the FRMP2s following the public consultation.

Prevention

1. Between 2021 and 2027, lead local flood authorities will maintain, keep under review, apply and monitor a local flood risk management strategy in their area to prioritise local flood management approaches.

Note: covers local flood risk management strategies

2. Between 2021 and 2027, lead local flood authorities will implement relevant government guidance on taking climate change into account where necessary for flood risk decision making in their area to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Note: covers climate change guidance

3. Between 2021 and 2027, lead local flood authorities may start implementing steps to work towards net zero carbon in their area to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Note: covers working towards net zero emissions (legal government target for 2050)

4. Between 2021 and 2027, lead local flood authorities will continue to work in partnership with other risk management authorities in their area to reduce the risk of flooding from all sources.

Note: covers partnership working

5. Between 2021 and 2027, lead local flood authorities may provide information to inform spatial and infrastructure planning, development and regeneration in their area to manage the current and future risk of local sources of flooding.

Note: covers spatial planning

6. Between 2021 and 2027, lead local flood authorities will act as a consultee for major planning applications in their area to promote sustainable surface water drainage arrangements in new developments.

Note: covers responding to planning applications

7. Between 2021 and 2027, lead local flood authorities may work with other risk management authorities to provide information where necessary to update flood maps in their area to better understand the risk of flooding.

Note: covers keeping flood maps e.g. surface water mapping up to date

Protection

8. Between 2021 and 2027, lead local flood authorities may work with other flood asset owners and riparian landowners to raise awareness of, and where necessary enforce, maintenance responsibilities in their area to reduce the risk of flooding.

Note: covers working with landowners to maintain assets and watercourses

9. Between 2021 and 2027, lead local flood authorities may work with other risk management authorities to identify a programme of nature based approaches in their area to reduce the risk of flooding from all sources.

Note: covers implementation of the 25 Year Environment Plan

10. Between 2021 and 2027, lead local flood authorities may designate third party flood risk assets and maintain a register of designated flood risk assets in their area to manage the risk of flooding from local sources.

Note: covers schedule 1 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 (designation of third party assets)

11. Between 2021 and 2027, lead local flood authorities will take a risk based approach to develop and maintain a register of flood risk assets/features in their area to manage the likelihood of flooding from local sources.

Note: covers section 21 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 relating to an asset register

12. Between 2021 and 2027, lead local flood authorities will regulate the condition of, and third party activity on, ordinary watercourses and review new works on ordinary watercourses in their area to reduce the likelihood of flooding.

Note: covers consenting and enforcement on ordinary watercourses

13. Between 2021 and 2027, lead local flood authorities may work with other risk management authorities to support the delivery of flood projects in their area to reduce the risk of flooding from all sources.

Note: covers flood and coastal erosion risk management grant in aid and local levy programme delivery

14. Between 2021 and 2027, lead local flood authorities may plan flood risk management projects to achieve wider environmental benefits where appropriate in their area to work towards biodiversity net gain.

Note: covers implementation of the 25 Year Environment Plan and emerging Environment Bill

Preparedness

15. Between 2021 and 2027, lead local flood authorities may support communities to increase their resilience to flooding in their area to reduce the risk of flooding.

Note: links to implementation of the new national Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy for England and working with community groups

16. Between 2021 and 2027, lead local flood authorities may support emergency response partners and communities to plan, prepare and exercise for future flood scenarios in their area to reduce the consequences of flooding from all sources.

Note: links to supporting role of LLFA e.g. in providing data and information to local resilience forums and community groups

Recovery and review

17. Between 2021 and 2027, lead local flood authorities will investigate local flood events where appropriate and necessary in their area to identify actions that may be taken to reduce future flood risk.

Note: covers section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 relating to flood investigations

18. Between 2021 and 2027, lead local flood authorities may work with others to support communities through the recovery phase of a significant flood event in their area to support them to return to their homes and businesses.

Note: links to supporting role of LLFA e.g. in providing data and information to local resilience forums and community groups