

From Chairman, Transitional Southern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee

To The Chief Executive

Now the elections are behind us, I thought it timely to advise you of the latest issues arising from the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee.

As you know, the Committee is undergoing changes as a result of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, and will play a more active role in guiding the Environment Agency's flood and coastal erosion risk management activities in the region. This includes raising a levy for local schemes, approving the Environment Agency's regional programme and supporting delivery by assisting Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFAs) in developing their local strategies. The Committee's status is currently 'transitional' until we have ministerial agreement to the new membership scheme. We expect that approval to be given in the summer.

I thought it important to alert you to this change because you will no doubt be shortly going through your annual nominations process for appointments to external bodies of which the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee will be one. We expect the new Committee to be formally in place by our October meeting.

Although there may not be ministerial approval at the time of your nominations process, it will be sensible to make nominations on the assumption that the Committee's composition is agreed. This will enable LLFA members to be in place and have received an induction before October. In the unlikely event that there are changes, I will let you know straight away.


The Committee's membership is intended to reflect the new partnership between the flood risk management authorities, including LLFAs and the Environment Agency. The number of members drawn from LLFAs has been increased from 10 to 14, which will improve representation and strengthen the Committee's democratic role.

These are new appointments (although you may re-appoint existing members) and the period of appointment is nominally for four years. I enclose a copy of the Regulations which relate to LLFA appointees, who should have "knowledge and experience relevant to the business of the Committee" (Regulation 13(1)b refers). The draft composition document enclosed sets out the number of members to be appointed by each LLFA.

I look forward to receiving your nomination(s) to the new committee and to working closely with your authority as we take the business of the committee forward.

Yours sincerely

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr Mike Bateman', enclosed within a light gray rectangular border.

Dr Mike Bateman  
Chairman  
Southern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee

# Regional Flood and Coastal Committee Composition Document for Southern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee

This document confirms the composition for the Committee established for the Southern region. This document is published in accordance with Regulation 8(1) of SI 2011/695: The Regional Flood and Coastal Committees (England and Wales) Regulations 2011.

## Ministerial approval

This composition document has been approved by the Minister:

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## Composition of the Committee

The Southern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee will consist of:

1. A chair appointed by the Minister
2. Eight persons appointed by the Environment Agency
3. The members appointed by each Lead Local Flood Authority or Group of Lead Local Flood Authorities as defined below:

Lead Local Flood Authority	Number of members of the Southern Regional Flood and Coast Committee to be appointed by each Lead Local Flood Authority or Group of Lead Local Flood Authorities
Brighton and Hove	One
East Sussex	One
Hampshire	Two
Isle of Wight	One
Portsmouth	One
Southampton	One
Kent	Three
The London Boroughs of Bexley, Bromley and Greenwich	One member appointed by, or on behalf of, this group of Lead Local Flood Authorities
Medway Towns	One
West Sussex	Two