

# Local flood risk management strategy

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- As Lead Local Flood Authority, KCC has an overview of local flooding
  - Surface water
  - Groundwater
  - Ordinary watercourses
- We have a duty to produce a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS) for local flooding
- The LFRMS must be consulted on publicly

# Previous LFRMS

- KCC adopted our first LFRMS in 2011
- Revised version was adopted in 2017 for period 2017-23
- We must now adopt a new LFRMS
- Some good progress was made in the previous LFRMS
  - Opportunities for joint working improved (DWMPs, CSO taskforce)
  - Improved understanding of delivering schemes to reduce local flooding (George Park)
  - Improve funding for local flooding schemes
- Areas for improvement remain
  - Scale of local flood risk management needs to increase
  - Funding is still project based
  - Pandemic has impacted community engagement

# New LFRMS

- Likely to be shorter, more focused on flood risk management outcomes
- Objectives are likely to be similar to the previous LFRMS
  - Understanding flood risk
  - Reduce the risk of flooding
  - Resilient planning
  - Resilient communities
- Climate change and adaptation will be more prominent
- Time period may be longer, 10 years

# Next steps

- Drafting consultation version now
- Will share with key partners for informal comments over summer
- Committee approval in late autumn prior to public consultation
- Consultation in late 2023 for 8-12 weeks
- Adoption after ETCC in early 2024

# Flood Risk Regulations

- As LLFA we are also subject to requirements in the Flood Risk Regulations
- These transpose the EU Floods Directive into English Law
- They set out a six-year rolling cycle of flood risk assessment, mapping and planning, which starts with the Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment (PFRA)
- We should be undertaking the PFRA this year
- These regulations are part of the EU Retain Law Bill and are currently due to be sunset on 31 December 2023
- Defra has advised us that we do not need to undertake the PFRA this year

**QUESTIONS**