Report to Kent County Council Flood Risk Management Committee

Roles and responsibilities for Flood Risk Management in Kent as determined by the Flood and Water Management Bill

Regional Flood & Coastal Committee:
Southern RFDC

- Advise on flood and coastal erosion approaches and priorities in the Regions.

Advice (to Strategic Overview)

Advice (to Local Lead Flood Authority)

Strategic Overview:
Environment Agency

Strategic role:
- Set National Strategy for Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management.
- Support Lead Local Flood Authority.
- Development of tools.
- Investment.
- Report to SoS.
- Powers to instigate work on non-EA assets.
- Statutory consultee on flood planning applications.

Operational role:
- Flood risk management work on main rivers and sea.
- Coastal erosion risk management work.
- Flood warnings.
- Produce and contribute to strategic plans.
- Consenting and enforcement powers for sea and main river flooding.
- Category 1 responder under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004.

Support & guidance (Strategic Overview → Local Lead Flood Authority)

Local Lead Flood Authority:
Kent County Council
(& Medway Council)

Strategic role:
- Set flood risk management strategy.
- Leadership and accountability for management of local flood risk (ordinary watercourses, surface run-off & groundwater).
- Local flood risk assessments, maps and plans including an asset register.
- Lead Surface Water Management Plans.
- Prioritise local investment.
- Consenting and enforcement powers for works affecting ordinary watercourses.
- Promoting partnerships with local planning authorities to produce Strategic Flood Risk Assessments.

Operational role:
- Drainage from non-Highways Agency roads.
- Powers to do works for surface run-off & groundwater flood risk.
- Duty to undertake flood and coastal erosion risk management functions in accordance with local and national strategies.
- Category 1 responder under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004.

Leadership (Local Lead Flood Authority → Risk management authorities)

Co-operation (Local Lead Flood Authority → Risk management authorities)

Risk management authorities:
Internal Drainage Boards, district authorities, highways bodies, water companies

- Duty to co-operate in flood and coastal erosion risk management functions.
- Duty to provide information as required by EA and Local Lead Flood Authority.

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