

# LLFA National once measures for second cycle Flood Risk Management Plans

Final as agreed with ADEPT 15/09/20

These set out day to day business as usual work undertaken by LLFAs. They have been developed with the ADEPT Flood and Water Group who represent LLFAs.

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

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.*

Please direct any questions or feedback on these to your local flood risk management plan (FRMP) lead at the EA (or your normal Partnership and Strategic Overview team contact if you are not sure who this is). The Environment Agency will discuss any further feedback on these from LLFAs with the ADEPT Flood and Water Management Group prior to consultation on the draft flood risk management plans in 2021.

## 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 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 and other risk management authorities will start implementing steps to work towards net zero carbon in the river basin 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 work in partnership with other risk management authorities in the river basin to reduce the risk of flooding from all sources.

*Note: covers partnership working*

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5. Between 2021 and 2027, lead local flood authorities will inform spatial and infrastructure planning, development and regeneration in the river basin 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 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 will work with other risk management authorities to maintain and update where necessary 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 will work with other flood asset owners and riparian owners to ensure a programme of maintenance is delivered to improve asset and channel performance in their area to reduce the risk of flooding from all sources.

*Note: covers working with landowners to maintain assets and watercourses*

9. Between 2021 and 2027, lead local flood authorities and other risk management authorities will 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 (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 local flood risk.

*Note: covers section 21 of the Flood and Water Management Act 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, where it may pose a flood risk, and support new works in 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 will work with other risk management authorities to support the delivery of flood projects in the river basin 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*

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

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

## Preparedness

15. Between 2021 and 2027, lead local flood authorities and other risk management authorities will support communities to increase their resilience to flooding in the river basin to reduce the risk of flooding from all sources.

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

16. Between 2021 and 2027, lead local flood authorities will support emergency response partners and communities to plan, prepare and exercise for future flood scenarios in the river basin 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 and hold a record of local flood events in their area to support the understanding of the nature of flood risk and the significant causes of flooding.

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

18. Between 2021 and 2027, lead local flood authorities will 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*

