

# Lead Local Flood Authority

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## Risk Management Authorities

*The Canal & River Trust are not a Risk Management Authority under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010*

Flood Source	Environment Agency	LLFA	United Utilities	Cheshire East Highways	Highways England
Main River	x				
Ordinary Watercourse		x			
Surface water from other sources		x			
Groundwater flooding		x			
Sewer flooding			x		
Water supply infrastructure			x		
Surface water from highway				x	x

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## Lead Local Flood Authorities are responsible for Managing the flood risk associated with:

- Ordinary watercourses
- Surface water
- Groundwater



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## Lead Local Flood Authorities Terms of reference:

- Manage the flood risk associated with Ordinary watercourses, Surface water & Groundwater
  - Produce a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy
  - Investigate internal property / business flooding
  - Report on **significant** flood events (S19)
  - Consent activities on ordinary watercourses
  - Provide planning advice as a statutory consultee (flooding, drainage and SUDS)
  - Maintain an Asset Register
- In addition the Council has permissive powers to:**
- Enforce the Land Drainage Act 1991 where applicable
  - Designate Features
  - Make byelaws



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## Lead Local Flood Authorities

### Stats

- Produce a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy – published 2017, revisit 2023
- Investigate internal property / business flooding – 56 new and ongoing investigations, with 2 properties confirmed to have internal property level funding
- Report on **significant** flood events (S19) - 2
- Consent activities on ordinary watercourses - 43
- Provide planning advice as a statutory consultee (flooding, drainage and SUDS) - 599
- Maintain an Asset Register - Ongoing
- Enforce the Land Drainage Act 1991 where applicable - No formal/legal, various ongoing investigations. 8x Formal letters issued re. LDA 1991

### Other work

- Contribution to SUDs guide – internal consultation due in March before final external consultation with key stakeholder
- Adoption of CEC SUDs guide in 2013 – ahead of implementation of Schedule 3 of the Flood and Water Management Act in 2014
- Macclesfield FRMP – ongoing project led by EA



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### Key Schemes to Mitigate Flood Risk:

- Giantswood Lane, Congleton (July 2022)
- Castle Mill Lane, Ashley (October 2022)
- Waterloo Road, Poynton (June 2022)
- London Road South, Poynton (August 2022)
- Bowes Gate Road, Bunbury Road and Bunbury Common, Bunbury (November 2022)
- Pool View, Winterley (December 2022)
- Moss Lane, Leighton (January 2023)



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**Multi Agency Collaboration**

**Environment Agency**

**United Utilities**  
Water for the North West

**Cheshire Resilience Forum**  
Working together to prepare for emergencies

**Canal & River Trust**  
Making life better by water

**North West Regional Flood & Coastal Committee**

**Cheshire East Council**  
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Highways  
Planning  
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Building  
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During and after flooding

- Monitor weather forecasts – information from Strategic Partners, link in with Emergency Planning
- Support messaging / communications
- Record, monitor and advise
- Investigate flooding incidents, work with partners on solutions and undertake formal reports
- Depending upon solutions take forward schemes for implementation
- Record and use information for future strategy and planning

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How does LLFA work with other agencies

- Collaboration
- Investigations
- Consultations
- Sharing of Information
- Partnership Working
- Flood exercises
- Real life events

How successful is this

- Continual Improvement
- Building Relationships
- Look for opportunities to demonstrate joined up working and educate about flood risk



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Continual Improvements

- Oversight and direction from CEC Client team
- Clarity about roles and responsibilities
- Creating capacity and resource
- Build the team and resilience
- Develop communications on the service externally
- Re-establish and build on relationships with external partners
- Changes to funding splits through business planning process
- LLFA specific reports through Highways and Transport Committee

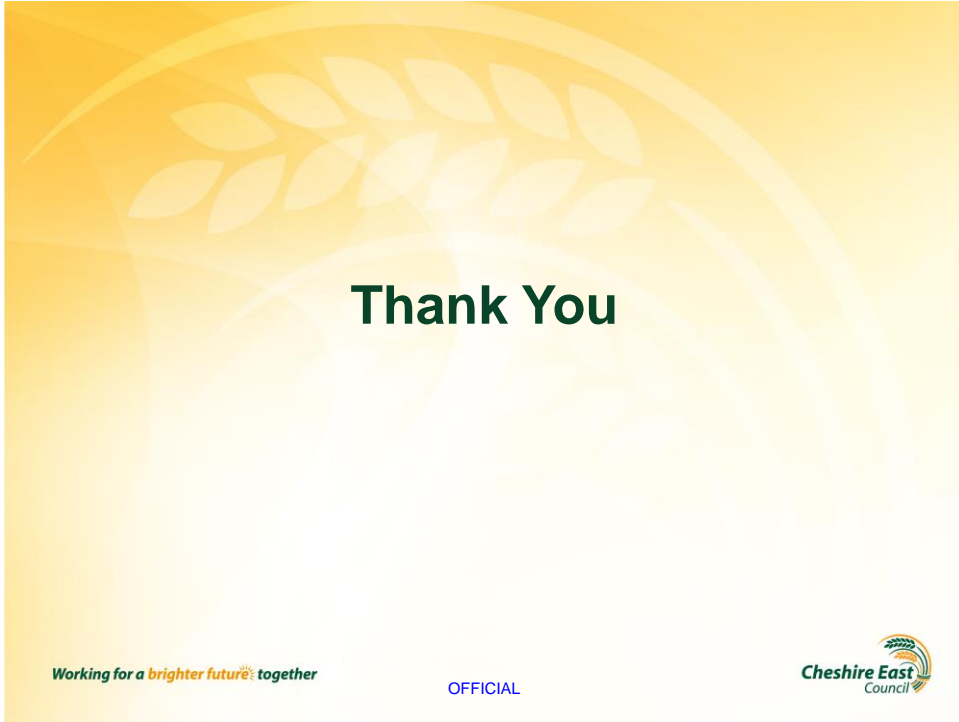


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