



Local Flood Risk Management Strategy for Leicestershire

Summary

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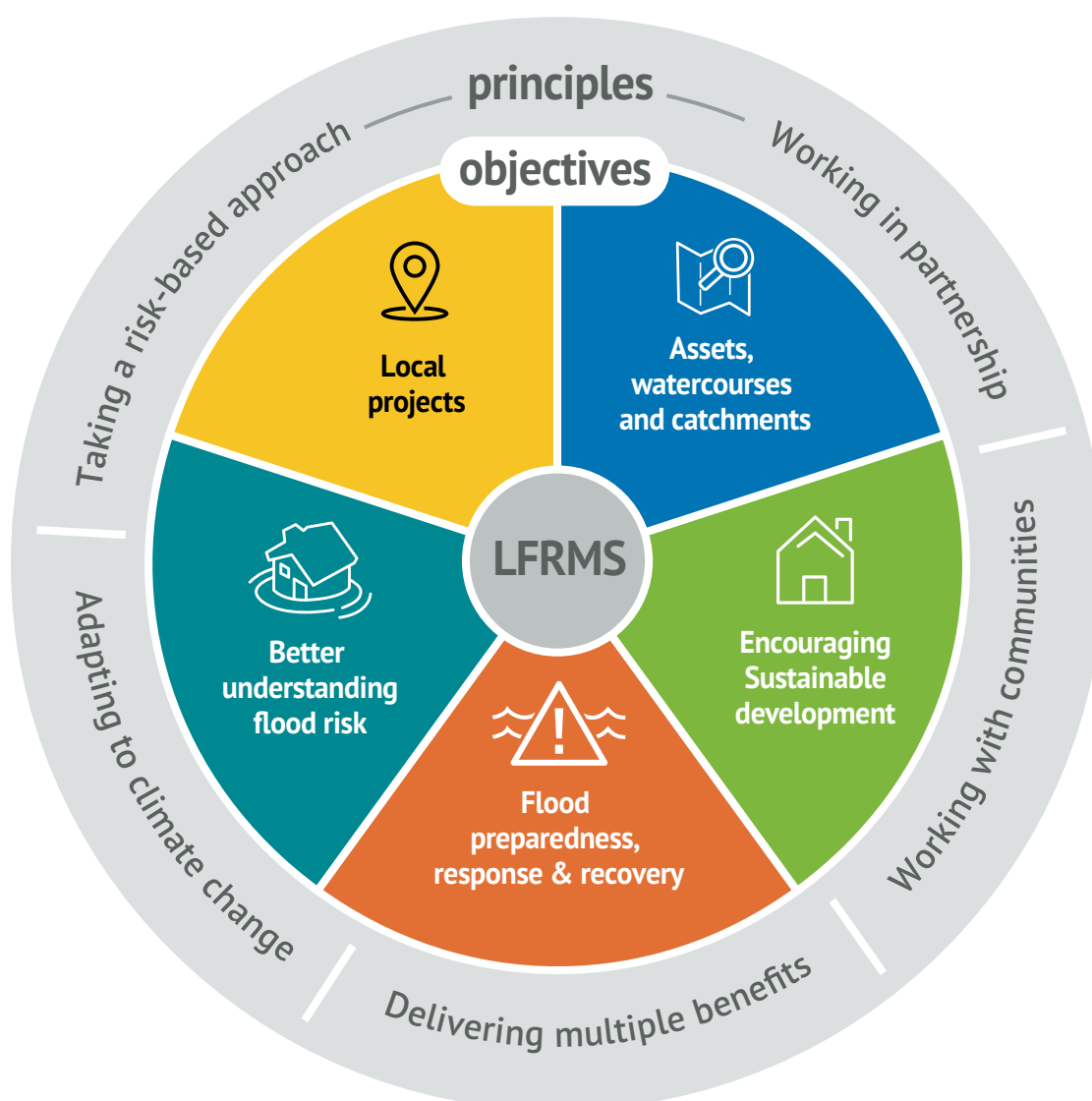


The County Council are the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) for Leicestershire.

As LLFA, the County Council are responsible for developing, maintaining, and monitoring the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy for Leicestershire ('the Strategy').

The Strategy is focused on the management of the local flood risk sources of surface water, groundwater, and ordinary watercourses. It does not cover flood risk from larger 'main rivers' and reservoirs.

The Strategy 'Wheel' displays the five **principles** followed across all measures taken to manage local flood risk, and five **objectives** covering the main workstreams of organisations working in partnership with local communities.



Principles

1

Working in partnership

A range of organisations are involved in managing flood risk from different sources. Effective partnership working is therefore required. This also helps to maximise other benefits (e.g. environmental)

2

Working with communities

Organisations will engage and work with communities so they can be ready to respond and adapt to flooding by understanding risk, responsibilities, and how to help and take action.

3

Delivering multiple benefits

Flood risk management is not considered in isolation. There are multiple benefit opportunities such as environmental enhancements, sustainable growth, and climate change mitigation.

4

Adapting to climate change

Local flood risk is increasing with climate change, with an increased likelihood of wetter winters, and more intense rainfall events. The effects of climate change will be considered across all measures taken.

5

Taking a risk-based approach

Organisational resources for local flood risk management are finite. A risk-based approach assists prioritisation of these resources. Risk based decision making will be supported by use of the best evidence and guidance. A broad range of evidence is considered, including the valuable local knowledge provided by communities.

Objectives



To manage local flood risk through the effective management of **flood risk assets, watercourses, and catchments**.



To manage local flood risk through **encouraging sustainable development** working to ensure development is resilient to flooding, and does not increase risk of flooding elsewhere.



To manage local flood risk through effective **preparedness, response to, and recovery** from flood events.



To **better understand local flood risk** and impacts, informing approaches to managing this risk.



To manage local flood risk through developing and or managing **local projects** for at-risk communities.

Full details of the measures taken to meet objectives can be found in the Strategy and Action Plan.

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