

Arun Flood Forum – R&R Document



Arun District Council are the Local Authority and the Planning Authority

Local Authority Responsibilities

Carry out flood risk management works on minor watercourses, working with LLFAs and others.

In coastal areas, they also act as coastal erosion risk management authorities.

Emergency Planning roles and responsibilities:

Preplanning

- develop and maintain site-specific multi-agency flood plans for identified high risk locations
- maintain plans for rest centres
- prepare for evacuation
- advise on development proposals

Response During Flood

- operate and maintain own flood defence assets
- clear blocked watercourses as appropriate under Land Drainage Act powers
- coordinate local scale incidents
- promote local Environmental Health monitoring and management
- implement rest centre plans
- liaise with water supply companies to identify water distribution locations

Recovery/Post event

- lead recovery phase where only Arun district has been affected (where two or more District/ Boroughs are affected County Council to coordinate recovery)
- identify lessons to be addressed

Planning Authority Responsibilities

The planning authority is often the local borough or district council. National park authorities and the Broads Authority are also local planning authorities.

They are responsible for developing Local Plans, setting out how areas will develop in the future.

They also make decisions through Planning Committees on which planning applications get approval.



The Environment Agency are responsible for taking a strategic overview of the management of all sources of flooding and coastal erosion and are responsible for managing the risk of flooding from main rivers, reservoirs, estuaries and the sea.

They issue flood warnings through Floodline, 0345 988 1188.

They also provide information on areas at risk of river and coastal flooding through flood risk maps.



Water and sewerage companies are responsible for managing the risks of flooding from piped water and foul or combined sewer systems providing drainage from buildings and yards.



West Sussex County Council are both the Highway Authority and Lead Local Flood Authority in Arun.

Highway Authority responsibilities

Responsible for providing and managing highway drainage and roadside ditches. They must ensure that road projects do not increase flood risk. Highways England is responsible for motorways and major trunk roads. Local authorities or national park authorities are responsible for other roads.

Lead Local Flood Authority Responsibilities (LLFA)

LLFAs are Unitary or Country Councils and are responsible for coordinating flood risk management in their area.

Are responsible for managing the risk of flooding from surface water, groundwater and ordinary watercourses and lead on community recovery.

They are responsible for maintaining a register of flood risk assets and surface water risk.

If a flood happens all local authorities must have plans in place to respond to emergencies.

In accordance with Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, the LLFA must, to the extent that it considers necessary or appropriate, investigate flooding in its area. Following the flooding event in 2012 WSCC provided an initial guide to define the parameters which it might consider a section 19 report necessary. - [Microsoft Word - Final Report.doc \(westsussex.gov.uk\)](#)





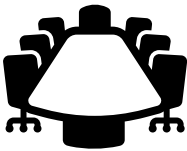
Property Owners

People are responsible for looking after their own property, including reducing the risks of water entering it and of causing damage. Therefore, it is important that people are aware of their flood risk and take measures to better protect themselves, where appropriate.

The drainage pipes located beneath your house, garden or driveway belong to you and are your responsibility. This stops being your responsibility the moment they reach outside the boundary of your property and/or connect to pipes serving another property. So, if there's a problem with a private drain or sewer, it's up to you to pay for an independent drain clearing company to carry out any

Riparian Owners

If you own land or property next to a river, stream or ditch you are a riparian owner and have responsibilities to maintain the waterway but also rights to protect your property from flooding. For more information speak to your local authority land registry dept. or download guidance from the Environment Agency's *Owning a watercourse*.



Internal Drainage Boards (IDB)

IDBs are independent public bodies responsible for water level management in low lying areas (approximately 10% of England at present), working in partnership with other authorities.

There is only one IDB in the Arun District and this is currently administered by the Environment Agency.