

### Introduction: Why have we prepared a strategy?

The Flood and Water Management Act 2010 established Hartlepool Borough Council as Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA). One of our responsibilities is to prepare, publish and maintain a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy. Our flood risk strategy for Hartlepool aims to provide a framework for how we will manage local flood risk. Local flood risk includes surface water flooding, flooding from non-main rivers (ordinary watercourses) and groundwater flooding.

This flood strategy sets out how we as LLFA are responding to local flood risk alongside other Risk Management Authorities (RMA's).

There is a shared goal and vision that Hartlepool BC, Environment Agency and Northumbrian Water will continue to build on the collaborative work and business as usual approach to flood risk management in the Borough.

**Our Vision: to work with others to ensure a strategic, long-term approach to deliver an effective approach to local flood risk management for Hartlepool BC.**

### What are the objectives of our flood strategy?

We have developed five objectives for managing flood risk which contribute to the priorities set out in Hartlepool Corporate Strategy and are consistent with objectives and principles of the Environment Agency's National Flood and Coastal Risk Management Strategy. Both national and local objectives have been considered during the drafting of the strategy.

We want to understand the areas that flood, manage local flood risk effectively and enable people and communities and business to work more effectively together. We want to put communities at the heart of what we do and help Hartlepool residents during flood events, and recover as quickly as possible after events and promote sustainable solutions.

We want to continue to work together with our partners and agencies and ensure a strategic long term and effective approach is implemented on local flood risk management.

### How are we going to do this?

Our strategy has proposed a set of ranked and prioritised measures for local flood risk management areas at ward level, based on local flood risk information collected during the study.

The local flood risk priority areas were identified by undertaking a high level review of existing plans and documents, including the Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP). We have identified the top three wards as:

- Seaton Ward
- Headland and Harbour Wards
- Rural West Ward

Our strategy also identifies where actions have been undertaken to date and where more detailed site investigations or option assessments are required. Significant environmental benefits have been identified in the strategy and the Environmental Report. The details included within the strategy and action plan are based on the available data at the time of strategy preparation.

## Who needs to be involved?

There are multiple roles in flood risk management and for this to be effective, everyone needs to understand their role and be involved.

Figure 1-2 (right) shows the different Risk Management Authorities and other roles involved in flood risk management. The Environment Agency has two roles as a Risk Management Authority and as an agency with a strategic oversight role.

Northumbrian Water forms a Risk Management Authority who deals with waste water and sewerage infrastructure. Landowners are riparian owners on ordinary watercourses and watercourses on their land.



**Figure 1-2: Roles and responsibilities involved in local flood risk management**

## How will it be funded?

Our flood strategy has identified a number of different funding sources including;

- Flood and Coastal Resilience Partnership Funding
- Local Levy
- Surface Water Disposal Charge
- Private Funding
- Community Infrastructure Levy
- Local Authority Funding

## When will we review progress?

The plan is to monitor the indicators identified in the plan and review on an annual basis unless there is a significant change in flood risk or policy which would prompt and earlier review. Each year the action plan will be reviewed and updated to reflect any changing priorities.

## Further information

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