

Environment and Transport Select Committee 6th November, 2012
Item 8 – Flood and Water Management Act – Future Scrutiny Options
Supplementary Hand Out

Scrutiny Roles and Responsibilities

Under the Flood and Water Management Act	Following Legislative Change – Current Status Quo
<p>The Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA), i.e. the County Council, has a duty to empower its overview and scrutiny committee to review and scrutinise flood risk management, as carried out by risk management authorities, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Environment Agency, - the districts, - the water companies, - the County Council (as LLFA and as Highway Authority). 	Unchanged
<p>The Scrutiny Committee can require the attendance of any of the risk management authorities listed above to give information orally.</p>	Repealed.
<p>The Scrutiny Committee can require any of the risk management authorities to have regard to its reports and recommendations.</p>	Unchanged.
<p>The Scrutiny Committee can require information from any of the listed risk management authorities.</p>	Unchanged.
<p>The Scrutiny Committee can require a response from any of the listed risk management authorities to a report.</p>	Unchanged.
<p>The Scrutiny Committee can require responses and information within 28 days of asking.</p>	Repealed.

The Secretary of State is empowered to issue regulations which may revive the power to require attendance, revive the time limit for responses to the Committee, and also impose restrictions on the handling of confidential information. But as yet, this power has not been utilised.