

Equality Impact Assessment



Hampshire
County Council

Local Flood and Water Management Strategy

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Description of current service/policy

Under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 Hampshire County Council became the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) for Hampshire. In accordance with the legislation, all LLFAs across the country are required to produce a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS).

Geographical impact: All Hampshire

Description of proposed change

The County Council's first and current LFRMS was adopted in July 2013. Since publication of the strategy, the County Council's awareness of flood risk and water management systems has increased. Informed by the experience of the widespread flood events in Winter 2013/14, new research and national guidance on the impact of climate change, and the draft national Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy, the County Council's approach to flood and water management is evolving. The current LFRMS is now in need of updating. The new strategy will set out the County Council's strategy and policy for managing flood risk and water as a resource across Hampshire.

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out?

Yes

Consultation has been undertaken with representatives of the Environment Agency, Risk Management Authorities, water companies and emergency services who form part of the Hampshire Strategic Flood and Water Management Partnership Technical Delivery Group. It is intended to seek the views of these and other partner organisations as part of the formal consultation. The draft Hampshire Local Flood and Water Management Strategy will be submitted for public consultation beginning in late November 2019. The consultation will be open for 8 weeks, 2 weeks longer than is statutorily required, to allow for the Christmas and New Year period.

Statutory considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Age: Neutral		
Disability: Neutral		
Sexual orientation: Neutral		
Race: Neutral		
Religion and belief: Neutral		
Gender reassignment: Neutral		

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Marriage and civil partnership: Neutral		
Pregnancy and maternity: Neutral		
Other policy considerations	Impact	Mitigation
Poverty: Neutral		
Rurality: Neutral		

Neutrality statement (if all considerations have a neutral impact)

The strategy includes policy and actions that are intended to benefit all communities in Hampshire. It is considered that there will be no additional impact on people with protected characteristics and therefore the strategy has been assessed as having a neutral impact overall.

Any other information