

Terms of Reference for the Warwickshire Strategic Flood Forum (WSFF)

7th October 2015

Objectives

1. To ensure that local drainage forums (north and south) meet regularly with appropriate representation and progress key projects, and support to resolve any difficulties.
2. To update a list of key contact details between RMAs and other partners every six months.
3. To ensure effective collaboration between Risk Management Authorities (RMAs) and other partners.
4. To link with the Local Resilience Forum and Regional Flood and Coastal Committee.
5. To review the progress of RMAs with respect to the Pitt Review, the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, the EU Floods Directive and associated reports, legislation and guidance.
6. To look medium- to long-term at the maintenance and improvement of the drainage infrastructure in Warwickshire.
7. To align work plans where possible and explore partnership working opportunities to enable different funding streams for projects with multiple benefits.
8. To agree, where appropriate, joint responses and representation to strategic consultations, external bodies and complainants.
9. To input into the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy and refer to it as normative in managing local flood risk in Warwickshire.

Membership

The WSFF will ideally include representation from the following organisations.

1. Warwickshire County Council (WCC) Flood Risk Management team
2. WCC Highways
3. WCC Ecology
4. WCC Planning
5. WCC Localities & Partnerships
6. Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Resilience
7. The Environment Agency
8. Severn Trent Water Ltd
9. North Warwickshire Borough Council
10. Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council
11. Rugby Borough Council
12. Stratford District Council
13. Warwick District Council
14. Coventry City Council
15. Solihull Council
16. National Flood Forum
17. National Farmers Union
18. Canal & River Trust
19. Severn Rivers Trust
20. Warwickshire Wildlife Trust

Meetings

The WSFF will meet quarterly at a central location.