Oxfordshire County Council Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Action Plan 2025 - 2030 (reviewed annually)

Objectives	Measures	Expected timescale	Funding Source	Key Actions
Objective 1: Improve understanding of flood risks and ensure that all stakeholders understand their roles and responsibilities for flood risk management.	1.1 Clarify roles and responsibilities and publish LFRMS on Oxfordshire Flood Toolkit website.	End of Plan Period	OCC	During the plan period the Oxfordshire Flood Toolkit website will be i) maintained to ensure it is up to date and ii) developed where possible to provide greater detail.
	1.2 Continue to prepare Section 19 reports to investigate flood incidents which meet the flood investigation criteria establishing their causes and identifying potential solutions.	Ongoing	OCC	OCC will i) continue to prepare S19 reports and ii) review their thresholds for undertaking S19 flood investigation reports.
	1.3 Continue preparation of a prioritised list of locations and potential schemes.	End of Plan Period	OCC	OCC will i) review the results from the prioritisation tool being developed and ii) outline potential schemes to address any flood risk issues identified.
	1.4 Review Section 30 Schedule 1 asset register and confirm any actions to improve knowledge of third-party assets that manage flood risk by end of the plan period.	End of Plan Period	OCC	OCC will i) review the current asset register and ii) identify where information may be lacking on 3rd party assets before iii) confirming actions to improve knowledge and the management of assets.
	1.5 Continue to review and maintain flood incident records to improve knowledge of flood hotspots within Oxfordshire, ensuring that the most relevant data is collected.	Ongoing	OCC	OCC will i) continue to maintain a flood incident record, ii) transfer the record to a GIS layer and iii) apply the data contained in the layer to improve knowledge of flood hotspots.
Objective 2: Take a collaborative approach to reducing flood risks, using all available resources and funds in an integrated way and in so doing manage and reduce overall flood risk.	2.1 Continue to maintain links with the Highways Department and work collaboratively to identify opportunities for flood risk improvements throughout the plan period.	Ongoing	OCC	LLFA will i) continue quarterly meetings with the Highways department in OCC and ii) look to identify opportunities collaboratively.
	2.2 Increase interaction and data sharing with Thames Water through targeted engagement and an escalation process where required.	End of Plan Period	Various- Multiple RMAs	OCC will i) ensure regular attendance at quarterly meetings, ii) targeted engagement with Thames Water and if neccessary iii) develop an escalation process to ensure efficient communication.
	2.3 Develop skills and capability in different forms of flood risk management, including different funding sources and partnership funding schemes.	End of Plan Period	Various	OCC will investigate different funding sources to support partnership funding schemes, potentially aiding flood risk management projects and developing skills within the LLFA.
	2.4 Continue to work with other RMAs and others in order to take a collaborative approach to managing flood risk.	Ongoing	Various- Multiple RMAs	OCC will i) continue working with RMAs and others as part of the Thames Valley Local Resilience Forum and ii) ensure they are aware of any EA, district or Thames Water plans that could contribute to managing flood risk within the county.
Objective 3: Take a sustainable and holistic approach to flood risk management, seeking to deliver wider environmental and social benefits, climate change mitigation and improvements under the Water Framework Directive.	3.1 – Seek opportunities to provide biodiversity and surface water run-off water quality enhancements through statutory planning consultations on drainage, and potentially through the SuDS Approval Body, if the legislation is approved by end of the plan period.	End of Plan Period	OCC and section 106 agreements	OCC will i) work with developers to ensure that the benefits of SuDS are maximised. If Schdule 3 is enacted, the LLFA will begin ii) approving SuDS plans, and iii) inspecting and maintaining SuDS when it is built.
	3.2 –Develop on existing pilot schemes for local flood wardens and expand to further flood risk areas by the end of the plan period.	End of Plan Period	OCC and Parish Council Funds	OCC will look to expand flood warden schemes to more locations at risk of flooding.
	3.3 – Liaise with town councils and parish councils to develop community emergency plans.	End of Plan Period	OCC and Parish Council Funds	OCC will liaise with respective parish councils to offer support in developing community action plans.
	3.4- Work with landowners to implement the mitigation recommendations identified in S19 reports, and priority areas.	Ongoing	OCC and riparian owners	OCC will i) increase engagement with landowners to encourage suitable land use practices and ii) investigate processes to streamline implementation of flood risk management measures.
Objective 4: Prevent an increase in flood risk from development where possible, by preventing additional flow entering existing drainage systems and watercourses.	4.1 – Seek opportunities to manage and improve surface water run-off impacts from developments through statutory consultations on planning applications and SuDS Approval Body consents by end of the plan period.	End of plan period	OCC and section 106 agreements	The LLFA will i) continue to act as statutory consultee and also ii) seek opportunities to improve surface water run-off impacts from developments.
	4.2 – Update local SuDS guidance in conjunction with Highways Department to ensure a common set of standards by end of the plan period.	End of plan period	OCC	The LLFA and Highways Department will i) work together to update the existing guidance for SuDS so that they cover both major developments and highways. The LLFA will also ii) consult with the District councils on the standards to help ensure a clear consistent awareness for minor developments.
	4.3 –Develop joint approaches between Highways and the LLFA to explore how SuDS principles can be used for new developments or retro-fitted where problems exist.	End of plan period	OCC	The LLFA and Highways Department will i) continue to work together and share information in order to ii) develop joint approaches to flood risk issues.
	4.4 – Identify highway networks that are at risk of flooding and establish the resilience measures required by end of the plan period, making use of the current 'resilient highways' initiatives undertaken by Highways.	End of plan period	OCC	The LLFA will i)support the Highways Department's resilient highways initiative and ii)look to help identify areas at risk of flooding based on the information they hold and iii) advise on potential measures where appropriate.
	4.5 – Ongoing development of a SuDS maintenance database and maintenance database for highway assets by end of the plan period.	End of plan period	OCC	The LLFA will i) continue developing a SuDS maintenance database, ii) incorporate information from the Highways assets database and iii) use both databases to identify problem areas and iv) agree on actions that can be taken.
	4.6 – In our LLFA role as consultees on SFRAs and FRAs for major developments, ensure adaptive approaches are explored to mitigate climate change impacts in relation to flooding.	End of plan period	OCC and section 106 agreements	LLFA will i) continue to advise and review SFRAs, engage with district councils on local plans for development and act as statutory consultee for surface water drainage. They will ii) ensure that climate change impacts are considered when undertaking all of these roles and iii) work with the EA and Thames Water when addressing flood risk and climate change.
Objective 5: Seek opportunities to communicate to people the potential impacts of flooding and how they can reduce the impact.	5.1 – Continued promotion and development of the Oxfordshire County Council Flood Toolkit website with updated information on LLFA role, resilience, post event recovery and links to other services.	Ongoing	OCC	OCC will continue to develop the Oxfordshire Flood Toolkit website making sure that it is kept up to date and raises awareness of flood risk and the resources available.
	5.2 – Establish links with the BeFloodReady Property Flood Resilience Centre in Wallingford and if appropriate other initiatives to identify resources available and make accessible through the Oxfordshire Flood Toolkit website by end of the plan period.	End of plan period	OCC	The LLFA will i). establish links with the centre to identify any resources and training available. It will ii) identify opportunities to work with the centre to promote flood resilience in the county and iii) provide a link to the BeFloodReady website via its Oxfordshire Flood Toolkit website.
	5.3 –Encourage greater collaboration and data sharing between Highways Fix My Street reports and Oxfordshire Flood Toolkit reports by end of the plan period.	End of plan period	OCC	The LLFA will work with Highways to ensure that the relevant data between the two datasets are shared aiding incident response.
	5.4 – Reinforce links with the Environment Agency and other RMAs through the Thames Valley Local Resilience Forum to ensure aligned communication during flood events and sharing of best practice on working with communities by end of the plan period.	Ongoing	Various- Multiple RMAs	OCC will i) seek to establish the EA's and other RMAs current engagement with the community before, during and after flood events. The LLFA will ii) explore ways in which data sharing between RMAs can be streamlined.
	5.5 – Ensure LLFA attendance at local flood forum meetings	Ongoing	OCC	The LLFA ensure continued attendance at local flood forum meetings.
	5.6- Communicate flood risk issues to councillors through lunch & learn sessions and/or newsletters by end of the plan period.	End of plan period	OCC	The LLFA will take steps to engage with councillors more actively (e.g. face to face lunch and learn sessions, newsletter)