

## Task and Finish Group Request Form

<b>Date: 3 Oct 18</b>	<b>Requested by: County Councillor Erica Lewis</b>
<b>Chair: CC Ed Nash psc</b>	
<b>Title: Strengthening Flood Prevention and Preparedness in Lancashire</b>	

<b>Purpose of the task and finish group</b>	<p>The purpose of this task and finish group is to bring together the expertise of all flood risk management authorities, local flood and emergency response groups, and residents to better understand how the County Council as Lead Local Flood Authority and all other flood risk management authorities can better support residents to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- be prepared for flooding;</li> <li>- respond to flooding;</li> <li>- recover from flooding; and</li> <li>- understand what we can do together to reduce flood risk.</li> </ul> <p>Across Lancashire there are approximately 40 community based flood action groups. Some have been active for years and are well progressed in their understanding of local flooding mechanisms and the work that is needed to reduce flood risk and prepare the community so it is ready to respond and recover should a flood event happen. Other groups are much newer, but learning fast. There is as yet, no mechanism for these groups to share what they have learnt, or to represent their collective insights to Lancashire County Council and County Councillors.</p> <p>Initial inquiries with the Deputy Leader of the Council, the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, flood risk management authorities and flood groups are keen for this task group to be formed. There has been some initial consultation on the scope of this review, but further work would be welcome before the terms of reference are finalised.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Continued...</p>
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<b>Initial outcomes identified</b>	<p>Identify specific recommendations and actions that could enable residents and communities to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- be prepared for flooding</li><li>- respond to flooding</li><li>- recover from flooding</li></ul> <p>and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- identify where councillor involvement and county council leadership could contribute to policy changes that would reduce flood risk.</li></ul>
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