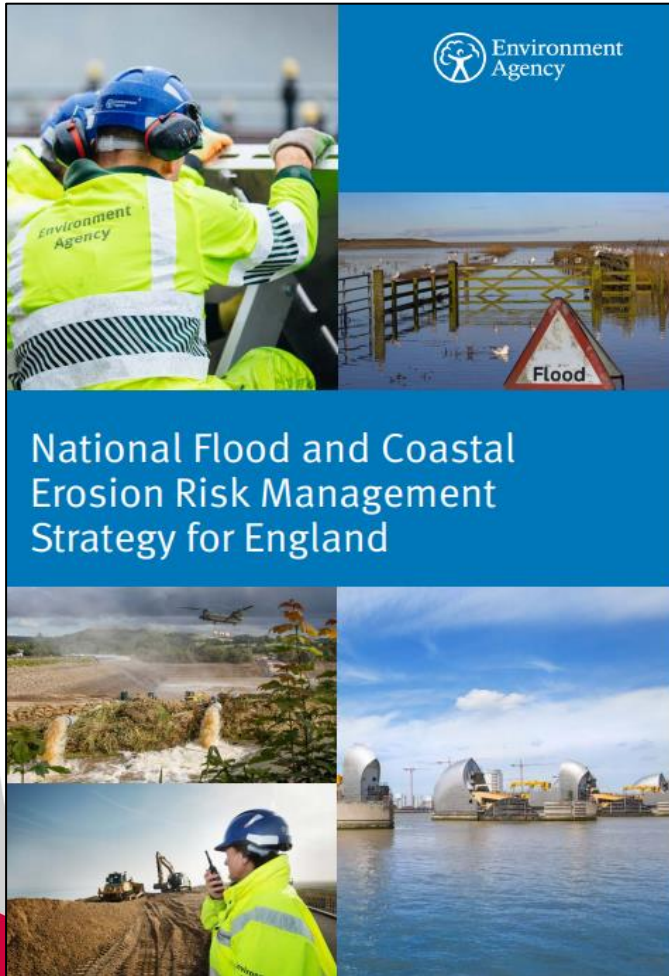


Lancashire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2021 - 2027

External Scrutiny – 16 March 2021

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Why do we need a Local FRM Strategy?



Section 9 of the Flood & Water Management Act 2010, states the LLFA:

- *Must* develop, maintain, apply and monitor a strategy for local flood risk management in its area...
- which *must* be consistent with the National FCERM Strategy...
- and we *must* consult the public and risk management authorities...
- We *must* produce a summary of the strategy....
- And we *may* issue guidance about the application of the strategy.

The new National FCERM Strategy was published in July 2020, so now it is time for us to refresh our Local FRM Strategy to ensure it is consistent with this.

What is a Local FRM Strategy?

Strategic level document which sets out how we intend to manage local flood risks across Lancashire until 2027.

Under Section 9 FWMA it must set out:

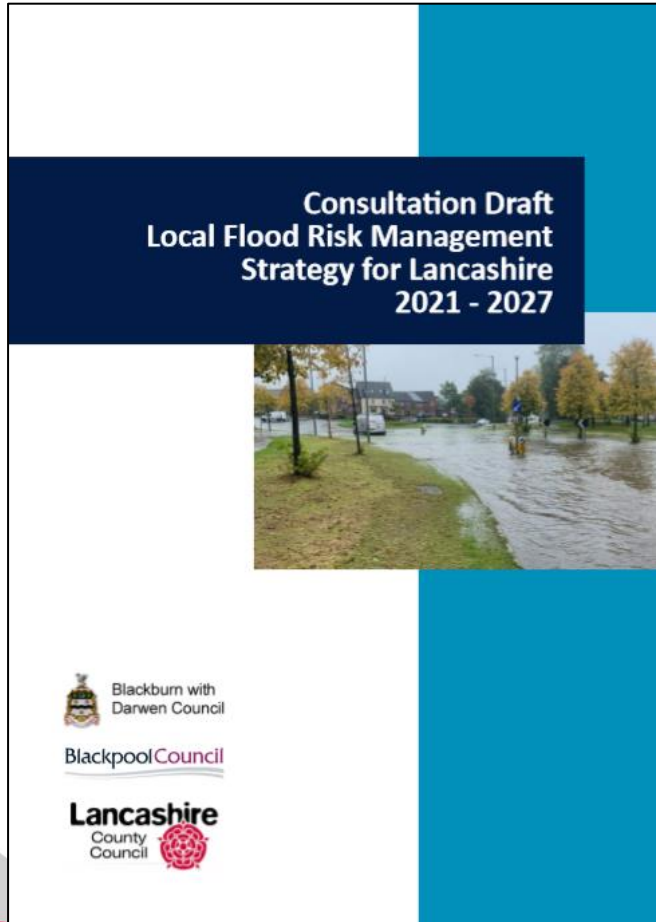
- The risk management authorities
- The flood and coastal erosion risk management functions exercised by those authorities
- Objectives for managing local flood risk and measures proposed to achieve those objectives
- How and when the measures are expected to be implemented
- The costs and benefits of those measures and how they are expected to be paid for
- The assessment of local flood risk for the purpose of the strategy
- How and when the strategy is to be reviewed
- How the strategy contributes to the achievement of wider environmental objectives

Lancashire Local FRM Strategy Checklist

Section 9 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 requires the LLFA to 'develop, maintain, apply and monitor a strategy for local flood risk management in its area' by:.

Part	Requirement	Summary of how this been achieved
4	(a) the risk management authorities in the authority's area	Section 2.4 states the RMA's in Lancashire
	(b) the flood and coastal erosion risk management functions that may be exercised by those authorities in relation to the area	Section 2.4 describes and explains the role of all RMAs in Lancashire
	(c) the objectives for managing local flood risk (including any objectives included in the authority's flood risk management plan prepared in accordance with the Flood Risk Regulations 2009)	Section 4 sets out six key 'themes' under which a number of objectives have been identified. The objectives are set out in the 'Business Plan'; each objective is SMART, and delivery will be monitored quarterly by the Lancashire FCERM Partnership
	(d) the measures proposed to achieve those objectives	Set out in the Business Plan, and by ensuring all objectives are SMART and are monitored quarterly by the Lancashire FCERM Partnership.
	(e) how and when the measures are expected to be implemented	Set out in the Business Plan, and by ensuring all objectives are SMART and are monitored quarterly by the Lancashire FCERM Partnership.
	(f) the costs and benefits of those measures, and how they are to be paid for	Outputs and outcomes of objectives are mapped in the business plan. How these will be paid for is also identified.
	(g) the assessment of local flood risk for the purpose of the strategy,	'Understanding Our Risks and Challenges' section explains the types of flood risks experienced in Lancashire and how this is complicated by local challenges. Additionally there are 14 district profiles provided to provide more locally specific context.
	(h) how and when the strategy is to be reviewed, and	The Strategy will be in place for 6 years, from 2021 – 2027. A mid-term review will be carried out and completed by April 2024. A full review of the Strategy will then be completed at the end of its life, with a new Strategy published in 2027.
	(i) how the strategy contributes to the achievement of wider environmental objectives.	In producing the Strategy, Defra 25 Year Environment Plan, National FCERM Strategy, North West RFCC Business Plan and the recent Green Industrial Revolution have been considered. These documents all point to greater focus on and integration of flood risk management with other environmental objectives including improving water quality, providing amenity and health and wellbeing benefits, increasing biodiversity and habitat creation to contribute towards natural capital, and taking action to both mitigate the effects of and contribute towards tackling climate change.
5	The strategy must be consistent with the national flood and coastal erosion risk management strategy for England	The Strategy has identified six themes which sit under the National Strategy's three ambitions. How these translate across are set out in Section 1.3.

Overview



- 5 week public consultation
 - Led by Blackpool Council on Survey Monkey
- Sent to:** All CCLrs, RFCC, Environment Agency, United Utilities, Local Planning Authorities, District Drainage Engineers, Highway colleagues, ASA, FLAGs, Wider Partners (Rivers Trusts etc)
- Public:** Website, social media, The Flood Hub, BBC Radio Lancashire, equality groups.
- Consultation feedback will need to be analyzed, changes made, HRA/SEA produced, Cabinet Member and then Full Council approval in late summer 2021

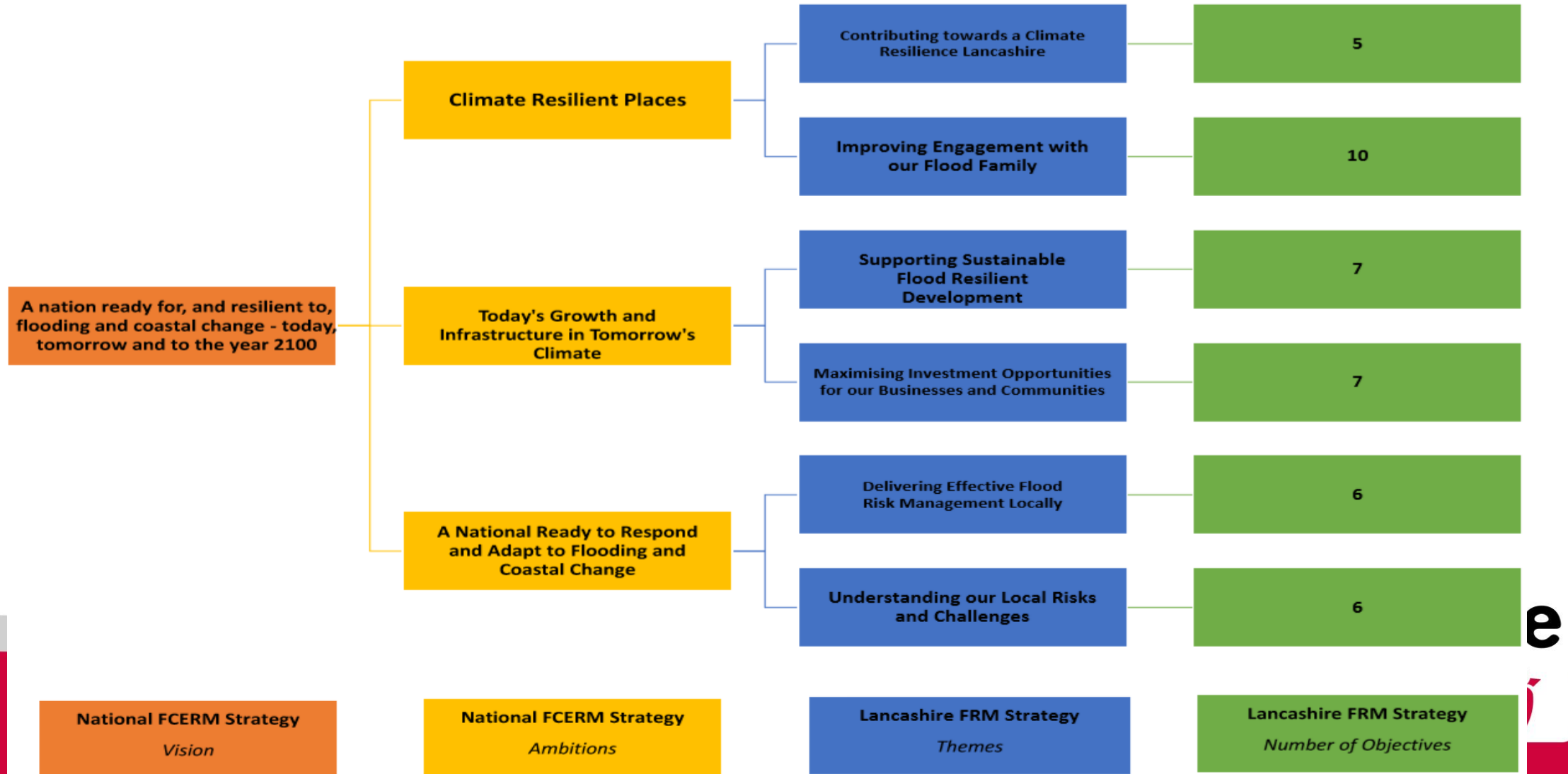
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Alignment with National FCERM Strategy



Delivery

The Lancashire FCERM Business Plan

Theme	Objective	Output / Outcome	Objective Owner	Support From	Delivery Milestone
1. Delivering Effective Flood Risk Management Locally	1.1 Maintain, apply and monitor the Lancashire Local Flood Risk Management (LFRM) Strategy 2021 - 2027	A monitoring framework for the Lancashire LFRM Strategy is established	LLFA	Lancashire FCERM Partnership (Strategic and Tactical) Partnership Officer	Ongoing to 2027
	1.2 Review and revise existing Section 19 Flood Investigation Report Policy, incorporating lessons learnt since 2010.	A new Section 19 Flood Investigation Policy is adopted by LLFAs.	LLFA	Environment Agency United Utilities Partnership Officer	March 2023
	1.3 Review and revise Consenting and Enforcement Policy for regulating Ordinary Watercourses.	A new Consenting and Enforcement Policy for Ordinary Watercourses is adopted by LLFAs, including a clear position on culverting.	LLFA	Partnership Officer	March 2023
	1.4 Work proactively with Local Planning Authorities to ensure effective local policies are in place for managing flood risk and coastal erosion through the Land and Marine Planning Processes	Local Plan policy and evidence base review are informed by direct input from flood risk management authorities.	Local Planning Authorities	Environment Agency LLFA United Utilities Coast Protection Authorities	Various and Ongoing
	1.5 Consider the need for a Highway Drainage Connection Policy.	Highway Drainage Connection Policy considered and, if appropriate, created and adopted.	Highway Authority	LLFA	March 2022
	1.6 Consider the need for a 'Designation of Flood Risk Features' Policy.	'Designation of Flood Risk Features' Policy considered and, if appropriate, created and adopted.	LLFA Environment Agency	Partnership Officer	March 2023
2. Understanding our Local Risks and Challenges	2.1 Deliver any outstanding Surface Water Management Plans (SWMP), and identify further studies needed.	Surface Water Management Plans are delivered and used to inform bids into the Investment Programme as appropriate. Further SWMPs are added to Investment Programme.	LLFA	Project Advisor District Councils Environment Agency United Utilities	TBC
	2.2 Bid for funding to install groundwater monitoring equipment to improve our understanding of groundwater flooding in targeted areas in Lancashire.	Groundwater monitoring equipment is installed in targeted areas agreed by flood risk management authorities, and data used to inform decision making.	LLFA or District Council(s)	Project Advisor	March 2024
	2.3 Bid for funding to map all ordinary watercourses in Lancashire, and feed this mapping and any modelling into national maps to improve all risk management authority understanding of local ordinary watercourse networks.	All ordinary watercourses in Lancashire are mapped, and fed back into national mapping collated by the Environment Agency.	LLFA	Project Advisor Environment Agency	March 2027

- 41 SMART objectives
- Proposal is to monitor delivery quarterly through the Lancashire FCERM Partnership
- Potential for annual monitoring report (feedback sought)
- Mid-term review to refresh is possible



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Consultation

- 29 questions on Survey Monkey
- Objectify and measure the majority of responses
- Areas for wider comments too
- Closes 23.59 on 19 March



Consultation on the Lancashire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2021–2027

Introduction

The Flood and Water Management Act 2010 designated Blackburn-with-Darwen Council, Blackpool Council and Lancashire County Council as Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFAs). The councils have a range of powers, duties and responsibilities and manage flood risk from 'local' sources. These local sources of flooding are surface water, groundwater and ordinary watercourses. The councils want your views on our joint draft Lancashire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.

Under Section 9 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, Lead Local Flood Authorities must produce a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy which is consistent with the National Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy and we must publicly consult on our Draft Strategy.

The aim is to better protect and improve flood resilience for the people of Lancashire. It sets out how we will concentrate our resources and efforts to improve our understanding of local flood risks, whilst delivering schemes, and supporting our businesses and communities.

The strategy and consultation are only intended to address local sources of flooding. The strategy is not concerned with managing flood risk from main rivers, coastal or sewerage sources, because these are covered by the Environment Agency's Plans and Assessments Framework and a national strategy.

About this consultation

This survey is being undertaken by Infusion Research, part of Blackpool Council's Corporate Development Unit. Data will be gathered in accordance with the Infusion privacy notice accessible from Blackpool Council's website. Completing this survey is voluntary, responses will be anonymised and no personal data relating to any individual will be collected or stored. Data relating to the responses of organisations will reference the name of the organisation if relevant to the response. Analysis of the data gathered will be shared with partner organisations. The findings from the survey are for consultation purposes only, and will be used to provide recommendations on the contents of the draft Lancashire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2021 - 2027.

How your views will be used



Please select which best describes you:

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homeowner | <input type="checkbox"/> Landowner/Farmer | <input type="checkbox"/> Councillor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RFCC (Regional Flood and Coast Committee) Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Member of Parliament | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please state below |

If 'other', please state below

Have your property ever been affected by flooding?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you a resident of Lancashire (including Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen)?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Next Steps



- Collate and analyse responses
- Produce post consultation report
- Amend Strategy
- SEA & HRA & EIA
- Obtain approvals - from all LLFAs
- Adopt & Publish new Strategy – Late Summer
- Implementation and delivery
- Monitor delivery in line with agreed proposals