

## Appendix A: Roles and Responsibilities for Flood Risk Management

The Council is a Lead Local Flood Authority and has powers and statutory duties to manage and co-ordinate local flood risk management activities (shown on Table A1 below). Local flood risk covers flooding from surface water (overland runoff), groundwater and smaller watercourses (known as Ordinary Watercourses).

**Table A1 Roles and responsibilities as Lead Local Flood Authority**

Strategic	Operational
<p>Develop, maintain, apply and monitor a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy.</p> <p>Co-ordinate partnership working between relevant organisations.</p> <p>Represent Staffordshire on the River Trent Regional Flood and Coastal Committee.</p> <p>To comply with the European Floods Directive, produce a Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment and for nationally significant Flood Risk Areas, surface water mapping and a Flood Risk Management Plan.</p>	<p>Investigate flooding incidents and set out who has responsibilities and what actions can be taken.</p> <p>Hold a register of significant drainage/flood alleviation assets.</p> <p>Power to designate third party assets acting as flood defences so they cannot be altered or removed.</p> <p>Powers to enforce land drainage legislation to ensure ordinary watercourses flow properly and a duty to consent to certain works on these watercourses.</p> <p>Powers to build new flood alleviation schemes for local sources of flooding.</p> <p>Statutory Consultee for Planning Applications for surface water drainage on major developments</p>

There are a number of different organisations in and around Staffordshire that have roles and responsibilities for flood risk management and these are shown on Table A2.

Land and property owners are responsible for the maintenance of watercourses either on or next to their properties. Property owners are also responsible for the protection of their properties from flooding. When it comes to undertaking works to reduce flood risk, Lead Local Flood Authorities, District Councils, Water Companies and the Environment Agency do have powers but limited resources are prioritised and targeted to where they can have the greatest effect.

**Table A2 Roles and responsibilities for flood risk management**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Operational role</b>
Environment Agency	Main Rivers e.g. Severn, Trent Reservoirs (regulation role)
Lead Local Flood Authority (Staffordshire County Council)	Surface water Groundwater Ordinary Watercourses (consenting and enforcement)
District and Borough Councils	Ordinary Watercourses (works)
Sow and Penk Internal Drainage Board	Ordinary Watercourses in the Internal Drainage District around Stafford
Water Companies (Severn Trent and United Utilities)	Public Sewers
Highways Authorities	Highway drainage
Staffordshire Civil Contingencies Unit	Emergency planning