

Appendix C

Roles and Responsibilities



Authority	Role	Responsibilities	Powers
West Sussex County Council (LLFA)	Manages flood risk from surface water, groundwater, and ordinary watercourses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Statutory consultee for SuDS in major planning applications. – Develop and monitor Local Flood Risk Management Strategy. – Investigate significant flood events (Section 19 reports). – Maintain a flood risk asset register. – Determine consents for ordinary watercourse alterations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Enforce maintenance of ordinary watercourses by riparian owners. – Designate flood risk structures/features. – Undertake flood risk works where no IDB exists.
Environment Agency	Strategic oversight of all flood sources and coastal erosion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Manage flood risk from main rivers, sea, and reservoirs. – Operate flood warning systems. – Develop national FCERM strategy. – Regulate large reservoirs. – Issue flood risk activity permits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Maintain and improve main rivers. – Carry out coastal change works. – Statutory consultee for planning and environmental assessments.
District & Borough Councils	Support local flood risk management and planning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Cooperate with RMAs. – Act as Local Planning Authorities, ensuring development does not increase flood risk elsewhere – May act as Coast Protection Authorities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Create land drainage byelaws (e.g., Arun DC). – Undertake flood risk works on ordinary watercourses (if no IDB).

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Water Companies (e.g., Southern Water, Thames Water)	Manage flood risk from public sewers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Maintain public sewer systems. – Manage sewer flooding risk. – Ensure resilience during flood events. – Prepare water resource management plans. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Specify discharge requirements. – Adopt private sewers. – Lay sewers and lateral drains.
Highway Authorities (e.g., WSCC, National Highways)	Manage surface water flood risk from highways.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Maintain highway drainage (e.g., gullies, ditches). – Ensure road projects do not increase flood risk. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Discharge surface water to watercourses (with consent). – Carry out drainage works on highways or adjacent land.
Internal Drainage Boards (IDBs)	Manage water levels and flood risk in low-lying areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Maintain and improve watercourses and infrastructure. – Determine consents for works on watercourses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Enforce riparian maintenance duties. – Designate flood risk structures/features.