

Flood Liason Group – Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Flooding Team Updates

Summary of updates to be presented at Flood Liaison Group in April 2024

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The below report provides an update from the Flooding Team and Emergency Planning Teams of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead

- Section 19 report progress
 - o Next steps and outlook
- Grants – reminder about the property resilience grant
- Highway Drainage Capital Spend Update

1. Section 19 Report Progress

The Section 19 report being developed by the Council is in response to the flooding which resulted from Storm Henk in January 2024. This report meets a duty of the Council as a Lead Local Flood Authority under Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010.

The report will detail the causes and impacts of the flooding and then state the relevant Risk Management Authorities and their functions or roles which relate to this flood event. It will also ask those risk management authorities if they have or plan to act on these roles. It is worth stating at this stage that unless the Council has a power to do so, these roles cannot be enforced.

To date, meetings have been held with the Parish Councils of the areas which have reported impacts to properties. These Parish Councils are:

- Bisham
- Cookham
- Datchet
- Hurley
- Old Windsor
- Wraysbury

The meetings that have been undertaken have been undertaken in partnership with the Council's Communities Team and the Joint Emergency Planning Unit and had the aim of mapping the known extents of flooding that resulted from Storm Henk. The data that was gathered at these meetings will be digitised and then sent back to the Parish Councils for assurance before being used in the reporting going forward. As well as this data, additional datasets including rainfall levels and river gauge data has been gathered from National Datasets.

The next steps for the project are:

- Use the data gathered from Parish Councils in conjunction with the property data recorded during Storm Henk to identify data gaps or queries which can be filled with site visits.
- The report will then be completed with a view to publication in early Summer dependant on resource availability.

We would continue to encourage residents to report their impact to the Council to inform this report. If any residents wish to do so, please contact the team via flooding.enquiries@rbwm.gov.uk

If residents/Councillors have any questions they can contact the team via the above email address.

2. Property Flood Resilience Repair Grant

The final grant scheme that is open is the Property Flood Resilience Repair Grant. The form to express interest for this grant is open until the 30th April.

The grant allows for up to £5000 of funding for eligible households to install measures to their property to increase the resilience of the property to the impacts of flooding.

More details can be found on the RBWM website:

[Property Flood Resilience Repair Grant Scheme | Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead \(rbwm.gov.uk\)](https://rbwm.gov.uk/property-flood-resilience-repair-grant-scheme)

3. Highway Drainage Capital Budget Update

With the start of the new financial year, the programme of works has been put together for the quarters 1 and 2 of 2024/25. The programme has been put together based on works on our Prioritisation List.

The budget is being managed to accommodate both small scale works and larger projects. This means that work is being staggered through the year to ensure that funds are available throughout the year. That means that works requested may not happen immediately as they would need to be prioritised against other projects based on criteria such as impact to property and highway safety, and then placed into the programme at an appropriate point of the year based on other spending and resource availability.

It is therefore important that issues are reported via the business as usual routes first such as [Report It](#). If an issue is being raised by Councillors or Parish Councillors, we would ask that any reference numbers for previous reports are provided.

4. Relevant contact information for reporting flooding issues

If you are experiencing one of the below issues, please contact the most appropriate authority:

- If there is a threat to life – call 999
- If there is flooding to the highway – call RBWM Highways - 01628 683800
 - If sewers and foul water are involved – call Thames Water - 0800 316 9800
 - If a main river watercourse is involved – call the Environment Agency - 0345 988 1188
- If the enquiry is not urgent but flooding related please contact us via flooding.enquiries@rbwm.gov.uk

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| RBWM Out of Hours Emergency Duty Officer | 01753 853517 (CCTV) |
| RBWM In hours Duty Emergency Planning Officer | 01635 503535 |
| RBWM Emergency Planning Email | Emergency.planning@RBWM.gov.uk |