

Strategic Flood Board

The Strategic Flood Board covers all of Bath and North East Somerset.

The Strategic Flood Board will be chaired by elected Councillors. Secretariat to the groups is provided by the Drainage & Flooding Team and reports back to them on programmes of schemes and budget expenditure. Stakeholder membership includes the Environment Agency, Wessex Water and Canal Trust are also members of the group.

The terms of reference are:

- Bring together all professional partners to consider issues relating to flooding and drainage within their respective river catchment areas.
- Identify lead authorities for each issue to better co-ordinate response and to target resources most effectively.
- Make recommendations and submit bids for funding for major schemes.
- Consider proposals for prioritising funding and programming of schemes.
- Influence the development of Bath and North East Somerset Council policy on drainage and flood management.
- Implement government legislation on drainage and flood management.
- Respond to community in respect of flooding issues.
- Encourage town and parish councils to adopt an “initial self-help” strategy by developing flood plans and flood wardens.
- To publicise the work of the group to the wider general public and encourage homeowners to adopt a self-help strategy by installing property flood defences and draft up individual flood plans.