

Wessex Regional Flood and Coastal Committee

Local Levy Programme 2015: Wiltshire's Project Development

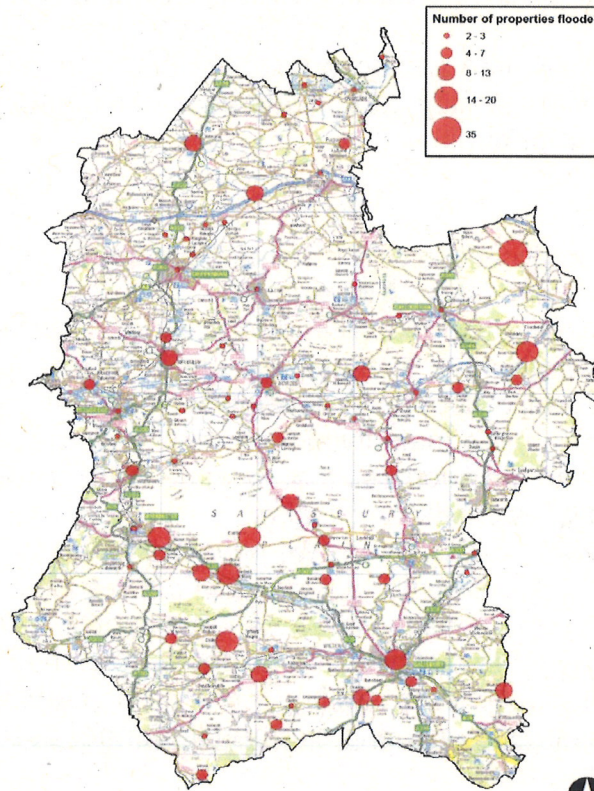
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Tilshead



Salisbury



Corsham



Malmesbury

Local Authority: Wiltshire Council

The Problem: The study area covers the entire Wiltshire Council area of approximately 3,250km², extending from Cricklade in the north to Salisbury in the South. The aim of the project is to build on the flood risk assessment and intelligence from recent flooding. This builds on the strategic and long term plan and priorities for flood risk management for Wiltshire Council, focusing on those areas at the greatest risk first.

Wiltshire Council currently has a ranking system of the top 50 sites at risk within the County and the funding will help progress the highest priority / risk sites on to a project development phase for inclusion in future Capital Investment Programme (CIP), partnership funding including Local Levy and Wiltshire Council direct funding.

Wiltshire Council have a proven track record for project development and contribution into schemes. This funding will allow a long term collaborative approach to flood risk management.

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Works required

Completed work by Wiltshire Council (costing £100,000):

- 1 Use Geographical Information Systems (GIS) to assess the level of flood risk to properties in the Wiltshire Council area using a range of flood risk source (main river, ordinary watercourse, surface water flooding, groundwater) data. The study makes use of existing GIS data and modelling outputs and does not undertake any survey or modelling work.
- 2 A ranking system will be developed which allows the study to rank areas at highest flood risk. The approach will identify areas which can be defined as being at "highest" risk (representing a combination of the flood risk and the Index of Multiple Deprivation). The draft flood risk ranks will be discussed and agreed between the Council and Environment Agency, to ensure local issues and proposals (which may not be identified in the GIS layers) are taken into account.

Proposed work (requested Local Levy funding of £60,000 for 2016):

- 3 Project development reports will be created for the priority sites identified by the ranking process
- 4 The reports will be used to provide an action plan for each community and provide evidence for inclusion within CIP and to identify appropriate flood risk management partners, stakeholders and funding opportunities.

Benefits

Following successful CIP applications and scheme development, flood risk will be reduced for the sites with the greatest flood risk in Wiltshire.

The work on the prioritisation will enable all partners to have a better understanding of flood risk in Wiltshire, facilitate appropriate development and inform developer led contributions. In Wiltshire we have a great deal of proposed development of over 25,000 dwellings (minimum) to be built from 2014 – 2026 and a majority of those will have the potential of increasing flood risk within the catchment and the flood risk that must be identified and resolved where possible to allow development and growth within Wiltshire.

In looking at areas of risk within some areas we have managed to look at a catchment based approach with developers however other areas will have a residual risk that may need identification and works to remove risk to allow development to take place.

The aim of the project is to create a strategic and long term plan for flood risk management, focusing on those areas at the greatest risk first, creating a prioritised list of communities/flood risk areas for further assessment, ensuring appropriate further assessment stages can be planned and budgeted for.

What is Local Levy?

The Wessex Regional Flood & Coast Committee (WRFCC) raise a levy on the County Councils and Unitary Authorities within the WRFCC boundary. The WRFCC use this levy to support local projects that are not considered to be national priorities that do not attract national funding through Flood Defence Grant in Aid (FDGiA). The WRFCC also use the levy to provide project contributions to secure national funding as part of the Partnership Funding approach.

Contact

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