



## REQUEST 17776

1. Do you have a dedicated annual budget for flood remediation? If so, please state it in pounds.
2. What was your annual dedicated budget for flood remediation last year? Please state your answer in pounds.
3. In the last ten years, how many floods have you had from surface water/fluvial flooding? (Surface water/fluvial flooding is defined as “flooding that occurs when the volume and intensity of rainfall overwhelms local drainage systems.”; a flood is defined as “any case where land not normally covered by water becomes covered by water”)
4. What was the cost to the council of the repairs and cleanup of your most recent flood (as per the definition above)?
5. Which of the following have you planned to invest in to remediate floods? Please select all that apply.
  - a. Options:
    - i. Installing Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS)
    - ii. Require all new builds/developments to include SuDS
    - iii. Increasing drainage maintenance
    - iv. Enhance green spaces to improve drainage and act as a natural buffer
    - v. Plant trees to help absorb excess rainwater
    - vi. Engage with home/land owners to reduce paved space
6. Have any of the floods your council has experienced in the last ten years resulted in “sewer flooding”, where sewers become overwhelmed?

## RESPONSE

1. The LLFA have been awarded a new annual budget of £100,000 to cover remediation, investigations and improvement works.
2. This is the first year we have received a dedicated budget for works. Prior to this the team relied on grants and funding from Defra and the Environment Agency.
3. In the last ten years we have experienced approx. 8 named storm events which have impacted on our Borough. On top of this we have also had a number of heavy rainfall events that have also resulted in flooding. Since 2019 we have 539 reports of flooding from different sources.
4. The latest cost estimate is approximately £300,000.
5. The Council looks into all options when considering reduction in flood risk.
6. Flooding can be caused by a number of complex factors, with multiple mechanisms at play. For information on sewer flooding please contact United Utilities on [0345 672 3723](tel:03456723723)