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# Flooding Mitigation and Climate Change Seminar 2023



**Thursday 30 March 2023**

Online Seminar

# Programme

10:00 Welcome from the chair

**Cllr Steve Pearce, Elected Member for Bristol City Council and APSE Chair of National Vehicle Maintenance & Transport Advisory Group**

10:10 Session One

**The Role of Local Government in ensuring stewardship of place**

**Mo Baines, Chief Executive, APSE**

**Building highways resilience in a time of climate change and severe weather**

- Establishing resilient local transport plans.
- Use of data for evidenced based investment.
- Reduction of Carbon around infrastructure

**Gary Kemp, Local Highways Maintenance Policy Officer, Local Transport Policy & Funding, Department For Transport**

*Audience question and answer session*

11:10 Session Two

**Long-term approaches to national flood preparation and leveraging engagement across regions**

- Importance of increased maintenance of our rivers, drains and watercourses.
- Supporting proper resourcing for councils the EA and Internal Drainage Boards.
- Maintaining what we have got alongside providing prioritised new systems.

**Innes Thomson, Chief Executive, Association of Drainage Authorities**

**Adaptation In An Urban Landscape**

- How can we adapt the cityscape to mitigate the impacts of flooding and climate change?
- The Bristol Avon Flood Strategy and what it seeks to achieve;
- How do we need to change our streets and open spaces to address changing weather patterns?

**Cllr Nicola Beech and Cllr Martin Fodor, Bristol City Council**

*Audience question and answer session*

12:10 Virtual lunch break

12:40 Session Three

**Mitigating the risk of surface water flooding**

- Surface water management.
- Identifying the places most at risk and setting targets for improvement.
- Joint plans and devolved funding.

**Margaret Read, Director of Policy, National Infrastructure Commission**

**A Picture of Flood Risk Management**

- How flood risk management works in Wales
- The key challenges facing the flooding sector including workforce capacity

**Verity Winn, Audit Lead, and Seth Newman, Senior Auditor, National Studies Team, Audit Wales**

*Audience question and answer session*

13:40 Session Four

**London: how is the city adapting to climate change?**

- Overview of adaptation in London: flooding, heat and drought
- Case studies of blue spaces being used to manage flooding and their co-benefits
- Integrated Water Management Strategy (IWMS) in London

**Holly Smith, Surface Water Flooding Project Manager, and Vicky Boorman, Principle Policy and Programme Officer, Greater London Authority**

**What is the Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme?**

- Working with the natural floodplain to reduce flood risk by creating more space for floodwater away from built-up areas
- Creating new wetland to link up existing wildlife sites and habitats to support plants and animals
- Helping to protect the city in coming decades as flood risk increases with climate change

**Penny Burt, Principal Environmental Project Manager, Environment Agency**

**Promoting Adaptation to Changing Coasts (PACCo): Lower Otter Restoration Project**

**Supplied by Jasmine van der Eijk, Communications & Engagement Manager, Defra**

*Audience question and answer session*

14:45 Seminar close

# Seminar Objectives

Local authorities continue to play leading roles in addressing, exploring and reviewing how best to tackle the ever increasing challenges around flooding and climate mitigation.

This seminar brings together a range of expert speakers that will be exploring steps local authorities have taken and are continuing to take in developing and supporting their services and communities. The event is intended to provide a strategic overview of the UK's response to the ever increasing occurrence of flood events and further impacts of changing weather patterns, case studies of coordinated, effective emergency response and practical means to ensure future resilience of local infrastructure.

A MUST ATTEND EVENT for those officers and elected members with an interest or responsibility for facilitating flood response, prevention and recovery, and climate change response.

## Who Should attend?

- Leaders
- Chief executives
- Elected members
- Service directors
- Scrutiny Members
- Executive Members and Cabinet officeholders
- Policy officers
- Trade union representatives
- Voluntary organisations
- All those with an interest in developing or improving solutions to address flooding and climate change matters

Anyone working in or with local government with an interest or responsibility for:

- facilitating flood response, prevention and recovery,
- climate change response,
- contractors, suppliers, voluntary organisations,
- professionals who care for water-ways, water assets, housing, emergency plan or community development.



# Booking Information

## Delegate Packages Exclusive of VAT

### What's included?

*The delegate fee covers attendance, delegates' documentation, lunches and light refreshments.*

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