

Proposed terms of reference for the Flooding Working Party

The Flooding Working Party has been set up following the request by Cllr Chris Watts (Cabinet Member for the Environment & Transport at Swindon Borough Council) who requested a meeting to include all stakeholders to discuss the High Level Flood Investigation Report Jan 2025 by Swindon Borough Council, Lead Local Flood Authority.

Membership shall include local residents who have riparian responsibilities or who have been impacted by flooding.

The Risk Management Authorities (RMAs) are Swindon Borough Council, the Environment Agency, Thames Water and landowners including Wiltshire Wildlife Trust for Clouts Wood, source of one of the streams.

Terms of Reference:

1. To enable the free flow of information between those residents/ stakeholders who have experienced flooding and have a wealth of knowledge and understanding about the flooding issues in their immediate locality, and the Risk Management Authorities which are the organisations responsible for implementing the solutions.
2. To liaise with Swindon Borough Council and the RMAs to understand their responsibilities and the measures they are/ will be implementing to alleviate flooding in this Parish.
3. To report back to the Planning & Highways Committee and keep Members updated.
4. To make recommendations to the Planning & Highways Committee regarding any information, guidance and support from the RMAs which should be shared with residents.
5. To decide which residents with riparian responsibilities should be invited onto the Working Party, trying to ensure that there is resident representation from the riparian owners, and residents who have experienced flooding, at the main flooding pinchpoints in the Parish.