

CORE OFFER BUDGET FOR FLOOD AND WATER MANAGEMENT

WHY DOES THE COUNCIL HAVE TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE AND WHAT DOES IT NEED TO COVER?

The Flood and Water Management Act 2010 puts statutory duties on the Council to do a number of things, the main ones being to investigate and report on flooding incidents, to compile and publish a register of assets and features (such as weirs) that can impact on flooding, to process applications for consents to work on water courses, to develop strategies to deal with flooding, and to assess drainage proposals for major developments.

The Council is also required to contribute to what is called the Local Levy – a fund held by the Environment Agency and managed by a regional committee. The fund is used to pay for works to reduce flood risk.

HOW DOES THE CORE OFFER BUDGET MEET THE COUNCIL'S OBLIGATIONS?

The minimum resource will be retained to meet the Council's statutory duties. The duties under the Flood and Water Management Act are largely delivered by Stockton Borough Council through a contractual arrangement.

DOES THIS DIFFER FROM THE CURRENT SERVICE?

The proposal is to reduce the Flood and Water Management Act budget by £20,000. The rationale is that the budget has been underspending on the Stockton contract (which delivers many of the Flood and Water Management Act functions for Darlington).

There is a risk that if the new SuDs work (sustainable drainage) includes numerous complex cases it may not be possible to meet all of the saving as additional work will be required by Stockton on our behalf.

The Local Levy contribution will remain unchanged.

WHAT IS THE CORE BUDGET MADE UP OF?

2019/20 budget £205,334

There are two elements – firstly a budget of £106,904, which funds the duties under the Flood and Water Management Act, most of which are delivered under contract by Stockton Borough Council – it is this budget that that the proposal will reduce by £20,000 to give £86,904.

The second budget is £112,133 which is the Local Levy contribution and which will remain unchanged.

	Budget 2019/20
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Supplies & Services	86,904
Transfer Payments	112,133
Overheads	6,297
Total	205,334