

Local Government Group Alert 42/11

To: All Local Authorities in England and Wales

Please circulate to those responsible for:

Flood Risk Management; Environment

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Flood and Water Management Act 2010 - Commencement of powers and duties for Lead Local Flood Authorities

Dear Colleague,

A substantial phase of implementation for the Flood and Water Management Act will take place in April 2011.

The third Commencement Order of the Act will come into force commencing, amongst other things, most duties and powers for Lead Local Flood Authorities. See:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2011/694/made#text%3Dfloods#match-1>

Three sets of Regulations have also been laid in Parliament concerning the creation of Regional Flood and Coastal Committees, Levies (section 17) and Scrutiny committees (Schedule 2 para 54). These regulations are expected to come into force in early April 2011 and are subject to negative resolution parliamentary procedure. The regulations can be viewed at -

- Environment Agency (Levies) (England and Wales) Regulations 2011: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2011/696/made#text%3Dfloods#match-1>
- Regional Flood and Coastal Committees (England and Wales) Regulations 2011: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2011/695/made#text%3Dfloods#match-1>
- Flood Risk Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee (England) Regulations 2011: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2011/697/made#text%3Dfloods#match-1>

For more information on the Flood and Water Management Act implementation see: <http://ww2.defra.gov.uk/environment/flooding/legislation/implementation-approach/> or email Defra's implementation team at: floodandwateract@defra.gsi.gov.uk .

To help Lead Flood Authorities in England with implementing their local flood risk management strategies, the Local Government Group has developed a preliminary Framework for the Local Strategy. This is available on the LGA website: www.lga.gov.uk .

Yours sincerely,