

Section 19
Investigation Report
Coastal Surge
Flood Event
5th/6th/7th December
2013

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Flood & Water Management Act - Sec. 19 DUTY to Investigate a Flood

- Assigns responsibility for investigating flooding incidents to the lead local flood authority to the extent that it considers it necessary or appropriate.



Local authorities investigations:

- (1) On becoming aware of a flood in its area, a lead local flood authority must, to the extent that it considers it necessary or appropriate, investigate —*
- (a) which risk management authorities have relevant flood risk management functions, and*
 - (b) whether each of those risk management authorities has exercised, or is proposing to exercise, those functions in response to the flood.*

Local authorities investigations:

- (2) Where an authority carries out an investigation under subsection (1) it must —*
- (a) publish the results of its investigation, and*
 - (b) notify any relevant risk management authorities.*



Lincolnshire Partnership Approach

Outcome: Consistent flood event information communicated & used across the Lincolnshire partnership & beyond.

Output: Sec 19 Investigation Report providing a Lincolnshire partnership overview of the timeline, causes & impacts of the coastal flood event; including observations on need for further investigation & analysis where appropriate.

Partnership Group

- Representatives from:
 - Boston Borough Council
 - Lincolnshire Lead Local Flood Authority
 - LCC Highways
 - Environment Agency
 - Witham 4th IDB
 - Black Sluice IDB
 - Joint Emergency Planning Service
 - Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue
 - Anglian Water



Partnership Method



Timescale for Completion

- Evidence & data gathering ongoing
- Early draft report by mid March
- Final draft report by end March
- Final report to Scrutiny May 2014

