Flood Response Planning in England & Wales

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Outline

- Flood risk in England & Wales
- The Environment Agency’s role
- The Civil Contingencies Act
- Flood Emergency Capability Programme
- Multi-Agency Flood Plans
- Enabling decisions during flooding
- Responses to severe floods
- Conclusions
Flood Risk in England & Wales

Flooding from rivers & the sea
- 2.3 million properties
- 11% of land
- 4.4m people

Risk from other flooding
- rising groundwater
- surface water
Our role - managing flood risk

- Mapping & modelling flood risk
- Controlling building in floodplain
- Raising awareness of flooding
- Forecasting & Warning
- Building defences
Civil Contingencies Act

- Assess the risk of emergencies occurring
- Put in place emergency plans
- Inform the public about the risks
- Warn & keep public informed when events occur
- Co-operate & share information with other local responders
- Business Continuity Management
Flood Emergencies Capability Programme

- Plans for flooding
- Meeting needs of vulnerable
- Recovery from flooding
- Awareness of flooding
- National exercises
- Water rescue
- Distributing resources
- Capability survey
Links into Multi-Agency flood response plans

- Community/Parish Plan
- Fire & Rescue response procedures
- Police response procedures
- Generic emergency response plan
- Evacuation Plan
- Rest Centre Plan
- EA Local Flood Warning Plan
- Environment Agency Procedures
- Local Authority Procedures
- Media Plan
Our response to flooding
Multi-agency response to floods

- Many roles undertaken by different organisations
- Information and decisions carried in structured command and control process
Conclusions

- Multi-agency working has been given structure by the CCA
- Improvements can & are still being made
- Response to flooding is only effective when many partners work together
- Clarity of roles is key
- Citizens have a role too