

Somerset Prepared Community Resilience Day 21st October 2026

Flood Resilience Programme

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background

Milestones

- Major incident declared Jan/Feb '26
- Ministerial visit 10th Feb
- MoU agreed 30th March
- Funds awarded & communicated 22nd June
- Programme Manager appointed 1st July
- Programme Advisory Group set up 21st July
- Scrutiny approval 23rd Sep
- Executive approval 7th October
- Programme evaluation matrix to be completed early Nov...



Stakeholder engagement



Challenges & opportunities

- Not constrained by cost benefit approach
- Focussed on flood
- 2 year time constraint & resources
- Very broad range of different ideas



Programme

What's on it?

- >100 programmes & projects
- >10 delivery partners
- Dredging, maintenance, construction schemes, NFM/NbS, flood warning, data management, strategic planning, biological solutions, SUDS, community resilience
- Initial 15 projects approved, more to come
- Over-programme value c£85m



My Community



40 initial locations in first 4 phases



Assets identified, inspected & logged



Measures agreed with community



SC delivers, or in partnership with grant to PC



Can include anything from cleaning road gullies and river channels, to extra flood warning systems, flood attenuation areas, new control structures or community facilities

Next steps

- Grant agreements
- Screening & environmental assessment
- Detailed planning
- ...Delivery, monitoring, reporting...

