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Lead flood authority

As the designated Lead Local Flood Authority Blackpool Council is required to undertake a Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment (PFRA).

This involves identifying areas of 'significant' local flood risk both from historic flood events and potential future flooding.

Blackpool Council has a responsibility for assessing flooding from surface water, groundwater and ordinary watercourses. This does not include flooding from main rivers or the sea, unless there is an interaction with these sources of flooding.

For the purposes of the PFRA, the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) have defined 'significant' future flood risk as affecting 30,000 or more people or 150 critical services, such as schools, hospitals, nursing homes, power and water services.

In assessing past floods, any flood which affected 20 or more people or one or more critical service was identified.

In terms of this criteria, there are no significant flood risk areas in Blackpool and this means that there are no further actions required in the PFRA process before it is reviewed in 2017.

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