

**The role and responsibility of councillors in flooding events –**

**a short questionnaire**

**SUMMARY OF RESPONSES RECEIVED**

1 Are you clear about what your role as a councillor would be if there was a flooding event in your ward?

YES	8
NO	11
NO RESPONSE	11

2 Which of the following would you see as your role or responsibility before, during and after a flooding event in your ward?

Indicate **YES** or **NO** to the following:

Note: Things are often much more complicated than that, but a simple **YES/NO** indication is all that is required here, please. You have the option to make additional brief comments in the free text box below, if you wish.

Councillor's role or responsibility	YES	NO	NOT SURE
(a) To knock on residents' doors to alert them to the danger	18 (60%)	12 (40%)	
(b) To ring up the council to make sure that you know what is going on, so that you can advise residents accordingly	28 (93%)	2 (7%)	
(c) To advise residents to take their own flood prevention actions well in advance of any flooding event (e.g. get their own sandbags)	24 (80%)	4 (13%)	
(d) To help organise the distribution of sandbags to residents who need them	14 (47%)	16 (53%)	
(e) To advise the Environment Agency about the locality	20 (67%)	10 (33%)	
(f) To support residents who are immediately affected by the flood	25 (83%)	0	

(g) To do an audit of residents so that those who are less mobile or vulnerable are identified	17 (57%)	11 (37%)	2 (6%)
(h)			
(i) To fill sand bags whenever you get the chance	9 (30%)	20 (67%)	1 (3%)
(j) To act as a hub of information for the community	29 (97%)	1 (3%)	
(k) To help direct traffic	4 (13%)	25 (83%)	1 (3%)
(l) To visit affected residents and offer support for many weeks or months after a flooding event	27 (90%)	2 (6%)	
(m) To help set up and support Flood Action Groups	26 (87%)	4 (13%)	
(n) To act as a source of information, advice and reassurance to residents, including offering advice about making insurance claims.	15 (50%)	12 (44%)	2 (6%)
(o) To help staff the emergency phone lines to offer advice	9 (30%)	20 (67%)	1 (3%)
(p) To maintain an up to date list of phone numbers for all the relevant organisations	20 (67%)	9 (30%)	1 (3%)
(q) To respond to enquiries from the press	10 (33%)	18 (60%)	2 (6%)

**NB All percentages refer to a percentage of the total responses (30)**