

Derby City Council – Response
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Information Requested	Response
1) Do you have a dedicated annual budget for flood remediation? If so, please state it in pounds.	Yes, the Council has a Flood Defence Capital programme which deals with flood defence upgrades, refurbishment and construction, which is typically £250,000 per year. We have no dedicated budget for flood response and 'clean up'/remediation after flood events and these are treated as financial pressures as and when significant flood events occur.
2) What was your annual dedicated budget for flood remediation last year? Please state your answer in pounds	As above for Q1.
3) In the last ten years, how many floods have you had from surface water/fluviial flooding? (Surface water/fluviial flooding is defined as "flooding that occurs when the volume and intensity of rainfall overwhelms local drainage systems."; a flood is defined as "any case where land not normally covered by water becomes covered by water")	We have non-exhaustive record of 316 floods according to the definition described. This represents those recorded on our current flood database, however there are likely to be more that are not recorded, for example because they weren't reported to the Council's Drainage and Flood Risk Management Team.
4) What was the cost to the council of the repairs and cleanup of your most recent flood (as per the definition above)?	The total cost to the Council of our last flood event, Storm Babet in October 2023 has not been recorded. Financial pressures were felt across a multitude of Council services in response to the flood event, but no collective financial data has been collated.
5) Which of the following have you planned to invest in to	

remediate floods? Please select all that apply.	
a. Options:	
i. Installing Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS)	i. Yes
ii. Require all new builds/developments to include SuDS	ii. Yes
iii. Increasing drainage maintenance	iii. Yes
iv. Enhance green spaces to improve drainage and act as a natural buffer	iv. Yes
v. Plant trees to help absorb excess rainwater	v. Yes, tree planting is being considered for several reasons, including reducing flood storage area.
vi. Engage with home/land owners to reduce paved space	vi. No, other than home modifications that fall within the remit of the Local Planning Authority.
6) Have any of the floods your council has experienced in the last ten years resulted in "sewer flooding", where sewers become overwhelmed?	Yes

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