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ESSEX County Council will protect less than one-in-five of the homes in the county at risk of flooding.

There are 108,000 homes in danger, including about 50,000 from local sources.

The council has put together a five year plan and will announce, at a private meeting next week, an investment of £1.5million in 2016/17.

However, by the end of the plan, only 18,750 of those at risk will have been protected.

The report, from head of commissioning Deborah Fox, states: "Ultimately the priority has to be the maximum benefit for the most people."

The Environment Agency has some responsibility for coastal flooding but the county council is responsible for flooding from local sources.

The report states: "We will protect around one third of the total number of properties at risk."

The county has about 120 areas at risk and 120 problems have been identified.

It has not been revealed which areas and homes will get the protection and where the approximate 32,000 homes are which are at risk but will be denied protection.

The Essex Flood Partnership Board will also receive a report from the fire service, as head of emergency plans and more details on the flooding strategy.

However all this will be held in private.

Edited in a selection of comments

Comments (9)

8:33pm Wed 8 Apr 15

Idontknowy says...

cynicalsubber wrote:

It would be an idea if developers stopped building on flood plains...

It would be an even better idea if those in charge of Planning Departments didn't allow these developers to build on flood plains

- Score: 5

4:30pm Wed 8 Apr 15

Hiker54 says...

If you live in a flood plain.....or on a new development with SUDS expect to be flooded sometimes. Buyer beware!

- Score: 4

2:41pm Wed 8 Apr 15

Ontheball says...

The Fire Services strategy with regard to flooding is to attend a few a number of incidents as possible. When you look up in the midland and the north at how fire services respond, they really do have that 'community' approach and have a far more open ended approach to response than do Essex.

- Score: 7

1:54pm Wed 8 Apr 15

The old see dog says...

Quote.

"The council has put together a five year plan and will announce, at a private meeting next week,".....Unquote.

Another Private meeting, yet again!

Since when did Council`s become a private business ?

- Score: 13