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# APSE Central Region Event

Flooding mitigation and climate change



**Wednesday 13 December 2023**

Online Event

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# Programme

11:00 Welcome by the Chair

## Session one

### Leadership in climate change adaption

- Developing and adopting the Sustainable Futures Strategy
- Fostering a joined up and ambitious approach to work in partnership with others
- Embedding the strategy and future goals

**Councillor Heather Timms, Portfolio Holder for Environment, Climate & Culture, Warwickshire County Council**

### Mitigating the risk of surface water flooding

- Surface water management
- Identifying the places most at risk and setting targets for improvement
- Joint plans and devolved funding

**Zeinab Shaikh, Senior Policy Advisor, National Infrastructure Commission**

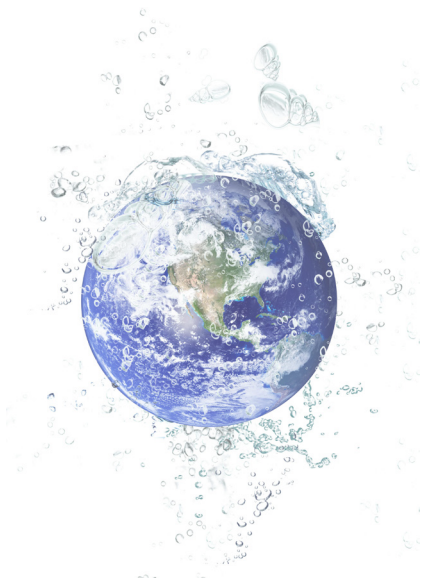
### Innovation in flood resilience

- An introduction to the 3 DEFRA Property Flood Resilience Pathfinders
- Explanation of their legacy items and BeFloodReady
- How the RAIN FCRIIP project is bringing BeFloodReady forwards and how it's evolved
- Overview of the RAIN project and innovation

**Alan Ryan, Programme Manager, Flood and Water Team, West Northamptonshire Council**

*Audience question and answer session*

12:30 Comfort Break



12:40 Session two

### Building highways resilience in a time of climate change and severe weather

- Establishing resilient local transport plans
- Use of data for evidenced based investment
- Reduction of Carbon around infrastructure

**Gary Kemp, Local Highways Maintenance Policy Officer, Local Transport Policy & Funding, Department For Transport**

### Performance of natural flood management at large catchment scale

- Adapting to the growing pressures of climate change
- What the research tells us about natural flood management
- A practical example

**Professor Dr. Susanne Charlesworth, Institute for Sustainability, Equity and Resilience Centre for Agroecology, Water and Resilience, Coventry University**

### West Midlands Climate Change adaption

- An overview of the West Midlands Climate Change Adaptation Plan actions
- What local authorities can do to support the aims of this Plan
- How should local authorities prioritise their adaptation activity?
- How SWM can support with all the above

**Alan Carr, Senior Sustainability Adviser, Sustainability West Midlands**

*Audience question and answer session*

### APSE Update

**Vickie Hacking, APSE Principal Advisor**

14:15 Seminar close

# Seminar Objectives

## About the Seminar

With the devastating impact of Storms Agnes and Babet being felt within our communities, the need for local authorities to play leading roles in addressing, exploring and reviewing how best to tackle the ever increasing challenges around flooding and climate mitigation as taken on more urgency.

This online Central Region event brings together a range of expert speakers that will be exploring steps local authorities have taken and are continuing to take in developing and supporting their services and communities. The event is intended to provide a strategic overview of the UK's response to the ever increasing occurrence of flood events and further impacts of changing weather patterns, case studies of coordinated, effective emergency response and practical means to ensure future resilience of local infrastructure.

A must attend event is **Free to Attend** for APSE Central Region Member Councils and is a must attend for those officers and elected members an interest or responsibility for facilitating flood response, prevention and recovery, and climate change response.

## Venue

**This is an online event to be held on Microsoft Teams**

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