



## Request and response (in red)

I am writing to make an open government request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would like answers to the question below:

- 1) Do you have a dedicated annual budget for flood remediation? If so, please state it in pounds.

No, Winchester City Council has a budget for maintaining flood defences, but not for flood remediation.

- 2) What was your annual dedicated budget for flood remediation last year? Please state your answer in pounds.

As above, zero.

- 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")

Winchester City Council has not had any floods in the last ten years.

Any floods in respect of private landowners or Highways will be dealt with by Hampshire County Council as lead Local Flood Authority

- 4) What was the cost to the council of the repairs and cleanup of your most recent flood (as per the definition above)?

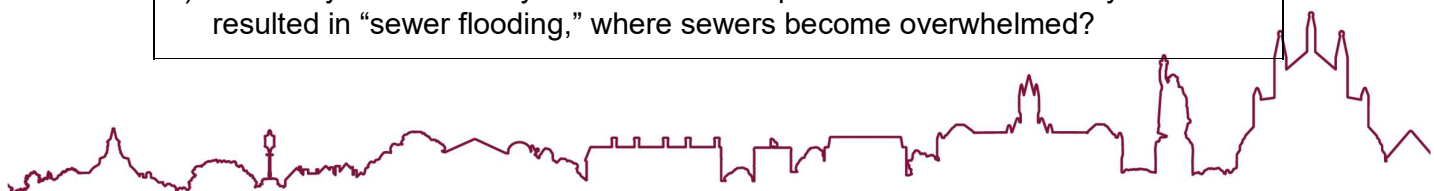
Zero as we haven't had any in the past ten years.

- 5) Which of the following have you planned to invest in to remediate floods? Please select all that apply.

Options:

- I. Installing Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) No
- II. Require all news builds/developments to include SuDS No
- III. Increasing drainage maintenance. No
- IV. Enhance green spaces to improve drainage and act as a natural buffer No
- V. Plant trees to help absorb excess rainwater No
- VI. Engage with home/landowners to reduce paved space No

- 6) Have any of the floods your council has experienced in the last ten years resulted in "sewer flooding," where sewers become overwhelmed?



Sewer flooding has occurred in several places, including the Winchester High Street, but these have affected private landowners or highways which fall under Hampshire County Council's remit.

Hampshire County Council can be contacted on:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/informationandstats/freedomofinformation>

