

Good practice event

Flood mitigation and adaptation: an issue for everybody

Wednesday 26th March 10:00-15:00 (Lunch provided)

Venue: Central London

Rates

LGIU Affiliated Organisations:

£150.00 (£176.25 inc VAT)

Standard:

£250.00 (£293.75 inc VAT)

Description

This event will bring together **Sir Michael Pitt** and **Sir John Harman**, two of the most influential figures shaping the UK's response to the floods of summer 2007.

It is now becoming clear that local authorities will be expected to build on their good performance in the 2007 floods. The Pitt Review of flooding has already highlighted the importance of local authorities in response to flooding. The government's water strategy 'Future Water' states that "We see local authorities in a central leadership role".

This seminar will include presentations from leaders in the key national bodies driving future flooding policy direction so delegates will have the opportunity to hear the latest thinking and the ability to respond in advance of final positions being established. To complement the high level policy agenda there will also be case studies from local authorities affected by flooding and key stakeholders in the water industry.

What will the event give you? Delegates will:

- gain a greater understanding of the impact of flooding on local authorities
- receive an insight into policy development on flooding for local government
- be able to debate flooding policy with influential policy shapers.

Who should attend?

- Councillors
- Cabinet members with a lead on sustainability or emergency planning
- Emergency planning officers
- Environment or sustainability policy officers
- Fire and police authorities

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PROGRAMME

10:00 REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS

10:30 Welcome and Introduction

10:35 Case Studies – Gloucestershire County Council
– Lincolnshire County Council

11:35 The role of water companies
Water UK (speaker tbc)

12:00 The role of Regional Flood Defence Councils
Jeremy Walker, Yorkshire RFDC

12.30 LUNCH

13:15 Keynote speech: Sir John Harman, Chairman of the Environment
Agency

14:00 Keynote speech: Sir Michael Pitt, Independent Chair of the Pitt Review
of the summer 2007 floods.

14:45 Closing remarks
Andy Johnston: Head of the Centre for Local Sustainability, LGiU

15.00 CLOSE