

Working together in the South East

(an introduction to the South East 7)

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Today's presentation:

- Origins
- Drivers
- Achievements
- Challenges
- Looking forward



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Origins

- The South East Seven (SE7) is a partnership of seven Councils that have committed to working together to improve the quality of services and to achieve savings.



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The seven Council's are:

- Brighton & Hove City Council
- Medway Council
- East Sussex County Council
- Hampshire County Council
- Kent County Council
- Surrey County Council
- West Sussex County Council



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Drivers

- SE7 operates as a 'coalition of the willing' with each Council deciding the extent to which it engages with each activity based on its own priorities.
- In March 2010, the SE7 Councils signed a 'Memorandum of Understanding' setting out their intention to increase joint working to benefit their combined population and to secure increased value for money.



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Current SE7 work streams:

- Information Technology
- Special Education Needs
- Waste
- Highways
- Flood Management and Drainage Group



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Achievements

- Highways
 - comparing costs and performance
 - building client capability
 - sharing services and resources
 - joint procuring



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- Flood Management and Drainage Group
 - at our first meeting in October 2010 opportunities discussed were:
 - sharing of knowledge, intelligence and resource
 - building client capability
 - support to RFCC
 - SUDs Approvals - consistent approach
 - enforcement - potentially greater impact if Council's work together
 - public information - consistency
 - IDBs



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- Work done by the group since it's first meeting:
 - Draft Flood and Water Management Bill
 - Flood and Water Management Act
 - Investigate flooding incidents.
 - Register of structures or features.
 - SuDs and SAB.
 - OWC.
 - Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment (PFRA)
 - good practice, significant flooding.
 - Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS)



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Challenges

- Future funding
- SuDS and SAB
- Continued momentum



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Looking forward

- Still got lots to do.
- Development of an SE7 Developers Guidance document for SuDS.
- Joint software.
- Asset capture.



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Thank you

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