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LGIU LOCAL GOVERNMENT FLOOD FORUM

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The Local Government Flood Forum is the independent voice of local government on flooding matters that give local councils a strong voice and a fair deal. The LGFF is supported by global design, engineering and management consultancy WSP.

The LGFF works to ensure that members have access to the most up-to-date information and intelligence from policy makers. Past LGFF speakers have included:

- Richard Benyon MP, former Minister of State (DEFRA)
- Anne McIntosh MP, former Chair of EFRA Select Committee
- Alison Baptiste, National Coastal Policy Manager, EA
- Daniel Johns, Head of Adaptation, Committee on Climate Change
- Matt Cullen, Policy Adviser, Association of British Insurers
- Jon Hall, Chief Fire Officer, Gloucestershire Fire & Rescue Service
- Cllr Derek Antrobus, Lead Member, Salford City Council

LGFF membership also gives members access to cutting-edge research. In 2011, LGFF partnered with Imperial College London, Met Office and EU-backed [RainGain](#) project to develop and pilot innovative technology that will radically improve the management of surface water flooding.

In 2015, the LGFF discussed progress on Flood Re (flood insurance), SUDS Approval Bodies and the impacts of changes to the planning regime on flooding; the use of new technologies in flood prevention, and moving the debate forward on how local government and local communities can provide good governance around flood risk management.

In 2017, the LGFF partnered with Imperial College London in an EU-funded project called [FloodCitiSense](#), which uses the urban living lab methodology to involve citizens in science projects. The aim of FloodCitiSense is to develop an early warning flood service for and by citizens in 3 pilot cities: Birmingham (UK), Brussels (Belgium), and Rotterdam (Netherlands).

Two meetings have been held in 2018. Meetings were held in April and October and delegated were brief on a range of issues. Minimising water consumption and groundwater flooding research are two areas that we have specifically followed up on.