

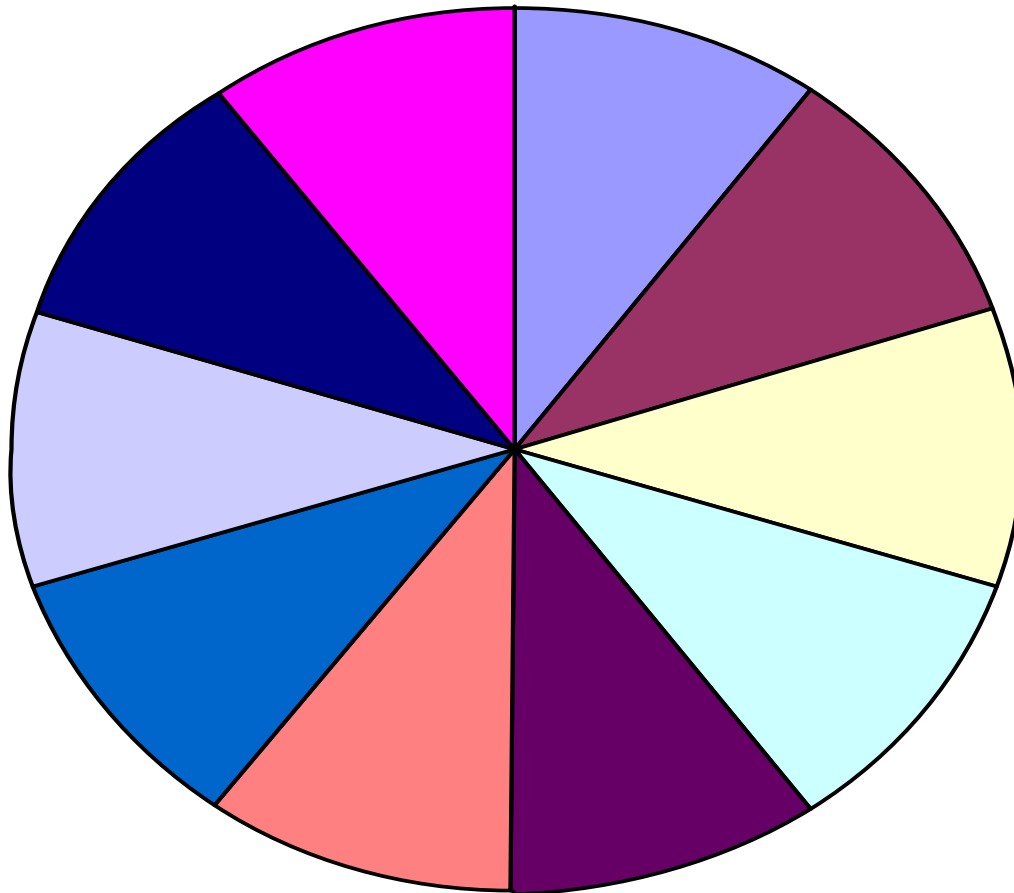
A Partnership Approach to Local Flood and Coastal Risk Management

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Outline of Talk

- Why we are taking this approach in Suffolk
- Successful Partnerships
- Practical Example
- Lessons Learnt

Suffolk Flood Risk Management Partnership



- Suffolk County Council
- 7 District Councils
- Environment Agency
- Water Companies
- Internal Drainage Boards
- Highways Agency
- Suffolk Resilience Forum
- Broads Authority
- Natural England
- GO-East

Beyton



Beyton: The Problem

- Long history of flooding on regular basis
- Deep floods 2-3x each winter leading to road closure
- Access/egress from 12 properties impeded
- Prevents access onto A14 major road junction
- Inconvenience for surrounding villagers and the local school
- Previous attempts to solve the problem failed to establish or apportion 'blame'.
- No single organisation or individual has legal responsibility.



Stages of working

1. Decide leader
2. Who needs to be involved
3. Agree the problem and 'ground rules'
4. Report back on investigations
5. Collective agreement on best option
6. Permissions and consents
7. Finding the money
8. Practical works

Possible solutions

- Widen the watercourse to hold more water
- Raise the local road
- Impede water flow off the A14
- Flood storage areas
- Pipe water away



Consents & Permissions

- Land Drainage Act consent
- Waste Regulations
- Planning permission
- Rights of Way/Highways closures
- Environmental consents
- Tree Preservation Orders
- Archaeology



LESSONS LEARNT

- Leadership – the role of the honest broker
- Communications
- Establishing partners at the beginning
- Agree the ‘ground rules’
- Funding
- Evidence based decisions
- Environmental issues
- Permissions/consents
- Ongoing maintenance





- Don't try to apportion 'blame'
- Be realistic from the start
- Beware of hidden costs
- Wider benefits = more funding partners
- Accept contributions in kind
- Be creative
- Ensure contributors get recognition



PRACTICAL WORKS:

£50k

**ditch clearance & widening
removal of concrete weir
road raising/kerbing
traffic management**

IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS:

£24k

staff time
investigations
road closure
land for ditch widening
waste disposal

SUMMARY

- Partnerships are successful
- Communities will get involved and help
- Everyone needs to be open and honest
- Good co-ordination and communications critical
- Sort out the solution, then look for the funding
- Publicise success



ANY QUESTIONS?

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