

Conwy County Borough Council

Environment, Roads & Facilities

Now that autumn/winter is upon us, we would remind you that Conwy County Borough Council Cabinet adopted a Sandbag Policy on the 11th July 2017. It gives clear guidance on what Conwy County Borough Council will and will not do in relation to the provision of sandbags during storm events.

What we will do	What we will not do
<p>Deploy sandbags to divert flow of flood water originating from Local Authority assets such as highway gullies, culverts and ditches in addition to watercourse, culverts and ditches lying within local authority owned land.</p> <p>Subject to availability; deploy sandbags at locations where there is an imminent risk to life or property. The decision to deploy sandbags shall be taken at the discretion of responding officers. Where possible, elderly and vulnerable residents shall be given priority.</p> <p>Collect sandbags from authority owned land and public open spaces and dispose of them in an appropriate manner.</p>	<p>Deploy sandbags to private properties in advance of a flood event.</p> <p>Deploy sandbags to commercial properties at any time before, during or after a flood event, unless deemed necessary under exceptional circumstances to protect adjacent residential and/or essential infrastructure from flood damage.</p> <p>Allow residents to collect sandbags from CCBC depots.</p> <p>Collect sandbags from private land, residential properties (other than when deployed by CCBC to elderly or vulnerable residents), or commercial premises.</p> <p>Collect sandbags which have not been deployed by CCBC.</p>

Whilst the use of sandbags is acknowledged in helping to divert and direct flows such as along a highway it is also noted that they have severe limitations in application when faced with prolonged periods of high flow or static water. Additionally, sandbags are ineffective in protecting from groundwater flooding or indeed where sewers cause flooding within properties. Homeowners and businesses are encouraged to implement their own flood resilient measures by purchasing specifically designed flood protection products.

During times of inclement weather, ERF will make reasonable efforts to assist residents at imminent risk of flooding, but, this is subject to resources available at the time of an event. No guarantee can be offered to residents that we can assist with all flood events. If residents are concerned that they may be at risk of flooding, it is

strongly recommended that they consider implementing their own flood resilience measures in advance of a flood event.

If you have any queries or require any further information relating to this new policy, please do not hesitate to contact us at ERF@conwy.gov.uk