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Nottinghamshire County Council puts flood-hit areas like Lowdham, Bingham and Radcliffe under the spotlight -

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Flood-hit communities should be helped to prepare, not repair, according to the committee looking to protect them in the future.

A Nottinghamshire County Council committee met to discuss three significant flood events in eight months.

The county council works with the Environment Agency, internal drainage boards, district, borough, town and parish councils, and infrastructure and utility providers, to deliver a number of flood risk management schemes and react to flood events.

Nottinghamshire experienced significant flooding in November 2019 as well as February and June 2020, affecting 801 properties and about 180,000 people.

Worst-affected were Bingham, Egmanton, Lowdham and Radcliffe.

Councillors heard schemes were ongoing in Southwell, Egmanton, Hucknall and Lowdham, totalling £8.3m.

Defra has given £595,000 for hydraulic studies in areas including around Bleasby, to identify areas for further flood mitigation investment.

Committee vice-chairman Phil Rostance said: “We have witnessed how flooding devastates communities, and we remain committed to protecting Nottinghamshire from future flooding events.

“The last eight months have seen three significant floods affect communities across Nottinghamshire, and we are doing all that we can to investigate each event alongside our partner agencies.

“We are currently delivering five flooding schemes across Nottinghamshire, and a further 23 are being considered for their feasibility and design.

“It is crucial that we continue to seek external funding for flood risk management schemes where possible and that we continue to educate our communities on how they can prepare for flooding.

“It remains our ambition to enable some 199 communities to prepare, not repair, by encouraging community participation to reduce the impact that flooding has on quality of life.”

