

Appendix 1- Provision of Sandbags to the Public- Policy Statement

It is the responsibility of every property occupier or owner to protect their property against flooding from all sources. Gloucester City Council has a limited stock of sandbags that are reserved for strategic deployment during flood events for the securing of existing or temporary defences and protecting essential services and infrastructure.

Householders are strongly urged not to rely on the Council for the provision of sandbags during a flood emergency. The Council do not have stocks to match potential demand and it would be impossible to meet all demand within the timescale sometimes dictated by a flash flood situation.

Where it is deemed appropriate following any strategic deployment, the Council may deliver sandbags to those vulnerable and at imminent risk of flooding to their living quarters, this is not a guarantee that sandbags will or can be delivered in time to prevent flooding.

Householders are strongly urged to check if their property may be at risk from flooding and consider action that can be taken now to prepare for a future emergency. Actions may be at the individual level or as part of action organised by community groups.

Sandbags will not be provided to commercial or industrial premises unless they are considered of strategic importance.