

Working as a Senior Flood Risk Officer



Where will I be working?

The role is hybrid so you will work between home, the main office at New Shire Hall in Alconbury Weald and at various locations across Cambridgeshire depending on what you are working on at the time. For example, you could be working collaboratively with various organisations to develop ideas for flood resilience schemes one day, visiting flooding hotspots another day or ensuring ongoing projects are being managed effectively. You will need a good level of computer skills and IT literacy including the main elements of Microsoft Office 365 and when working at home you will need a good broadband connection to accommodate video calls.

What kind of projects will I be working on?

There is a large variety of flood risk projects being delivered by Cambridgeshire County Council in terms of scale and complexity. Some examples include the retrofitting of Sustainable Drainage Systems in schools, the implementation of Natural Flood Management on agricultural or urban land, the development of flood related policy, implementation of water level telemetry and watercourse restoration. The range of schemes continues to grow as we look to embrace new technologies



Will I need to travel?

Our work is located across Cambridgeshire so you must either hold a full and current driving licence and have access to personal transport or meet the mobility requirements of the role through other reasonable and suitable means. The Council offers a pool car service with cars based at the main offices throughout Cambridgeshire. This means that cars can be booked and used for site visits and meetings.

What are the benefits of working at Cambridgeshire County Council?

We offer colleagues flexible working options including hybrid working, nine-day fortnights and compressed hours. The Local Government Pension Scheme is often viewed as one of the most valuable financial rewards of your job providing you with a secure, Government backed, guaranteed income, when you retire. Our Cambs Rewards, an online portal to access a wide range of employee discounts, a car lease scheme, cycle to work scheme, Pure Gym free day passes and discount on some gym memberships



Whilst there isn't such a thing as a typical week as a Senior Flood Risk Officer, in general terms you will be involved in a broad range of activities and provided you deliver work to the required quality and timeliness standards, when and how you work is largely up to you. Here's a couple of examples of how a week might look in your role.

Day 1

A virtual weekly catch up with the team to discuss flooding from the heavy rain at the weekend. The team share plans for the coming week making sure that there are enough resources to cover the affected area. In the afternoon you catch up with consultants and other team members to discuss a proposed flood risk scheme that is ongoing and carry out relevant actions to progress the project.



Day 2

In the morning you attend a site visit with another team member. This may involve meeting with residents, community flood groups, parish councils or developers. As well as gathering information on the flooding, you'll also use your technical knowledge and experience to establish ways in which the risk of flooding can be reduced in the future. Later in the day you get back to the office or home and record your findings and upload any photos from the day. You may need to make colleagues or partners aware of your findings and any action that they may need to take.



Day 3

As a part of an ongoing project, you spend some time investigating the data held on a project area, using GIS to generate mapping to support a business case. You then spend time arranging and preparing for a future partnership meeting, finding a venue and ensuring all partners are up to speed and able to attend.



Day 4

A day in the office with the team, you have a catch up with your manager and discuss any findings from flood investigations with colleagues. There is a monthly catch up with a partner organisation to discuss progress on a project and next steps. Following the meeting you carry out some research on potential suppliers for one of the teams' projects.



Day 5

A day to catch up on project management, completing any reporting, updating project risks or drafting a procurement strategy. You might spend time finishing off a funding bid or working with others to help prioritise preferred options. Finally plan next week's activities and prepare for any potential site visits or meetings by looking through information held by the team.

