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## **Oxfordshire County Council Local Flood Risk Management Strategy**

The draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS) will shortly open for public consultation. It sets out how, in OxonCC's role as lead local flood authority for Oxfordshire, the council will work together with partner authorities to manage flood risk.

In addition, it's looking at the longer-term consequences that need to be taken into account, particularly in relation to climate change.

- **What does the strategy do?**

It provides an overview of flood risk management across the county, as well as the roles and responsibilities of risk management authorities and other key stakeholders. It also includes information for residents, businesses and developers to help them understand and manage flood risk.

Underpinning the strategy are a series of objectives and measures that will be followed to manage and, where possible, reduce flood risk within Oxfordshire.

- **What's not in the strategy?**

It's not designed to be guidance on how authorities should respond in an emergency or incident related to flooding. These are still covered by the local resilience forums and multi-agency approaches under the Civil Contingencies Act.

- **Timeline**

The consultation runs from the 21st June for eight weeks on Let's talk Oxfordshire. It will include the draft strategy and action plan, as well as an online questionnaire to gather comments and thoughts.

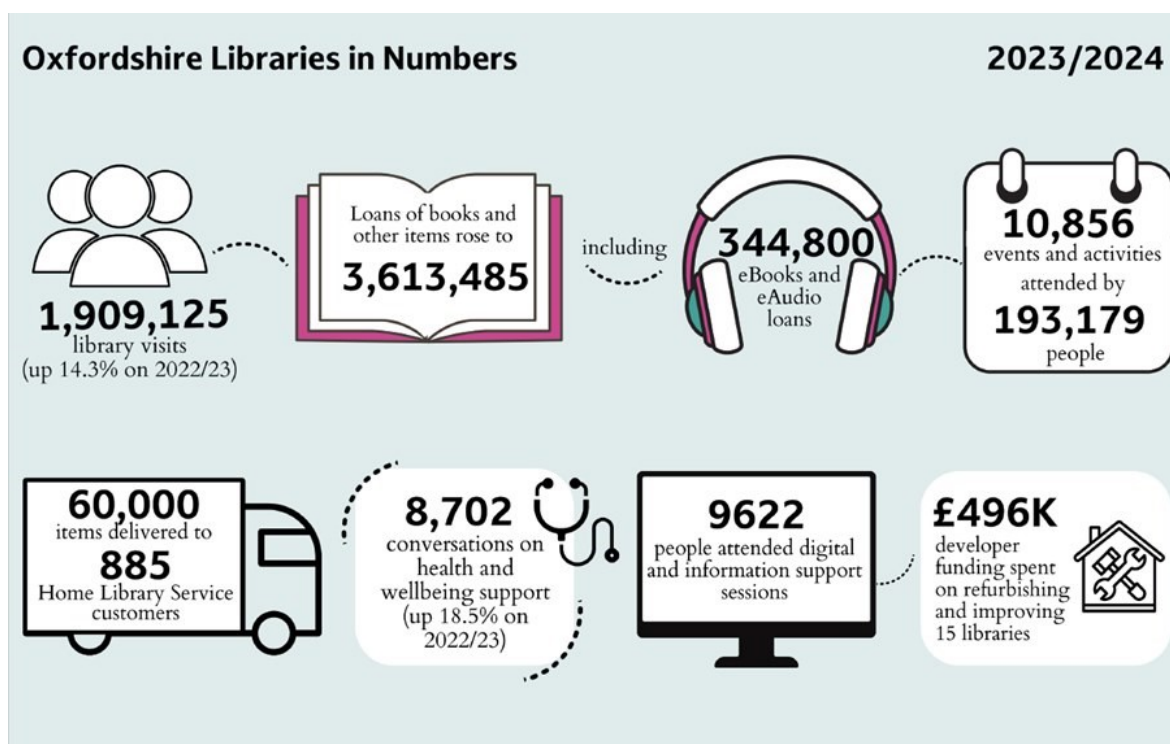
If you have any queries or questions, please email [floodmanagement@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:floodmanagement@oxfordshire.gov.uk).

## Oxfordshire's libraries in numbers (more than just books!)

Check out this infographic from our library services to celebrate their performance highlights for 2023/24. It really illustrates how our libraries provide a vital link with all our communities.

More people are visiting our libraries and, fresh from Mental Health Awareness Week last week, it's great to see so many conversations around mental health and wellbeing (up 18.5 per cent on last year).

Don't forget, our library service sends out monthly newsletters – subscribe at <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries>



## Making mental health care better

People who have accessed adult mental health services are being asked to help us make mental health care better in the county.

OxonCC is working together with doctors, voluntary groups, community services and others to help everyone in Oxfordshire with their mental health. Feedback will be used to help the council make decisions about future services.

The survey will be open until midnight on 15th July 2024:

<https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/mental-health-survey>