



FLOOD & COAST 2016
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**PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS USING
PUBLIC SECTOR COOPERATION
AGREEMENTS**

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What is a PSCA?


- High level agreement setting out principles for partnership working between 2 RMAs for 5 year period
 - Agreement not a contract
 - RMAs:- EA, LLFA, District Council, IDB, Water Company, Highway Authority
- Specific individual work items undertaken under the PSCA are agreed later and confirmed before work commences
- Based on Flood and Water Management Act 2010, Section 13
 - “ a risk management authority may arrange for **a flood risk management function** to be exercised on its behalf by another risk management authority”.
 - “The Environment Agency...may arrange for **a coastal erosion risk management function** to be exercised on its behalf by- a coast protection authority, a lead local flood authority, or an IDB”



What are Benefits of using a PSCA?

- **Sound legal basis** for flexible partnership working on main rivers, ordinary watercourses and coast
- Potential use for any maintenance and similar activity **where jointly agreed, avoiding the need to tender**
- Takes advantage of **local skills, expertise and resource availability** (including RMA contractors) to benefit local communities
- **Achieves value for money in delivery**, based on actual cost (not for profit)
 - Funding arrangements flexible, as agreed for specific works
- National **standard templates for PSCA agreed by EA and ADA**
 - Template PSCA Agreement
 - PSCA User Guide

S13 FWMA 2010
Cooperation Agreement

 Environment Agency

DATED: 2015

(1) ENVIRONMENT AGENCY
(2) **RELEVANT JOB / LOCAL AUTHORITY RMA**

COOPERATION AGREEMENT IN RELATION TO THE FLOOD **& COASTAL** RISK
MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS OF THE PARTIES MADE PURSUANT TO SECTION 13
OF THE FLOOD AND WATER MANAGEMENT ACT 2010

Commencement Date: [] 2015
Completion Date: [] 20[]

Potential Scope of PSCA Agreement

- Operational inspection
- Asset condition inspection
- System monitoring
- System operation
- Maintaining structures
- Grass cutting (Hand or mechanical)
- Tree Works
- Defence Repair
- Work on flood storage reservoir
- Obstruction removal / debris clearance
- Environmental management
- De silting and dredging
- Pumping operations
- Bank reprofiling/ reinstatement
- Asset improvement works
- Transportation of plant
- Weed control (mechanical and chemical)
- Pest / vermin control.
- Incident response

Trent Valley IDB



How do PSCAs Work ? KEY STEPS

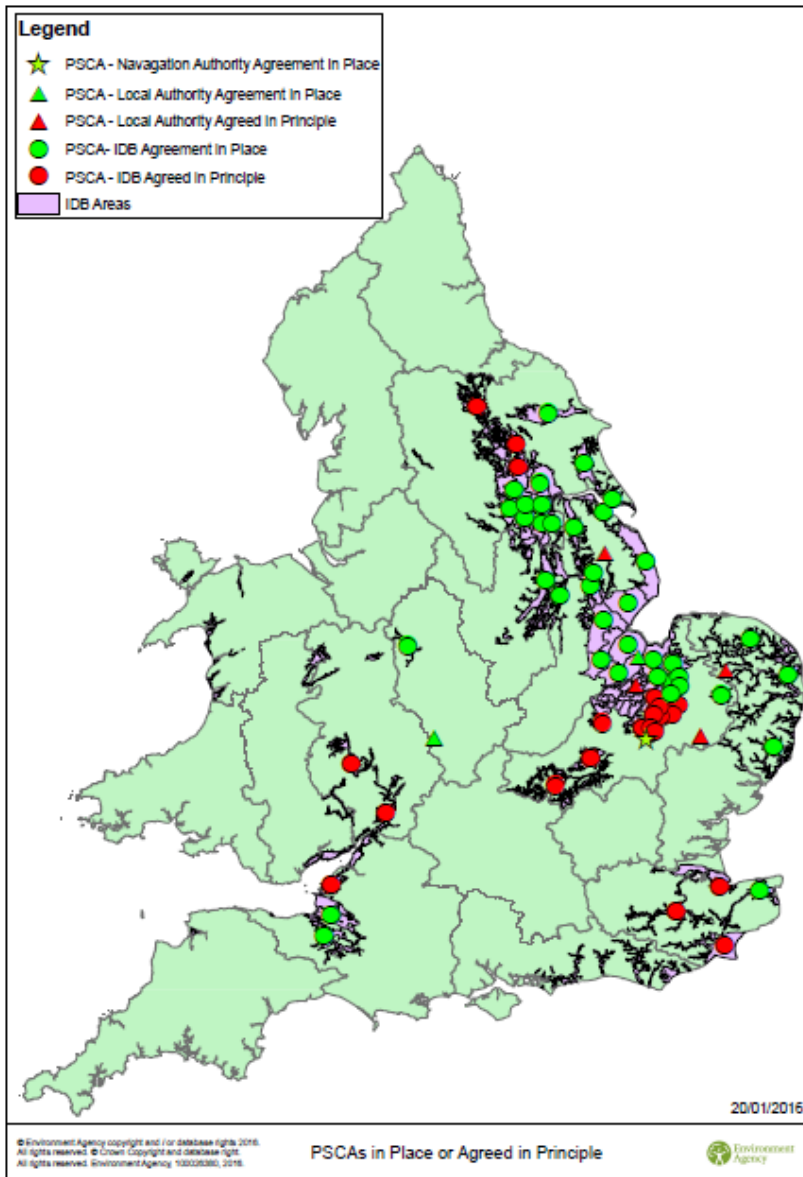
1. RMAs get PSCA in Place (covering 5 year period)
2. RMAs discuss future maintenance plans and works, identify and agree opportunities for PSCA work (e.g.IDB /LA for EA or vice versa)

For specific work / activity agreed

3. Confirm suitability for PSCA
4. **Obtain Estimate**, based on known rates and check anticipated VFM
5. If OK, Confirm specific works / activity in writing (using schedule 3 of PSCA)
6. On completion , **pay on actual cost**, review VFM
7. Annually review rates



EA PSCAs with other RMAs (Jan 2016)



42 PSCAs in place

(39 IDBs , 2LAs,1 Navigation Authority)

Further 28 PSCAs agreed in principle
(22 IDBs, 6 LAs)

Examples of EA / IDB PSCA Works

North Level IDB
Working on EA Main River



Black Sluice IDB
Emergency seal
of tidal sluice
(Dec 2013)



Examples of EA / LA PSCA Works

- Fenland District Council
 - Grass cutting, tree work, Wisbech area, also jointly funded dredging of tidal R Nene being considered
- Warwickshire County Council
 - Capital works to divert main river around collapsed culvert , Snitterfield
- Norfolk County Council
 - Grass cutting for each other
 - Asset inspections, maintaining structures
- Suffolk Coastal DC and Waveney DC
 - Coastal asset inspections, Maintenance and repair of promenade, H&S works and at groyne fields
- Suffolk County Council
 - Weed control, tree/bushing works e.g. Kirkley Stream Lowestoft
- All PSCAs
 - Support in managing Flood Incident

For more PSCA information

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