

## Introduction Details for Chairs/Speakers

**Name and title:** Mr Paul Hendy

**Job title:** Project Director

**Organisation:** National Flood Forum

**Interest in Flooding:** Paul Hendy specialises in post flood recovery and support to individuals and communities. Piloting the Communities Reunited recovery project following the Carlisle flooding 2 years ago. He is now working in the Yorkshire and Humberside regions at the request of Local Authorities and M.A.R.Groups implementing a similar scheme. He has conducted research into the effects of post flood recovery on victims health and the impact of building restoration, and insurance claim processing.

**Name and title:** Dr Chris Spray MBE

**Job title:** Director of Environmental Science

**Organisation:** Scottish Environment Protection Agency

**Interest in Flooding:** SEPA is the hydrometric authority for Scotland, providing data from its national network to inform flood risk management decisions. SEPA is also the flood warning authority for Scotland and a statutory consultee on flooding in the planning process. It runs the Floodline service and has produced the Indicative River and Coastal Flood Maps.

**Name and title:** Mr Robin Bailey

**Job title:** Strategic Flood Risk Planning Manager, North East Region

**Organisation:** Environment Agency

**Interest in Flooding:** Advising Regional and Local Authority Planners on Flood Risk Management issues and lead officer in responding to flood events.

**Name and title:** Mr Sandy Gillon

**Job title:** Group Manager

**Organisation:** Glasgow City Council

**Interest in Flooding:** Sandy heads up Glasgow Council's Strategic Drainage Team. He is also Project Manager for the 53 million pound White Cart Water Flood Prevention Scheme, and chair's the Metropolitan Glasgow Strategic Drainage Plan Steering Group.

**Name and title:** Mr Geoff Aitkenhead

**Job title:** Asset Management Director

**Organisation:** Scottish Water

**Interest in Flooding:** As Asset Management Director, Geoff Aitkenhead is responsible for the development and delivery of Scottish Water's capital investment programme. One of the investment drivers relates to the reduction of the number of properties at risk of flooding as a consequence of inadequate sewer capacity.

**Name and title:** Ms Jane Milne

**Job title:** Climate Change Leader

**Organisation:** Association of British Insurers

**Interest in Flooding:** Insurers have been engaged in flood policy issues since the mid-90s. Flood cover is a standard part of Household insurance in the UK but this can only continue where risks are controlled adequately.

**Name and title:** Mr Nick Evans

**Job title:** Principal Planner

**Organisation:** Scottish Government Planning Directorate

**Interest in Flooding:** Nick led the preparation of SPP7 – Planning and Flooding and the related Planning Advice Note. He continues to provide advice on planning cases where flooding is an issue.

**Name and title:** Professor Charles Ainger

**Job title:** Sustainable Development Director

**Organisation:** Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management, MWH UK Ltd.

**Interest in Flooding:** Prof. Charles Ainger specialises in engineering and sustainable development management and is Head of Sustainable Development at MWH. He also educates in change for sustainable development as a Visiting Professor at Cambridge University and through the Cambridge Programme for Industry. He was a Member of the National Technical Advisory Group on Flooding Issues and the Flooding Issues Advisory Committee set up by the Executive.

**Name and title:** Dr Thomas R Nisbet

**Job title:** Head of Water, Soil and Heritage Research Group

**Organisation:** Forest Research

**Interest in Flooding:** Leads Forestry Commission's forest hydrology research programme with a particular interest in the interactions between forestry and flooding.

**Name and title:** Mr Mike Donaghy

**Job title:** Freshwater Policy Officer

**Organisation:** WWF Scotland

**Interest in Flooding:**

Mr Mike Donaghy specialises in sustainable flood management. He led the WWF programme that developed natural flood management techniques. That work showed how the restoration of natural processes on a river catchment can contribute to lowering flood risk to communities as part of a sustainable approach. He was a member of the National Technical Advisory Group on Flooding and the Flood Issues Advisory Group set up by the Scottish Executive.

**Name and title:** Mr George Thorley, OBE

**Job title:** Non-Executive Director Scottish Government

**Organisation/Interest in Flooding:** George Thorley was awarded the OBE for services to Local Government in Scotland in 2005. He was Chief Executive of South Ayrshire Council from 1996 until his retirement from the Council in 2004.

**Name and title:** Dr Andrew R Black

**Job title:** Senior Lecturer in Physical Geography

**Organisation:** University of Dundee

**Interest in Flooding:** Dr Black contributed to the Awareness and Assistance sub-committee of the Executive's Flooding Issues Advisory Committee, and the Flood Liaison and Advice Group (FLAG). He has undertaken research commissions for insurers and has been involved in planning meetings for the British Hydrological Society.