

OVERVIEW OF LEEDS CITY COUNCIL'S WATER RESPONSIBILITIES

TYPE OF WATER RESOURCE	SIZE OF COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES	EXAMPLES OF RESOURCE	COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES	DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED	RECORDS AVAILABLE
Becks and watercourses	127 km	Wyke Beck Wortley Beck Meanwood/Sheepscar Beck Farnley Wood Beck Bagley Beck	As a riparian owner, ensuring that there is no impediment to the free flow of water.	ALMOs City Development (Land Drainage & Recreation) Education Leeds	Partial GIS record held by Land Drainage section.
Highway drains and culverts	450 km		Ensuring highway drains and culverts are maintained to standards that minimise the risk of highway flooding.	City Development (Highway Services)	136 km of highway drain recorded in GIS format by Land Drainage.
Highway Culvert Crossings <900mm	703 culverts		As above.	City Development (Highway Services)	(included in the above)
Highway Culvert Crossings >900mm Highway Bridges	153 culverts 118 bridges	Wyke Beck (A64) Easterly Road Harewood Bridge Wyke Bridge (Wyke beck) Globe Road Bridge (Hol beck)	Ensuring that the culverts and bridges are kept clear of obstructions.	City Development (Bridges Section)	Locations of bridges and culverts recorded in GIS. Additional information in Leeds Bridges Database
Lakes and reservoirs < 25,000m ³	> 10, but precise number not known.	Golden Acre Lake & Paul's Pond (Bramhope) Chippy's Quarry (Scholes), Farnley Hall Lake Middleton Park Lake, Woodhall Lake, Pudsey	As a responsible body, ensuring that the lakes are maintained to a high standard to avoid unacceptable risks to the local community.	City Development (Recreation)	Records are inconsistent and need to be brought up to a coherent standard.
Lakes and reservoirs > 25,000m ³	3	Waterloo Lake Yeadon Tarn Fenton Dam	As reservoir undertaker under the Reservoirs Act 1975, ensuring that the integrity of the reservoir is maintained and that all recommendations made by the Inspecting Engineer in the interests of safety are carried out.	City Development (Recreation)	Statutory Form of Record is held by the responsible department.