

Briefing: Local Flood Risk Management Plans



Background

To help us manage flood risk and reduce the impacts of flooding on our communities, economy and environment, Scotland has developed its first Flood Risk Management Strategies, published by SEPA in December 2015 and Local Flood Risk Management Plans which will be published by local authorities in June 2016.

Scotland has been separated into 14 Local Plan Districts (LPDs). These districts are based on river catchments and cross administrative and institutional boundaries. A Flood Risk Management Strategy is available for each LPD and taken together they set the national direction for future flood risk management and coordinate the efforts of all organisations that tackle flooding. Within each LPD there is a lead local authority responsible for the coordination and publication of their Local Flood Risk Management Plan which takes forward the objectives and actions to translate them into a local plan.

What is a Local Flood Risk Management Plan?

Flood Risk Management Plans take each Flood Risk Management Strategy and turn it into a local delivery plan. They provide more detail on how and when the actions from the strategy will be delivered locally, providing additional specific detail on the cost and benefits, funding and delivery timetable for actions.

Whilst individuals are the first line of defence when it comes to protecting themselves and their properties from flooding, the plans have been developed to avoid and reduce flood risk. The plans aim to prepare and protect our communities to make a real difference to managing the risk of flooding and recovering from any future flood events. Local Flood Risk Management Plans will be updated every six years. The first planning cycle is 2016 – 2022.

Partnership working and consultation are at the heart of tackling flooding in Scotland. Lead local authorities have worked in partnership with SEPA, Scottish Water, Forestry Commission Scotland and, where relevant, National Park Authorities in developing their Local Flood Risk Management Plans.

Viewing your Local Flood Risk Management Plans

From Wednesday 22 June 2016, Local Flood Risk Management Plans will be available from your local authority.

Flood Risk Management Strategies can be viewed online on the [SEPA website](http://sepa.org.uk). Please contact flooding@sepa.org.uk if you would prefer to view a hard copy. Please have the details of the area you would like information on, preferably a post code or town name.

Each lead local authority will be coordinating the communication of the launch of their Local Flood Risk Management Plan within their district. This briefing and accompanying Q&A may be shared internally only.

Contact us

For enquiries relating to briefing materials or the publication of the strategies please contact the flooding communications team, flooding@sepa.org.uk.

For enquiries relating to the content of the Local Flood Risk Management Plans please continue to liaise with your regional Flood Risk Planning Manager.

