

## SERVICE UPDATE

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### **UPDATE:**

Flood Risk Management Plans are required under the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 and are updated every 6 years. The Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 requires the relevant responsible authorities to work together to produce a co-ordinated "Local Flood Risk Management Plan" to reduce the overall risk of flooding from all types of sources. The Local Flood Risk Management Plan (the Plan) for the North East Local Plan District has been designed to ensure effort to reduce flood risk in this catchment area is coordinated.

Covering the period from 2022-28, the Plan has been prepared over several years and the planned actions are based on SEPA's National Flood Risk Assessment and have been developed in a collaboration of key stakeholders. The content of the Plan has been produced by Aberdeenshire Council as the Lead Local Authority for this LPD, in agreement with the following designated Responsible Authorities:

- Aberdeenshire Council
- Aberdeen City Council
- The Moray Council
- Scottish Water;
- SEPA;
- Forestry Commission Scotland; and
- Cairngorms National Park Authority

The Plan, based on six-year cycles, must demonstrate how the actions identified in SEPA's strategic documents will be delivered. SEPA published its strategic Flood Risk Management Plan for Scotland including the North East District, approved by the Environment Minister, in December 2021.

The consultation for the draft Local Flood Risk Management Plan was completed in December 2021 and the final Local FRMP was published in December 2022. This 2022-2028 local plan replaces the flood risk management plan for Cycle 1, which was published in 2016. Through this risk-based and plan-led approach, flood management will improve for individuals, communities, and businesses at risk across the north-east.

Under the Local Plan, Aberdeen City Council will be continuing to develop the Surface Water Management Plans in consultation with SEPA and Scottish Water and will be continuing with the next stages of current flood studies including:

- Merchant Quarter
- Jesmond Drive
- Preliminary study to undertake a strategic overview of the coastal protection

The Local Flood Risk Management Plan for the North East can be viewed at:

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/media/27479/local-flood-risk-management-plan-2022-2028.pdf>

Unless budgetary provision already exists, the finalised Plans will require to be considered for funding through the Council's normal financial planning processes. Publication of the plans has not required Aberdeen City Council to make any financial commitments. Including "potential action" in the implementation plans does not commit ACC to implementation if, for any reason, that action proves to be unworkable; one such reason could be that funding could not be secured.

To date, there is no confirmation from Scottish Government for funding on flood schemes under Cycle 2. However, for the flood studies identified within the plan, ACC has secured funding from the existing budget. At this stage there is no requirement for any additional spending from the ACC Capital budget.