

## **Statement of Reasons**

### **FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT (2009)**

#### **Highland & Argyll Local Flood Risk Management Plan (Cycle 2)**

##### **Introduction**

This paper sets out the reasons for The Highland Council not carrying out a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) on the Highland & Argyll Local Flood Risk Management Plan (Cycle 2). This paper should be read in conjunction with the Determination Notice for the aforementioned document.

##### **Determination**

It has been determined by The Highland Council, following advice from the Strategic Environmental Assessment Consultation Authorities (Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), Nature Scot and Historic Environment Scotland, that a SEA is not required for Highland & Argyll Local Flood Risk Management Plan (Cycle 2). The individual consultation authorities' responses to the SEA screening, the screening report itself and the determination notice can be viewed online at <http://www.highland.gov.uk/info/1210/environment/81/flooding/3>.

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This section sets out why the Council has determined that the Highland & Argyll Local Flood Risk Management Plan (Cycle 2) will not be subject to a SEA. The reasons are collated from information gathered during the screening process for the strategic environmental assessment and the responses to the screening from the consultation authorities. The reasons for not carrying out a full SEA can be summarised as follows:

- The Highland & Argyll Local Flood Risk Management Plan (Cycle 2) published by The Highland Council, has a sister document, the Highland & Argyll Flood Risk Management Plan (Cycle 2) published by SEPA.
- There are no new measures within the Highland & Argyll Local Flood Risk Management Plan (Cycle 2) that have not already been identified and appraised in the Environmental Report for the Flood Risk Management Plan's produced by SEPA. The only additional information included in the Highland & Argyll Local Flood Risk Management Plan that is not within the Highland & Argyll Flood Risk Management Plan is information regarding the timing of proposed actions and how they are to be funded.
- The Highland Council (along with each consultation authority) considers this information will not have a significant effect on the environment and does not require further assessment.
- The timing of any potential Flood Protection Works (schemes) within the plan are not planned to coincide and are geographically separate. The impact of this information would

not therefore have a significant effect on the environment and does not require further assessment.