

## Highland Flood Liaison and Appraisal Group

Highland Flood Liaison and Appraisal Group (FLAG) was set up in November 2002 and is an informal and advisory group tasked with promoting sustainable flood management for the whole of The Highland Council administrative area.

Highland FLAG meets every quarter, and is convened by the Council. A variety of people from several different organisations attend the group. These include planners, emergency planners and engineers from The Highland Council, representatives from SEPA, SNH and Scottish Water and also an insurance representative.

The FLAG has been set up in order to obtain information on flood risk areas to be used in such things as formulating planning policies and advising on planning applications and land allocations. The group will also contribute to a range of other work including Catchment Management Planning, Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems and other Building Control Matters.

The Remit for the Flood Liaison and Appraisal; Group is :-

- To assist and promote sustainable flood management over the whole of The Highland Council administrative area.
- To obtain information on flood risk areas and to prepare maps for inclusion in both Emergency and Local Plans.
- To assist with the formulation of planning policy in relation to flooding issues with a view to preparation of a Guidance Note.
- To advise on significant planning applications, development briefs and proposed land allocations within or affecting areas of flood risk.
- To advise on proposals for flood prevention and alleviation works to make recommendations with regard to the desirability of such works.
- To seek ways of enhancing flood warning systems for example, by promotion of the use of Automatic Voice Messaging Systems.
- To identify, support or commission research into flood related matters.
- To provide a forum for reaching an integrated view on flood risk and its consequences, including coastal erosion and inundation.
- To contribute to the biennial preparation of the report under the Flood Prevention and Land Drainage (Scotland) Act 1997.
- To contribute to any other relevant work, including Catchment Management Planning, Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems and any relevant Building Control matters.
- To set an annual work programme for actions.

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