

# Flood Risk Management Policy



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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Highland Council has a general duty under the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 to reduce overall flood risk within its geographical area.
- 1.2. The Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 has led to a new risk based, plan led approach to deal with flooding in Scotland.

## 2. Scope

- 2.1. In 2021 SEPA published the second national Flood Risk Management Plan (FRMP) for Scotland. This is updated on a 6-yearly cycle. Within the FRMP Highland, communities are located in either:
  - The Highland and Argyll Local Plan District Area (LPD01) where the Highland Council is the lead Local Authority, or
  - The Findhorn, Nairn and Speyside Local Plan District Area (LPD05) where The Moray Council is the lead Local Authority

- 2.2. The plan describes the following in detail:
  - Sources and impacts of flooding within Potentially Vulnerable Areas (PVAs)
  - Objectives for tackling these risks
  - Appropriate actions that will then deliver these objectives
  - The prioritisation of each action in six-yearly planning cycles

SEPA Flood Risk Management Plan: <https://www2.sepa.org.uk/frmplans/>

- 2.3. The Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 requires the lead local authority for each Local Plan District to publish a “Local Flood Risk Management Plan”. This Local FRM Plan identifies details of actions relating to the objectives set by SEPA in their plan, including who is responsible and indicative timeframes for undertaking the actions.
- 2.4. The Highland Council is the lead local authority for The Highland and Argyll Local Plan District Area (LPD01) and is responsible for developing the plan.

Download the {Highland and Argyll Local Plan}. **(insert link to download file)**

## 3. Information

- 3.1. A booklet “Managing Flood Risk in the Highlands” has been published on the Highland Council website. It outlines responsibilities of property owners, the Highland Council, Scottish Water and SEPA.

Download the {Managing Flood Risk in the Highlands booklet}. **(insert link to download file)**