

FINDHORN, NAIRN AND SPEYSIDE **Local Flood Risk Management Plan** *Interim Report*

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1 Background

The Interim Report is a legal requirement under Section 37 of the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 (the Act), which must be published between July 2024 and December 2025. This report includes a review of the Local Flood Risk Management Plan, published in December 2022, and information on the progress that has been made towards implementing the actions identified in the Plan.

Further details on flood risk management responsibilities in Scotland and the legal requirement for the publication of this Interim Report can be found in Appendix 1.

A copy of the Findhorn, Nairn and Speyside Local Flood Risk Management Plan can be found at [Moray Council FRM](#) or a hard copy of the plan can be obtained from Moray Council or Highland Council.

2 How current is the Plan

The Plan was published in December 2022 as a supplement to the Flood Risk Management Plan issued by SEPA in December 2022. It outlines how the actions identified in the Strategy will be carried out during the period from 2022 to 2028. Both the Strategy and the Plan are informed by the National Flood Risk Assessment and the designation of Potentially Vulnerable Areas at that time. The Plan continues to be considered appropriate based on the current understanding of flood risk within the Findhorn, Nairn, and Speyside Plan District.

3 Significant issues

Based on a progress review of the Plan for Findhorn, Nairn and Speyside, the following key themes and issues have been identified that have or may have an impact on the delivery of actions to manage flood risk. Arrangements planned to deliver the remaining actions are described below. Where these issues have had an impact on the delivery of specific actions or actions across an LPD, this is detailed in the 'Assessment of the progress of actions'.

Funding of New Flood Alleviation Schemes

The distribution of capital funding through the local authority general capital grant, including for flood protection schemes, is jointly agreed by Scottish Ministers and COSLA Leaders.

The implementation of the 2022 Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMPs) have been significantly affected by capital funding availability through the general capital grant for new flood protection schemes.

There is a commitment to fund flood protection schemes from the 2015 FRMPs first and many of these schemes have experienced cost escalations and extended delivery timelines.

As a result, there have been no capital allocations through the general capital grant for the development and delivery of new flood protection schemes. This has delayed early-stage procurement and design activity for new flood protection schemes by other Responsible Authorities and disrupted the intended sequencing of flood risk interventions across the country. There is therefore a backlog of flood protection schemes that remain in development or have been paused pending the availability of capital funding through the general capital grant.

The cumulative effect of these delays is a shortfall in the delivery of the flood protection schemes in the 2022 FRMPs.

Flooding across Findhorn, Nairn, Speyside Region: December 2022 – July 2025

- **December 2022 – January 2023:** Heavy rain and snowmelt triggered surface water flooding in Moray and the Highlands. SEPA issued multiple flood alerts for Findhorn, Nairn, Moray, and Speyside.
- **May 2023:** Intense summer storms caused flooding and property damage in Aberlour due to debris.
- **6-9 October 2023:** 48 hours of heavy rain across Scotland saw more than 150mm rain fall across the upper River Spey catchment, saturating ground conditions and flooding susceptible areas. Severe flood warnings were issued for Aviemore, high risk locations were evacuated and there was road and rail disruption throughout the area.
- **18-21 October 2023 – Storm Babet:** Major floods affected roads and properties; widespread warnings were issued.
- **31 December 2024 – Hogmanay Flooding:** Over 20 flood warnings were active during an amber alert for heavy rain across Highland and Moray.
- **May 2024:** Ongoing rain led to repeated surface water flooding in low-lying areas of Moray, including Elgin and Aberlour.

4 Other actions

Moray Council

The Council has completed the first Coastal Adaptation Plan in Scotland, covering the coastal areas within Moray. These plans highlight the triggers at which Moray Council or other responsible bodies may intervene with actions to help adapt to the changing coastline.

Moray Council also reassessed the risk from flooding of Aberlour following flooding in the spring of 2023. The assessment looked at the impact of new developments post the Flood Scheme being completed. The assessment concluded that the flood scheme continues to offer its intended level of protection, but the model review raised concerns about altered overland flow near Linn Brae/Chapel Terrace due to development post the flood scheme completion.

Highland Council

The Council has completed a Regional Coastal Change Adaptation Plan, covering coastal flood and erosion risk areas within the Highlands. This plan is a high-level review, identifying

priority sections of coastline for more detailed Local Coastal Change Adaptation Plans in the future, as funding allows.

SEPA

Over the past four years, SEPA has made significant improvements in the flood forecasting and warning service through its Flood Warning Development Framework 2022–2028. Key achievements include:

- **Scottish Flood Forecast:** A new 3-day public forecast developed with the Met Office, providing earlier and clearer flood risk information.
- **MyFloodline:** A redesigned registration platform that improves public access to flood warnings.
- **Regional Improvements:** Enhanced forecasting systems in the Scottish Borders and Firths of Forth and Tay to support upgraded warning services.
- **AI Integration:** SEPA has also embraced digital transformation and begun exploring the use of Artificial Intelligence to enhance forecasting capabilities.

5 Next steps

A Final Report on the Plan will be published between July 2027 and June 2028. This will include an updated assessment of the progress made towards implementing the current actions, a summary of the current measures which were not implemented, with reasons for their non-implementation; and a description of any other measures implemented since the Plan was finalised which the lead authority considers have contributed to the achievement of the flood risk objectives.

6 Conclusions

The majority, approximately 83%, of the actions identified in the Plan are expected to be delivered within the timescales set when the plan was published in December 2022.

Approximately 8% of the actions identified are delayed but expected to be delivered before the end of cycle 2 in 2028. Approximately 9% of the actions are not expected to be delivered in the cycle and will now be considered for future cycles.

In addition to funding availability for Flood Alleviation schemes, delays in implementing actions are generally due to factors that cannot be anticipated over a six-year period, such as funding adjustments and modifications to the scope of work after plans are published. Efforts will continue to be made to complete the outstanding actions as efficiently as possible.

7 Assessment of progress

This section sets out an assessment of the progress towards implementing the actions set out in the Plan. There are actions that apply across all the Findhorn, Nairn and Speyside LPD and actions that are specific to each of the 14 Potentially Vulnerable Areas (as defined under Section 13 of the Act), which are shown below in Figure 1.

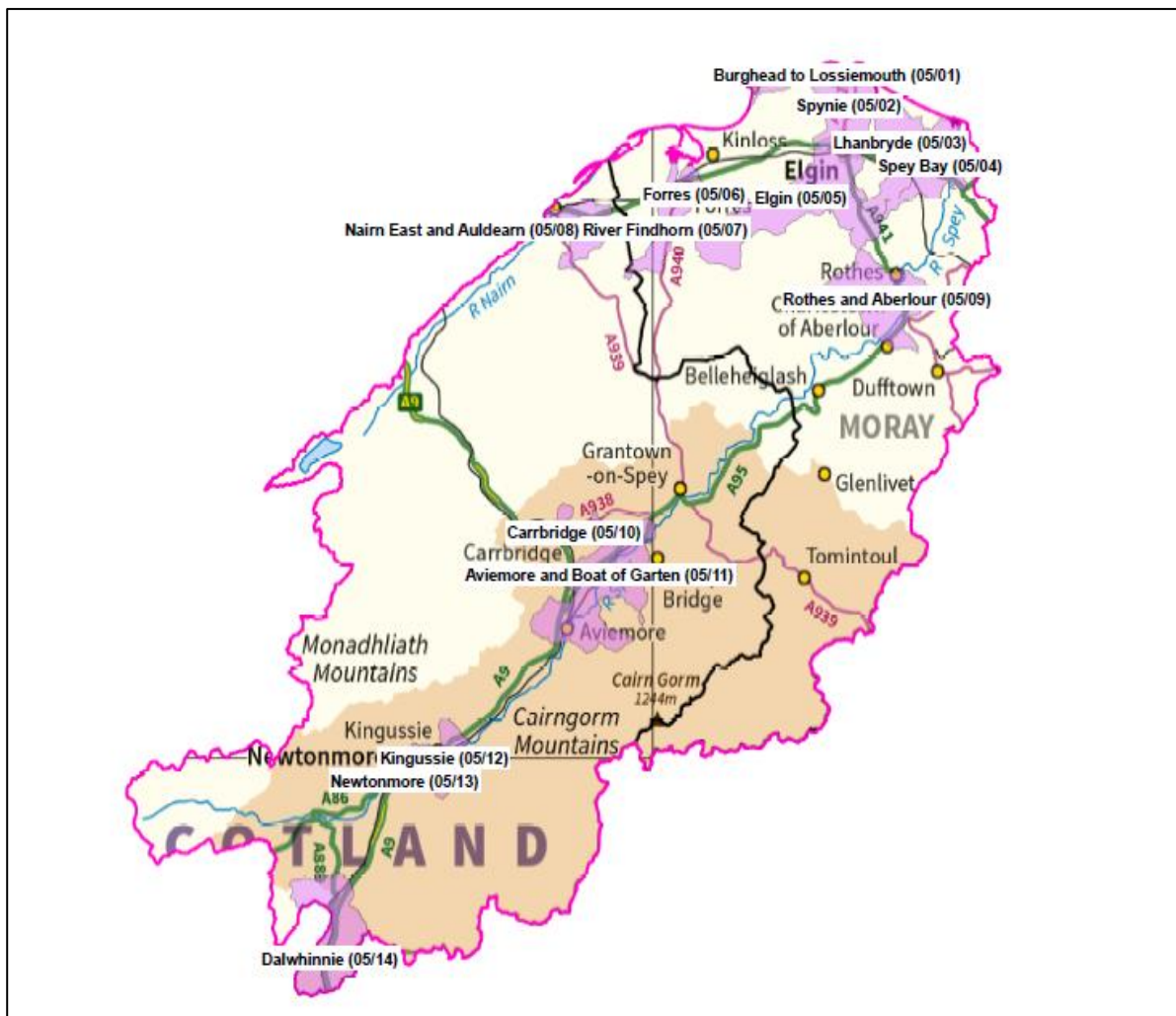


Figure 1: The Findhorn, Nairn and Speyside LPD with Potentially Vulnerable Areas identified
Details of Potentially Vulnerable Areas taken from Findhorn, Nairn and Speyside Flood Risk Management Strategy, SEPA (December 2015)

The actions that apply to individual PVAs are shown in Figure 2. The summary progress is shown using the traffic light system, where each item is marked as Red, Amber or Green (RAG) and where:

- **GREEN** – The action has been completed successfully or is progressing as planned. No immediate attention is required.
- **AMBER** – The action is behind schedule or progressing slowly, but it is not critical. Some attention or action is required to get it back on track.
- **RED** – The action is significantly behind schedule or has not started at all.

RAG Status	Flood study	Flood warning maintenance	Strategic mapping improvements	Adaptation plan	Community engagement	Community flood alert	Data collection	Flood defence maintenance	Flood risk management review	Flood scheme or works implementation	Flood scheme or works design	Flood study (existing flood defences)	Sewer flood risk assessment	Surface water management plan
Aberlour		GREEN						GREEN				GREEN		GREEN
Aviemore	RED	GREEN												
Dallas		GREEN						GREEN				AMBER		
Dalwhinnie									GREEN					
Elgin		GREEN		GREEN				GREEN		RED	RED	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
Forres		GREEN						GREEN				GREEN	GREEN	AMBER
Garmouth		GREEN		AMBER										
Hopeman		GREEN						GREEN					GREEN	
Kingston		GREEN		AMBER			GREEN							
Kingussie	AMBER	GREEN												
Kinloss	GREEN	GREEN					GREEN						GREEN	
Lhanbryde								GREEN				GREEN	GREEN	
Lossiemouth		GREEN	GREEN										GREEN	
Muir of Ord														
Nairn	AMBER	GREEN	GREEN											
Nethy Bridge	RED	GREEN												
Newmill (Nairn)	GREEN								GREEN					
Newtonmore		GREEN											GREEN	GREEN
Roths		GREEN		GREEN				GREEN		RED	RED	GREEN		
Seatown, Lossiemouth		GREEN	GREEN	GREEN					RED	RED	AMBER		GREEN	

Figure 2: Summary of progress of actions to manage flood risk in the Potentially Vulnerable Areas of the Findhorn, Nairn and Speyside LPD

Progress with LPD-wide Actions

This section sets out an assessment of the progress towards implementing actions that apply across all the Findhorn, Nairn and Speyside LPD over the six-year Plan, which is presented in Figure 3.

Action	Delivery Lead	RAG status - Interim Report	Update
Awareness raising	Moray Council, Highland Council & SEPA	GREEN	<p>Moray Council has undertaken a number of community events, with particular reference to coastal aspirations and post-flood recovery. We are committed to promoting property flood resilience and have worked in partnership with SEPA, Scottish Water, and the Scottish Flood Forum at these events.</p> <p>The Highland Council continue to engage with Community Resilience Groups, helping them to identify means to reduce flood risk themselves and become better prepared to deal with future flooding.</p> <p>SEPA has delivered a range of awareness-raising activities through targeted campaigns and collaborative partnerships. A key achievement has been the development of a suite of online flood education resources for pupils in P5–P7, designed to help young people build their understanding of flood risk and resilience.</p> <p>We have also refreshed how we communicate our flood warning and information tools to the public, guided by a user-led approach. Our emphasis on accessibility ensures that communities are better equipped to understand their flood risk and take action to build resilience.</p> <p>In addition, SEPA hosted its first-ever national online community event. The event attracted over 65 participants from communities across Scotland, with 96% of attendees reporting that they felt better informed about how their community could prepare for flooding.</p>
Data to support climate resilience	SEPA	AMBER	<p>SEPA is undertaking extensive work to upgrade the Hydrometric Network both in terms of infrastructure and technology, including dramatically increasing the number of sites and utility of near live data across numerous users.</p> <p>A strategic vision and strategy is being developed for Hydrology Monitoring in Scotland to ensure that our service meets future user needs in an effective and efficient way in a changing climate.</p>

Emergency plans	Moray Council, Highland Council & SEPA	GREEN	<p>Moray Council continues to provide support as a Category 1 responder. During the first part of the cycle, the Council updated its emergency plan with specific regard to flooding.</p> <p>The Highland Council continues to provide support as a Category 1 responder, updating emergency plans.</p> <p>SEPA plays a central role in Scotland's Flood Warning Service, working in partnership with local authorities, emergency services, and other responders under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 to support emergency planning and help protect communities from the impacts of flooding.</p>
Flood forecasting	SEPA	GREEN	<p>SEPA delivers the Scottish Flood Forecasting Service in partnership with the Met Office. This service continues to deliver daily outlooks of flood risk and potential impacts for the nation through its 3 day Scottish Flood Forecast for the public and 5 day Flood Guidance Statement for professional partners. Flood Alerts and Warnings are issued by SEPA's flood duty officers when flooding is possible and/or expected.</p>
Flood warning development framework	SEPA	GREEN	<p>SEPA published the Flood Warning development Framework for 2022-2028 including a programme of works to maintain and improve SEPA's forecasting and warning services. SEPA has developed a road map for improving surface water forecasting and SEPA now have a surface water forecasting tool that has been developed called PREDICTOR. Further recommendations exist to develop these surface water capabilities.</p> <p>SEPA's partnership with the Met Office continues with the publication of daily 3 day forecasts for the public and 5 day forecasts for professional partners.</p>
Future flood risk management planning	SEPA	AMBER	<p>SEPA is currently preparing the Flood Risk Management Plans for the upcoming cycle (2027–2033) in collaboration with key stakeholders. This process includes a formal consultation phase scheduled for 2026. The new plans will introduce key elements of the Scottish Flood Resilience Strategy and align with the objectives of other national frameworks, such as the Scottish National Adaptation Plan.</p> <p>Following the publication of the Scottish Flood Resilience Strategy in 2025, SEPA is embedding its principles and ambitions into a refreshed vision and strategic direction for its flooding services. Moray Council and The Highland Council reaffirms their commitment to supporting SEPA in the development of Flood Risk Management Plans. The Councils will work closely with communities through consultation on the preparation of Local Flood Risk Management Plans during 2026 and 2027.</p>

Guidance development	SEPA & Scottish Government	AMBER	As part of delivering the Scottish Flood Resilience Strategy, SEPA is contributing to the development of a flood advisory service. This includes updating and creating tailored guidance to support flood risk management projects. In collaboration with Scottish Forestry and other UK forestry agencies, Forest Research published the UK Forestry Standard Practice Guide in October 2022. This guide offers practical advice to landowners, land managers, and public authorities on how to design and manage forests and woodlands to help reduce flood risk.
Hazard mapping updates	SEPA	GREEN	<p>SEPA has a phased, multi year programme of hazard map updates. Updates to our coastal map for Outer Hebrides, Orkney and North East Scotland were published in November 2023 and South East Scotland is due to be published in 2026. A review of coastal modelling and mapping in South West Scotland will follow.</p> <p>In February 2025 SEPA published a new national flood hazard map for surface water and small watercourses, entirely replacing the previous surface water map release. SEPA is updating its approach to fluvial hazard map updates including user needs analysis, technological and methodological improvements in order to meet the next statutory hazard map update deadline of December 2031.</p>
Land use planning	Moray Council, Highland Council, SEPA & Scottish Water	GREEN	<p>SEPA- Following the publication of the Scottish Government's National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) in February 2023, SEPA has undertaken a programme of updates to its land use planning guidance on flood risk. This work, carried out in consultation with key stakeholders, has focused on ensuring alignment with Policy 22 in particular. The programme is now largely complete, and planning authorities are progressing with the implementation of NPF4 through the spatial elements of their upcoming local development plans.</p> <p>Moray Council and The Highland Council continue to assess planning applications to ensure compliance with National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) and to confirm that new developments do not increase flood risk to communities or existing infrastructure. The Councils are also working closely with the Local Development Plan teams to ensure that Strategic Flood Risk Assessments address known risks and support the creation of designated areas within Moray and The Highlands for Making Space for Water.</p>
Maintenance	Moray Council, Highland Council & Scottish Water	GREEN	Moray Council and The Highland Council continue to publish their clearance and repair schedules. These works are based on inspections carried out under the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 and are prioritised according to the risk of flooding that identified issues may present.
Natural flood management mapping	SEPA	GREEN	SEPA is developing an improved evidence base for updating natural flood management mapping using the Potentially Vulnerable Areas published in December 2024 and the revised National Flood Risk Assessment data which will be available in March 2026. This will enable a focussed

			catchment approach to be developed, building on the existing national approach and providing a higher resolution of opportunity mapping.
National flood risk assessment	SEPA	GREEN	SEPA is applying updated evidence and methodologies to produce the revised National Flood Risk Assessment, scheduled for publication in December 2025. The underlying data informed the identification of Potentially Vulnerable Areas for the next flood risk management cycle, which were published in December 2024. This evidence base will also shape the objectives and actions set out in the 2027–2033 flood risk management plans, due for release in December 2027.
National surface water mapping	SEPA	GREEN	In February 2025 SEPA published a new national flood hazard map for surface water and small watercourses, entirely replacing the previous surface water map release. This new release included publication for the first time of a future flood map, to help users understand the potential impacts of climate change. To accompany the publication a number of improvements were also made to the "Check an area's long term flood risk viewer".
Reservoirs	SEPA	GREEN	SEPA continues to develop its assessment of flood risk from dam failure and use these assessments to direct a proportionate regulatory approach to ensure reservoir safety. We are exploring the use of the UK emergency alerts service for issuing warnings in the event of a reservoir emergency.
Scottish Flood Defence Asset Database	SEPA	AMBER	SEPA's ongoing Flood Asset Project is strengthening the quality of evidence and data management on behalf of all flooding partners. This work will deliver an improved national database to replace the outdated original, which is no longer available, enabling more informed decisions on asset location, maintenance, flood warnings, risk management, and land use planning.
Self help	Moray Council & Highland Council	GREEN	The Highland Council continue to sign post communities and individuals to sources of help with respect to improving property resilience. Moray Council continues to operate the Property Level Protection (PLP) at-cost scheme and provides support to individuals upon request.

Figure 3: Progress with LPD-wide Actions for the Findhorn, Nairn and Speyside LPD

Progress with PVA-specific Actions

This section sets out an assessment of the progress towards implementing actions that are specific to each of the 14 PVAs as shown in Figure 2. Assessments of the progress of Red and Amber actions within each PVA are presented.

Target Area	Elgin		392
Action Type	Flood scheme or works design		39203
Action Delivery Lead	Moray Council	RAG Status	RED
Update	This action was subject to funding agreements being in place for Cycle 2 Flood Schemes. At present, there is no indication of when funding will be made available. Therefore, it is unlikely that this action will be completed within the timeframe originally highlighted.		

Target Area	Elgin		392
Action Type	Flood scheme or works implementation		39205
Action Delivery Lead	Moray Council	RAG Status	RED
Update	This action was subject to funding agreements being in place for Cycle 2 Flood Schemes. At present, there is no indication of when funding will be made available. Therefore, it is unlikely that this action will be completed within the timeframe originally highlighted.		

Target Area	Garmouth		393
Action Type	Adaptation plan		39301
Action Delivery Lead	Moray Council	RAG Status	AMBER
Update	Coastal adaptation plans have been written but triggers have not been prioritised, this will start 2026.		

Target Area	Kingussie		395
Action Type	Flood study		39501
Action Delivery Lead	Highland Council	RAG Status	AMBER
Update	Options have been explored to implement erosion reduction measures on the Gynack, however preferred options remain unfeasible. Pitmain Estate have completed work on a flow diversion channel into Loch Gynack which will reduce peak flood flows in the River.		

Target Area	Rothes		397
Action Type	Flood scheme or works design		39701
Action Delivery Lead	Moray Council	RAG Status	RED
Update	This action was subject to funding agreements being in place for Cycle 2 Flood Schemes. At present, there is no indication of when funding will be made available. Therefore, it is unlikely that this action will be completed within the timeframe originally highlighted.		

Target Area	Rothes		0
Action Type	Flood scheme or works implementation		39703
Action Delivery Lead	Moray Council	RAG Status	RED
Update	This action was subject to funding agreements being in place for Cycle 2 Flood Schemes. At present, there is no indication of when funding will be made available. Therefore, it is unlikely that this action will be completed within the timeframe originally highlighted.		

Target Area	Dallas		421
Action Type	Flood study (existing flood defences)		42103
Action Delivery Lead	Moray Council	RAG Status	AMBER
Update	The project has not yet commenced due to staff resourcing issues. The works are now scheduled for delivery in the 2027–2028 period.		

Target Area	Forres		427
Action Type	Surface water management plan		42704
Action Delivery Lead	Moray Council	RAG Status	AMBER
Update	Due to staffing constraints, Moray Council has been unable to progress this project further. It is now planned to be delivered between 2026 and 2027.		

Target Area	Aviemore		396
Action Type	Flood study		39601
Action Delivery Lead	Highland Council	RAG Status	RED
Update	No works undertaken to date. Not identified in the Council capital programme.		

Target Area	Nairn		428
Action Type	Flood study		42801
Action Delivery Lead	Highland Council	RAG Status	AMBER
Update	<p>Flood Modelling of the River Nairn and Auldearn Burn has been undertaken. No funding currently available to progress with an Options Appraisal.</p> <p>A Coastal Study has begun for Nairn Beach, with a Dynamic Adaptive Pathway report produced. In collaboration with the local community, vegetation replanting is planned along the dunes. The Council have also begun a study to look at potential beach recharge.</p>		

Target Area	Nethy Bridge		434
Action Type	Flood study		43401
Action Delivery Lead	Highland Council	RAG Status	RED
Update	No works undertaken to date. Not identified in the Council capital programme.		

Target Area	Nethy Bridge		434
Action Type	Community flood alert		43402
Action Delivery Lead	Nethy Bridge Community	RAG Status	Unknown
Update	No update provided from Nethy Bridge Community.		

Target Area	Kingston		463
Action Type	Adaptation plan		46302
Action Delivery Lead	Moray Council	RAG Status	AMBER
Update	Coastal adaptation plans have been written but triggers have not been prioritised, this will start 2026.		

Target Area	Seatown, Lossiemouth		9991
Action Type	Flood scheme or works design		999101
Action Delivery Lead	Moray Council	RAG Status	AMBER
Update	No design work has been undertaken. No funding has been secured.		

Target Area	Seatown, Lossiemouth		9991
Action Type	Flood scheme or works implementation		999102
Action Delivery Lead	Moray Council	RAG Status	RED
Update	This action was subject to funding agreements being in place for Cycle 2 Flood Schemes. At present, there is no indication of when funding will be made available. Therefore, it is unlikely that this action will be completed within the timeframe originally highlighted.		

List of Acronyms and Abbreviations

FRM	Flood Risk Management
ICS	Integrated Catchment Study
LFRMP	Local Flood Risk Management Plan
LPD	Local Plan District
NFM	Natural Flood Management
PVA	Potentially Vulnerable Area
Q&S	Quality & Standards (Scottish Water)
SEPA	Scottish Environment Protection Agency
SR10/15	Spending Review periods for 2010-2015 and 2016-2021 for Scottish Water capital maintenance expenditure
SWMP	Surface Water Management Planning
TEAMB	Tay Estuary and Montrose Basin

Appendix 1: Flood risk management responsibilities in Scotland and the legal requirement for the publication of this Interim Report

Flood risk management in Scotland

The Scottish Ministers, SEPA and responsible authorities must exercise their flood risk related functions with a view to reducing overall flood risk (reference Section 1(1) of the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009).

Through the preparation of a national flood risk assessment and setting of objectives to reduce the level of flood risk by SEPA, which is published in Flood Risk Management Strategy, and the publication of Local Flood Risk Management Plan's by 'lead' local authorities, which detail how and when the actions agreed to meet these objectives are to be done, SEPA and all responsible authorities must act to manage flood risk in a sustainable way.

Flood Risk Management Strategy for Findhorn, Nairn and Speyside
Local Flood Risk Management Plan for Findhorn, Nairn and Speyside

Legal requirement

This document sets out the conclusions of the review of the Local Flood Risk Management Plan (LFRMP) for the Findhorn, Nairn and Speyside LPD as required by Section 37 of the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 (the "Act").

37 Local flood risk management plans: Interim Report

(1) Not earlier than 2 years and not later than 3 years after a local flood risk management plan is finalised, the lead authority must —

- (a) review the plan, and
- (b) publish a report on the conclusions of the review including information on the progress that has been made towards implementing the measures identified in the implementation part of the plan.

(2) The lead authority must make copies of the report available for public inspection.

The Findhorn, Nairn and Speyside LFRMP was published in December 2022, therefore, the Interim Report needs to be published between December 2024 and December 2025. The Interim Report provides a summary of the LFRMP actions ('measures') and the proposed delivery timescales.

The information on progress will include:

- an assessment of the progress towards implementing each of the actions;
- reasons for any actions where delivery is not as planned; and
- a description of arrangements planned to deliver the remaining actions and to address delayed actions.

The Interim Report is published by the ‘lead authority’ as defined by Section 34(9) of the Act in partnership with SEPA and the ‘responsible authorities’, as defined by Section 5 of the Act, will be in the LPD. The approval of the Interim Report will be in accordance with the agreed governance arrangements in the LPD. The responsible authorities for the Findhorn, Nairn and Speyside LPD are:

- Moray Council (lead authority)
- The Highland Council
- Cairngorms National Park
- Forestry Commission Scotland
- Scottish Water.

The lead authority must also publish a Final Report on the LFRMP under Section 38 of the Act between December 2026 and December 2082 (not earlier than 5 years and not later than 6 years from the publication of the Plan). The Final Report will provide an assessment of current actions and a summary of current actions not implemented, with reasons for their non-implementation. The Final Report will also include a description of any other measures implemented, which the lead authority considers have contributed to the achievement of the objectives summarised in the LFRMP.

Publication

The published Interim Report for the Findhorn, Nairn and Speyside LFRMP will be made available for public inspection, as per Section 37(2) of the Act, via the website of the lead authority, Moray Council:

www.moray.gov.uk; search for “Interim Report LFRMP”.

Links to the published Interim Report for the Findhorn, Nairn and Speyside LFRMP will also be provided from Scottish Government, SEPA and other responsible authority websites.

A hard (paper) copy of the published Interim Report for the Findhorn, Nairn and Speyside LFRMP is also available for public inspection on weekdays between 9am and 5pm at the following location(s):

Council access points in Elgin, Forres, Keith and Buckie, Elgin Library and at Highland Council's offices in Dingwall.

Copies of the published Interim Report for the Findhorn, Nairn and Speyside LFRMP may also be available at offices of other responsible authorities.

Detailed arrangements for publication of the Interim Report for Findhorn, Nairn and Speyside LFRMP are in Appendix 2.

Appendix 2: Publication details

Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009
Publication of Interim Report for the Findhorn, Nairn and Speyside Local Flood Risk
Management Plan –
Summary of Proposed Communications Activities

The following communications activities will be used to publicise and make the Interim Report available:

- Upon finalising the Interim Report for the Findhorn, Nairn and Speyside Local FRM Plan, Sections 37(2), 53 and 54 of the Act specifically require Moray Council, as the lead authority, to
 - Publish an Interim Report on the Findhorn, Nairn and Speyside Local FRM Plan;
 - Make copies of the Interim Report available for public inspection free of charge and at all reasonable times;
 - Publicise the arrangements for making it available by means of a notice in the appropriate newspapers (at least one Scottish newspaper and such local newspapers within the LPD as considered appropriate)
- The Interim Report for the Findhorn, Nairn and Speyside Local FRM Plan will be published in a hard copy format and a pdf version will also be made available on the Council's website at [Moray Council FRM](#)
- Hard copies of the Interim Report for the Findhorn, Nairn and Speyside Local FRM Plan will be held and made available upon request at the Moray Council's Access points in Elgin, Forres, Keith and Buckie and Elgin Library. The Plan can also be viewed at Highland Council's offices in Dingwall.
- A letter (with a pdf version of the report on DVD) will be sent to SEPA and the Scottish Ministers.
- On or before the publication date [*to be advised*], public notices will be placed in the *Press and Journal* and *The Northern Scott*, fulfilling our duties to publicise the Interim Report in accordance with Sections 37, 53 and 54 of the 2009 Act.