

SERVICE DESCRIPTION FORM

Department: Environmental Services	
Service: Flood Risk Management	
Income	(£000s) 0
Description: This services manages flood risk under the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 – a sustainable, plan-led, prioritising approach. It involves asset management (flood schemes, watercourses, drainage, SUDS, coastal defences and surface water management), flooding advice, developing strategies and plans and implementing them on a catchment scale working with partner authorities, SEPA and Scottish Water. It is mostly statutory driven by guidance under the Act so there is limited scope for a light touch. While Council activities will to an extent be locally driven, a good deal will come from 2014 strategies produced by SEPA and implemented by councils and Scottish Water. The Council is in two FRM Planing districts – North East (with Aberdeenshire (Lead) and Aberdeen City, and Findhorn, Nairn and Speyside with Highland (TMC Lead). Lead authorities have additional responsibilities.	
Outcomes / impacts: Links to the SOA are numerous but indirect because reducing flood risk has a number of beneficial impacts across, eg, the economy, transport, health and social care etc. The Service Plan includes implementing the Act through FRM plans and asset management which links to the corporate asset management initiative. There are clear and measurable Government expectations set out in the Act and in guidance to date. There are statutory deadlines. Councils work with SEPA and SW address potentially vulnerable areas (defined areas by statute), appraise measures to reduce flood risk and produce plans to implement them – all for public consultation and ministerial approval by 2015 and 2016 (draft 2014).	