

Statement of Reasons

FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT (SCOTLAND) Act (2009)

Tweed Local Flood Risk Management Plan

Introduction

This paper sets out the reasons for Scottish Borders Council not carrying out a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) on the Tweed Local Flood Risk Management Plan. This paper should be read in conjunction with the Determination Notice for the aforementioned document.

Determination

Scottish Borders Council, following advice from the Strategic Environmental Assessment Consultation Authorities Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), NatureScot and Historic Environment Scotland has determined that a SEA is not required for the Tweed Local Flood Risk Management Plan. The individual consultation authorities' responses to the SEA screening, the screening report itself and the determination notice will be available to view online when the Tweed Local Flood Risk Management Plans is formally published in December 2022.

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This section sets out why the Council has determined that the Tweed Local Flood Risk Management Plan 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 reason for not carrying out a full SEA can be summarised as follows:

- The Tweed Local Flood Risk Management Plan published by Scottish Borders Council has a sister document, the Tweed Flood Risk Management Strategy published by SEPA.
- There are no new measures within the Tweed Local Flood Risk Management Plan that have not already been identified and appraised in the Environment Report and Post Adoption Statement for the Flood Risk Management Plan produced by SEPA. The only additional information included in the Tweed Local Flood Risk Management Plan that is not within the Tweed Flood Risk Management Strategy is information regarding the timing of proposed actions and how they are to be funded.
- Scottish Borders Council (along with each consultation authority) considers this information will not have a significant effect on the environment, and does not require further assessment.
- There are two proposed Flood Protection Schemes specified in the Tweed Local Flood Risk Management Plan. Both schemes are in the study phase and will be subject to their own environmental appraisals as part of the scheme design, preparation and construction.