

# Tweed Local Flood Risk Management Plan *Interim Report*

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## 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 Tweed Local Flood Risk Management Plan can be found at [Tweed LFRMP](#) or a hard copy or the plan can be obtained by contacting Scottish Borders Council.

## 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 Flood Risk Management Plan will be carried out during the period from 2022 to 2028. Both the Flood Risk Management Plan and the Local Flood Risk Management Plan are informed by the National Flood Risk Assessment and the designation of Potentially Vulnerable Areas at that time. The Local Flood Risk Management Plan continues to be considered appropriate based on the current understanding of flood risk within the Tweed Local Plan District (LPD).

## Significant issues

Based on a progress review of the Plan for the Tweed LPD, 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 implementation of Cycle 2 of Scotland's Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMPs) has been significantly affected by delays in capital funding availability. A key contributing factor has been the continued financial commitments associated with projects initiated under Cycle 1. Many of these earlier schemes experienced cost escalations and extended delivery timelines, resulting in ongoing liabilities that have constrained the funding available for new projects.

As a result, capital allocations from the Scottish Government/COSLA intended for Cycle 2 have, in part, been redirected to complete or settle outstanding Cycle 1 schemes. This has delayed the mobilisation of new projects and disrupted the intended sequencing of flood risk interventions across the country.

Further compounding the issue, confirmation of available budgets for Cycle 2 was not provided in time to support early-stage procurement and design activity. This has led to a national backlog of priority schemes that remain in development or have been paused pending funding clarity.



The cumulative effect of these delays is a shortfall in the delivery of Cycle 2 actions.

***Flooding across the Tweed Catchment: December 2022 – July 2025***

- **20 February 2022** – Heavy rain in the Northern Borders resulted in out of bank flows from the Gala Water at Stow flooding the bowling club and play park. Flooding also occurred at Romanno Bridge after the Lyne Water broke its banks.
- **30 December 2022** – Significant rainfall in the Northern Borders resulted in the largest recorded flood event on the Lyne Water, coupled with significant flow in the Tweed flooding Tweed Green, Peebles and Walkerburn for a number of hours.
- **January 2023 – November 2023** – Regular flooding of the B709 in the Upper Ettrick Valley due to failed river bunds, community regularly cut off, and vehicles regularly damaged by flood water.
- **4 December 2023** – Surface water flooding caused property flooding and road flooding around Kelso and a blocked culvert on the Mill Lade in Galashiels caused flooding on Bank Street
- **21 January 2024** – Significant rainfall in the Borthwick Water Catchment caused flooding to land and isolation of Craik Village. The Jed Water catchment was also significantly impacted with one of the largest floods on record causing flooding to properties in Bankend Industrial Estates and the A68 trunk road.
- **24 May 2024** – Heavy rainfall in the Edderston Water Catchment and its sub catchments, causing out of bank flows in Eddleston village and on the Cuddy in Peebles. Crossburn Caravan Park was impacted after flows breached the informal embankment protecting the caravan park.
- **21 July 2025** – Flash flooding due to torrential rainfall caused flooding to properties in Newtown St Boswells, Melrose and Newstead.
- **13 November 2025** – Flash flooding caused a trash screen to block on the Stirches Burn flooding one property in Hawick.

## Other actions

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- The flood bund which forms part of the Denholm Flood Protection Scheme and provides mitigation against surface water flooding was remediated and reset to its original design.
- Design and Construction of formal flood protection scheme under the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 at Romanno Bridge protecting properties at Romanno Mill.
- Reinstatement of informal flood bunds on the Ettrick Water at Thirlestane Gardens to reduce the frequency of flooding to property and the B709.
- Replacement of damaged twin Armco culvert in Galashiels to reduce flood risk to surrounding roads and properties.
- Reinstatement and repair of damaged river banking which forms part of the Selkirk Flood Protection Scheme.
- Along with other responsible authorities - engaging and assisting the newly formed Tweeddale Area Partnership Flood Advisory Group.
- Partnership working with Scottish Flood Forum and Bonchester Bridge Community Council to install a community flood warning River Track system on the Rule Water.
- Partnership working with Scottish Water to design a scheme to help mitigate surface water sewer flooding in Lanton.

## 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.

## Conclusions

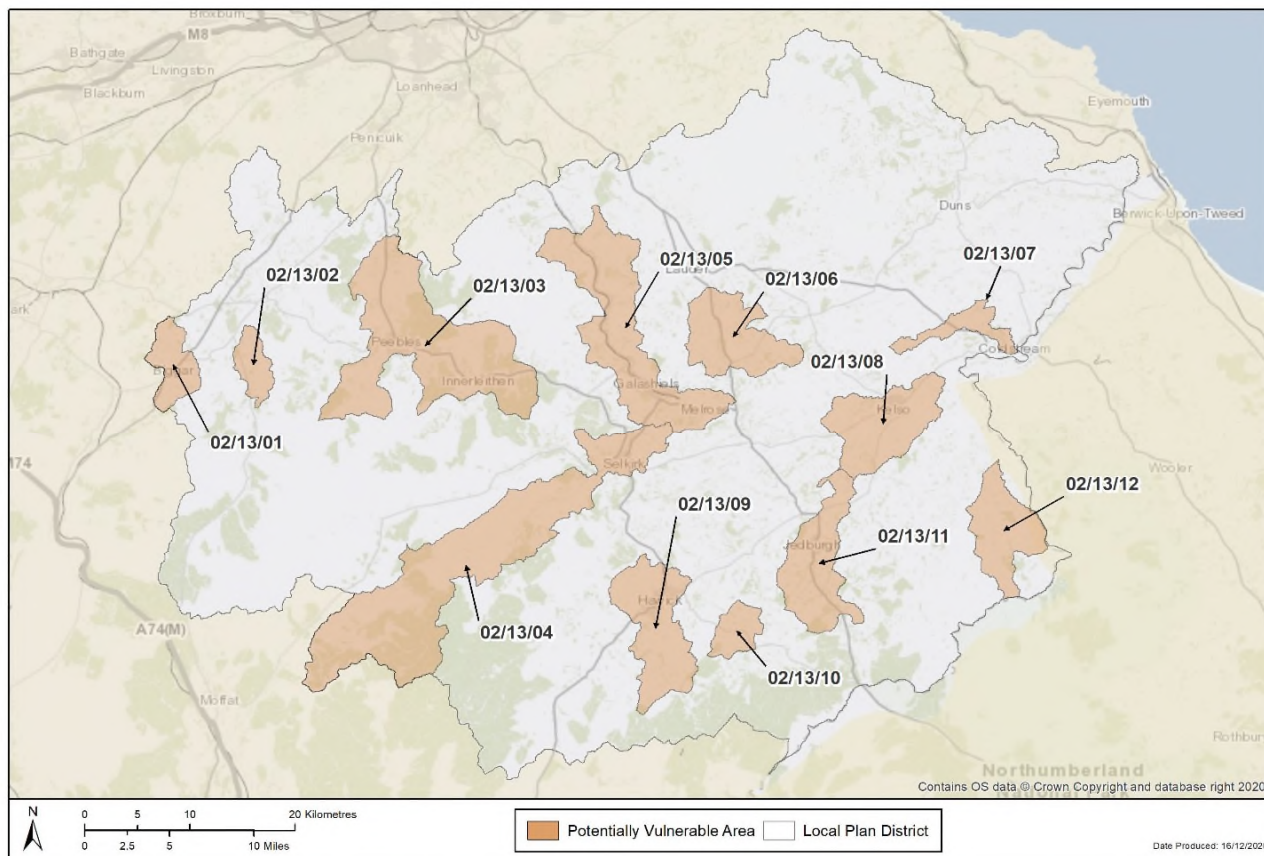
The majority, approximately 89%, of the actions identified in the Plan are expected to be delivered within the timescales set when the plan was published in December 2022.

Approximately 19% of the actions identified are delayed but expected to be delivered before the end of cycle 2 in 2028. Approximately 11% of the actions are not expected to be delivered in the first 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 can 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.

## 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 of the Tweed LPD and actions that are specific to each of the 12 Potentially Vulnerable Areas (as defined under Section 13 of the Act), which are shown below in Figure 1.



**Figure 1 Potentially Vulnerable Areas in the Tweed Local Plan District**

*(Reproduced from the Tweed Flood Risk Management Plan, SEPA (December 2021))*

The actions that apply to individual PVAs are shown in Figure 2. The summary of 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															
	Community engagement	Community flood alert	Community resilience group	Data collection	Emergency plan	Flood defence maintenance	Flood scheme or works implementation	Flood scheme or works design	Flood study	Flood study (options appraisal)	Flood warning maintenance	Flood warning scoping	Sewer flood risk assessment	Strategic mapping improvements	Surface water management plan
Biggar									GREEN					AMBER	
Bonchester Bridge	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	AMBER					GREEN						
Bowmont Valley	AMBER		GREEN	RED								GREEN			
Broughton	GREEN														AMBER
Coldstream	RED		AMBER								GREEN				
Earlston	AMBER		AMBER			GREEN					GREEN				
Eddleston	RED										GREEN				
Galashiels	AMBER		RED			GREEN			GREEN		GREEN,				
Hawick	GREEN		GREEN			GREEN	GREEN	RED	RED		GREEN		GREEN		GREEN
Innerleithen	AMBER		AMBER			GREEN					GREEN,				
Jedburgh	GREEN		GREEN			GREEN			GREEN		GREEN				AMBER
Kelso	AMBER										GREEN				AMBER
Lindean	GREEN							RED		GREEN	GREEN				
Manor Valley	GREEN		GREEN		GREEN										
Melrose	AMBER										GREEN				
Peebles	GREEN		GREEN			GREEN	RED	RED			GREEN,				
Selkirk						GREEN					GREEN				
Stow			GREEN						GREEN		GREEN				
Upper Ettrick	GREEN		AMBER		GREEN				GREEN		GREEN				
Walkerburn	GREEN		GREEN								GREEN				

Figure 2: Summary of progress of actions to manage flood risk in the Potentially Vulnerable Areas of the Tweed LPD

**Progress with LPD-wide Actions**

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

Action	Delivery Lead	RAG status - Interim Report	Update
Awareness raising	Responsible Authorities	GREEN	<p>Scottish Borders Council and South Lanarkshire Council carry out community events and meet with Community Councils and local resilience groups as required to raise awareness of flooding. This also includes collaborative and partnership approaches with SEPA, Scottish Water and the Scottish Flood Forum.</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>

			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.
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	Category 1 and Category 2 responders	GREEN	<p>Scottish Borders Council and South Lanarkshire Council are Category 1 responders and continue to provide support to all Category 1 and Category 2 responders during emergencies.</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	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.

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>
Guidance development	SEPA	AMBER	<p>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.</p>
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.</p>

			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.
Land use planning	Responsible Authorities	GREEN	<p>Scottish Borders Council and South Lanarkshire 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. Work also continues with Local Development Plan teams to ensure that forward planning and development of Strategic Flood Risk Assessments address known areas of flood risk.</p> <p>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>
Maintenance	Scottish Borders Council and South Lanarkshire Council	GREEN	Scottish Borders Council and South Lanarkshire Council continue to assess bodies of water as appropriate and take the relevant action mitigate flood risk through their clearance and repair schedules. Both Councils also manage and maintain telemetry networks which form part of localised flood warning areas.
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	All	GREEN	Scottish Borders Council continues to operate a subsidised flood product scheme for residents in the Scottish Borders and continues to offer support and advice to residents on how best to mitigate flood risk, including supporting resilient community groups.

			South Lanarkshire Council continue to offer advice and will work with Scottish Flood Forum in relation to Self Help requests from those affected by flooding.
Future flood risk management planning	All	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.</p>

Figure 3: Progress with LPD-wide Actions for the Tweed 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 12 PVAs as shown in Figure 2. Assessments of the progress of Red and Amber actions within each PVA are presented.

Target Area	Biggar	281
Action Type	Strategic mapping improvements	28102
Action Delivery Lead	South Lanarkshire	RAG Status
Update	AMBER	
	In February 2025, SEPA released a new national flood hazard map for surface water and small watercourses, which fully replaced the previous mapping for areas including Biggar. SEPA is currently refining its approach to fluvial hazard mapping, incorporating user needs analysis to improve the incorporation of 3rd party studies alongside technological and methodological enhancements, in preparation for the next statutory update deadline in December 2031.	

Target Area	Biggar	281
Action Type	Flood study (options appraisal)	28101
Action Delivery Lead	South Lanarkshire	RAG Status
Update	GREEN	

Target Area	Broughton	271
Action Type	Surface water management plan	27101
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status
Update	AMBER	
	Due to commence in 2026 and will be completed before the end of Cycle 2.	

Target Area	Broughton	271
Action Type	Community engagement	27102
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status
Update	GREEN	
	Due to commence in 2026 and will be completed before the end of Cycle 2.	

Target Area	Lindean	274
Action Type	Flood study (options appraisal)	27401
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status
Update	GREEN	

Target Area	Lindean	274
Action Type	Flood scheme or works design	27402
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status
Update	RED	
	Flood Study has been completed but no suitable options were highlighted as being viable to be taken forward as a flood protection scheme.	

Target Area	Lindean	274
Action Type	Community engagement	27403
Action Delivery Lead	SEPA	RAG Status
Update	GREEN	

Target Area	Lindean 274		
Action Type	Flood warning maintenance 27404		
Action Delivery Lead	SEPA	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Eddleston 275		
Action Type	Flood warning maintenance 27501		
Action Delivery Lead	SEPA	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Eddleston 275		
Action Type	Community engagement 27502		
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	RED
Update	Flood Study to be carried out in Cycle 3		

Target Area	Bonchester Bridge 276		
Action Type	Data collection 27601		
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	AMBER
Update	Currently being investigated if any suitable locations for a rain gauge can be found in the upper catchment.		

Target Area	Bonchester Bridge 276		
Action Type	Flood Study 27602		
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Bonchester Bridge 276		
Action Type	Community engagement 27603		
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Bonchester Bridge 276		
Action Type	Community resilience group 27604		
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Bonchester Bridge 276		
Action Type	Community flood alert 27605		
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Upper Ettrick 278		
Action Type	Flood study 27801		
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Upper Ettrick278		
Action Type	Emergency plan27802		
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Upper Ettrick			278
Action Type	Community engagement			27803
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	GREEN	
Update				

Target Area	Upper Ettrick			278
Action Type	Community resilience group			27804
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	AMBER	
Update	The group is still active but requires additional support from Scottish Borders Council due to the retirement of the coordinator.			

Target Area	Upper Ettrick			278
Action Type	Flood warning maintenance			27805
Action Delivery Lead	SEPA	RAG Status	GREEN	
Update				

Target Area	Coldstream285		
Action Type	Flood warning maintenance28501		
Action Delivery Lead	SEPA	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Coldstream			285
Action Type	Community engagement			28502
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	RED	
Update	Given the limited flood risk in Coldstream no engagement with the Community has taken place to date.			

Target Area	Coldstream285		
Action Type	Community resilience group28503		
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	AMBER
Update	The group is currently in abeyance and not in communication with SBC.		

Target Area	Earlston287		
Action Type	Flood warning maintenance28701		
Action Delivery Lead	SEPA	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			



Target Area	Earlston287		
Action Type	Community engagement28702		
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	AMBER
Update	On-going, liaise as appropriate with public and community groups.		

Target Area	Earlston287		
Action Type	Community resilience group28703		
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	AMBER
Update	The group are in a period of transition due to recent changes within the team and a temporary coordinator is in place. They require additional support.		

Target Area	Earlston287		
Action Type	Flood defence maintenance28704		
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Galashiels			289
Action Type	Flood study			28901
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	GREEN	
Update				

Target Area	Galashiels289		
Action Type	Community engagement28902		
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	AMBER
Update	On-going, Liaise as appropriate with public and community groups.		

Target Area	Galashiels289		
Action Type	Community resilience group28903		
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	RED
Update	There is not currently an active Community Resilience Group in Galashiels		

Target Area	Galashiels289		
Action Type	Flood defence maintenance28904		
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Galashiels289		
Action Type	Flood warning maintenance (Gala Water)28905		
Action Delivery Lead	SEPA	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Galashiels289		
Action Type	Flood warning maintenance (Tweed)28906		
Action Delivery Lead	SEPA	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Hawick290		
Action Type	Flood study29001		
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	RED
Update	Given size of catchment, the natural flood management study is on hold until an appropriate approach has been developed by carrying out similar studies on smaller catchments.		

Target Area	Hawick290		
Action Type	Flood scheme or works design29002		
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	RED
Update	Flood Study (Slitrig) has been completed but no suitable options were highlighted as being viable to be taken forward as a flood protection scheme.		

Target Area	Hawick290		
Action Type	Flood scheme works or implementation29003		
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Hawick290		
Action Type	Flood defence maintenance29004		
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Hawick290		
Action Type	Sewer flood risk assessment29005		
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Hawick290		
Action Type	Surface water management plan29006		
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Hawick290		
Action Type	Community engagement29007		
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Hawick			290
Action Type	Community resilience group			29008
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	AMBER	
Update				

Target Area	Hawick290		
Action Type	Flood warning maintenance29009		
Action Delivery Lead	SEPA	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Innerleithen291		
Action Type	Flood warning maintenance (Tweed)29101		
Action Delivery Lead	SEPA	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Innerleithen291		
Action Type	Flood warning maintenance (Leithen Water)29102		
Action Delivery Lead	SEPA	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Innerleithen291		
Action Type	Community engagement29103		
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	AMBER
Update	On-going, continue to liaise as appropriate with public and community groups.		

Target Area	Innerleithen291		
Action Type	Community resilience group29104		
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	AMBER
Update	The group can still be activated during an emergency response and the community are members of the Tweeddale Area Partnership flood advisory sub group.		

Target Area	Innerleithen291		
Action Type	Flood defence maintenance29105		
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Jedburgh292		
Action Type	Flood Study29201		
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Jedburgh292		
Action Type	Surface water management plan29202		
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	AMBER
Update	Due to commence in 2026 and will be completed before the end of Cycle 2.		

Target Area	Jedburgh292		
Action Type	Community engagement29203		
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Jedburgh	292
Action Type	Community resilience group	29204
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status GREEN
Update		

Target Area	Jedburgh	292
Action Type	Flood defence maintenance	29205
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status GREEN
Update		

Target Area	Jedburgh	292
Action Type	Flood warning maintenance	29206
Action Delivery Lead	SEPA	RAG Status GREEN
Update		

Target Area	Kelso	293
Action Type	Surface water management plan	29301
Action Delivery Lead	SEPA	RAG Status AMBER
Update	Due to commence in 2026 and will be completed before the end of Cycle 2.	

Target Area	Kelso	293
Action Type	Community engagement	29302
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status AMBER
Update	On-going, Liaise as appropriate with public and community groups.	

Target Area	Kelso	293
Action Type	Flood warning maintenance	29303
Action Delivery Lead	SEPA	RAG Status GREEN
Update		

Target Area	Melrose	301
Action Type	Flood warning maintenance	30101
Action Delivery Lead	SEPA	RAG Status GREEN
Update		

Target Area	Melrose	301
Action Type	Community engagement	30102
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status AMBER
Update	On-going, Liaise as appropriate with public and community groups.	

Target Area	Peebles	306
Action Type	Flood scheme or works design	30601
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status RED
Update	Awaiting decision on national funding for Flood Protection Schemes.	

Target Area	Peebles		306
Action Type	Flood scheme or works implementation		30602
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	RED
Update	Awaiting decision on national funding for Flood Protection Schemes.		

Target Area	Peebles		306
Action Type	Community engagement		30603
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Peebles		306
Action Type	Community resilience group		30604
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Peebles		306
Action Type	Flood defence maintenance		30605
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Peebles		306
Action Type	Flood warning maintenance (Eddleston Water)		30606
Action Delivery Lead	SEPA	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Peebles		306
Action Type	Flood warning maintenance (Tweed)		30607
Action Delivery Lead	SEPA	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Selkirk		313
Action Type	Flood defence maintenance		31301
Action Delivery Lead	SEPA	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Selkirk		313
Action Type	Flood warning maintenance		31302
Action Delivery Lead	SEPA	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Stow		316
Action Type	Flood study		31601
Action Delivery Lead	SEPA	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			



Target Area	Stow316		
Action Type	Community resilience group31602		
Action Delivery Lead	SEPA	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Stow316		
Action Type	Flood warning maintenance31603		
Action Delivery Lead	SEPA	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Walkerburn321		
Action Type	Flood warning maintenance32101		
Action Delivery Lead	SEPA	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Walkerburn321		
Action Type	Community engagement32102		
Action Delivery Lead	SEPA	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Walkerburn			321
Action Type	Community resilience group			32103
Action Delivery Lead	SEPA	RAG Status	GREEN	
Update				

Target Area	Bowmont Valley			326
Action Type	Data collection			32601
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	RED	
Update	This has not been delivered and will be reviewed as part of the proposed Cycle 3 Actions 2028-2034			

Target Area	Bowmont Valley			326
Action Type	Community engagement			32602
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	AMBER	
Update	On-going, liaise as appropriate with public and community groups.			

Target Area	Bowmont Valley			326
Action Type	Community resilience group			32603
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	GREEN	
Update				

Target Area	Bowmont Valley		326
Action Type	Flood warning scoping		32604
Action Delivery Lead	SEPA	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Manor Valley		327
Action Type	Emergency Plan		32701
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Manor Valley		327
Action Type	Community engagement		32702
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

Target Area	Manor Valley		327
Action Type	Community resilience group		32703
Action Delivery Lead	Scottish Borders	RAG Status	GREEN
Update			

## 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

## 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 Plan, 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.

## **Legal requirement**

This document sets out the conclusions of the review of the Local Flood Risk Management Plan (LFRMP) for the Tweed 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 Tweed 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 Tweed LPD are:

- Scottish Borders Council (lead authority)
- South Lanarkshire Council
- Forestry Commission Scotland
- Scottish Water
- SEPA

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 Tweed LFRMP will be made available for public inspection, as per Section 37(2) of the Act, via the website of the lead authority, Scottish Borders Council.

Links to the published Interim Report for the Tweed 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 Tweed LFRMP is also available on request by contacting Scottish Borders Council directly.

Detailed arrangements for publication of the Interim Report for the Tweed LFRMP are in Appendix 2.

## Appendix 2: Publication details

### **Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 Publication of Interim Report for the Tweed 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 Tweed Local FRM Plan, Sections 37(2), 53 and 54 of the Act specifically require Scottish Borders Council, as the lead authority, to
  - Publish an Interim Report on the Tweed 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 Tweed 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.
- Hard copies of the Interim Report for the Tweed Local FRM Plan will be held and made available upon request to Scottish Borders Council.
- 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 *Southern Reporter*, fulfilling our duties to publicise the Interim Report in accordance with Sections 37, 53 and 54 of the 2009 Act.