





## **1.0 INTRODUCTION TO POLICY STATEMENT ON FLOODING**

### **1.1 Purpose**

1.1.1 This policy statement has been prepared by Argyll and Bute Council to provide a

and should maintain and keep watercourses clear of obstructions that are liable to pose a risk of flooding.

## **2 The Act**

### **2.1 General Duties under the Act**

2.1.1 All bodies responsible for managing flood risk, including Local Authorities, SEPA, Scottish Ministers and Scottish Water, are placed under a set of general duties which provide the basic framework in which all work under the Act must be progressed and all flood management decisions must be taken.

2.1.2 In summary, the key requirements which these bodies must take into consideration when carrying out their functions are to:-

- act with a view to reducing overall flood risk;
- act to secure compliance with the Directive;
- act with a view to achieving the objectives set out in the flood risk management plans;
- have regard to the social, environmental and economic impact of carrying out those functions.

2.1.3 So far as is consistent with flood risk functions, they must also:

- act in the way best calculated to manage flood risk in a sustainable way;
- promote sustainable flood risk management;
- act with a view to raising public awareness of flood risk; and
- act in the way best calculated to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development.

2.1.4 These bodies also have a legal requirement placed upon them to adopt, wherever practicable, an integrated approach through co-operating with each other. Adopting a fully collaborative and coordinated approach to implementation, between local authorities, SEPA, Scottish Water and other relevant bodies is widely viewed as being central to the delivery of improved flood risk management.

### **2.2 Local Authority Duties under the Act**

2.2.1 Local Authorities have a Duty to:

- Prepare maps of bodies of surface water
- Assess relevant bodies of water
- Prepare a schedule of clearance and repair works
- Prepare local flood risk management plans
- Carry out clearance and repair works in a schedule prepared by the council
- Keep a register of flood protection schemes



2.5.3 The public consultation period for the Characterisation and Objective setting to

years, after a local flood risk management plan is finalised, or by such other date as the Scottish Ministers may direct, the lead authority must publish a report of the plan containing (a) an assessment of the progress made towards implementing the current actions, (b) a summary of the current actions which were not implemented, with reasons for their non-implementation, and (c) a description of any other actions implemented since the plan was finalised which the lead authority considers have contributed to the achievement of the objectives summarised in the supplementary part of the plan

## **3.0 ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL'S POLICY ON FLOODING**

### **3.1 Policy Statement**

<p><b>Argyll &amp; Bute Council acknowledges and supports the Scottish Government's aims and objectives as set out in the Act and our policy and approach will be consistent with them.</b></p>
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3.2 Argyll & Bute Council is required to:-

- (i) Work collaboratively with other Responsible Authorities such as SEPA, Local Authorities, Scottish Water, The Forestry Commission and the National Park with the overall aim of reducing flood risk.
- (ii) Prepare maps of relevant bodies of water and sustainable urban drainage systems.
- (iii) From time to time assess relevant bodies of water (other than canals) for the purpose of ascertaining whether the condition of the body of water gives rise to a risk of flooding.
- (iv) Where a body of water gives rise to a risk of flooding following the assessment and where it is considered that clearance and repair works would substantially reduce that risk, prepare a schedule of those clearance and repair works.
- (v) Carry out works described in the schedule of clearance and repair works where it considers that it will contribute to the implementation of current actions described in any relevant local flood risk management plan or will not affect the implementation of such measures.
- (vi) Provide the Lead Authority with information when requested.
- (vii) Keep a register of flood protection schemes.
- (viii) Monitor those watercourses which have proved to be critical in terms of flood risk and take action to maintain the critical parts.
- (ix) Regularly maintain those ordinary watercourses for which Argyll and Bute Council is the riparian owner.
- (x) Investigate, record and assess flooding events.





4.0 MAP OF LOCAL PLAN DISTRICTS WITHIN SCOTLAND

Local Plan Districts

