

Media Release



Consultation Underway on Flood Risk Management

Stirling Council is encouraging residents to offer their views on actions that can be taken to tackle the risk of flooding in local areas.

Working in collaboration with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and other key partners, Stirling Council is the lead local authority for the <u>Forth Local Plan District Consultation</u>. There are 14 district consultations across Scotland being co-ordinated between SEPA and local authorities.

The second phase of the consultation offers information on the local flood risk management plan in addition to consultation questions. It also provides information on how and when flood risk actions from the plan will be delivered locally.

The <u>consultation</u> is open to residents, businesses and any other interested parties including other responsible authorities. It will close on 31 October 2021.

Convener of Stirling Council's Environment and Housing Committee, Cllr Jim Thomson said: "The severe weather and flooding warnings across Scotland is a reminder that local flood risk management plans are required to alleviate flood risk.

"It's in all of our interests for measures taken to mitigate flood risks that are resilient and appropriate to our local communities. I encourage all residents and businesses to take part in this consultation to shape how the flood risk management plan is implemented."

Vice Convenor, Councillor Danny Gibson said: "As we find ourselves facing more frequent spells of extreme weather conditions due to climate change, our preparedness and response to local flood risks needs to reflect feedback from our communities.

"Localised flooding is something that should be kept to an absolute minimum and having a comprehensive flood risk management plan will go a long way to reaching practical solutions. Please take the time to take part in the consultation."

Have your say on the Flood Risk Management Plan for the Forth <u>here</u> or by visiting the <u>consultation hub</u> for flood risk plans across the country.