



*Community Drop in Sessions:*

# Flooding in Comrie

*Comrie Community Centre  
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This presentation will cover the following topics:

1. **Tay Local Flood Risk Management Plan**
2. **Future Action on Flooding**
3. **Next Steps**

The presentation will last for 5 minutes.

# 1. Tay Local Flood Risk Management Plan





# 1. Local Flood Risk Management Plan

- The flood scheme investigations have led to an improved understanding of flooding in the Comrie area and have informed other on-going actions to manage flood risk.
- Under the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act, Comrie has been identified as one of 254 'potentially vulnerable' areas of Scotland at significant risk of flooding.
- The Tay Flood Risk Management (FRM) Strategy and Local FRM Plan were recently published.
- The Strategy and Plan direct the actions of SEPA and the responsible authorities (the Council and Scottish Water) with regards to their flood risk management activity over the next 6 years.
- More information on the plan can be found at:  
[www.sepa.ork.uk/FRMStrategies/tay.html](http://www.sepa.ork.uk/FRMStrategies/tay.html)  
[www.pkc.gov.uk/frmplans](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/frmplans)

# 1. Local Flood Risk Management Plan

Both the Tay FRM Strategy and Local FRM Plan include actions for public bodies and land and property owners to manage flood risk in Comrie:

- Flood protection scheme/works
- Maintain flood protection scheme
- Strategic flood mapping and modelling (SEPA and Scottish Water)
- Maintain flood warning
- Flood forecasting (SEPA);
- Community flood action groups
- Continued/...

# 1. Local Flood Risk Management Plan



- Awareness raising;
- Self-help measures;
- Maintenance (clearance and repair works);
- Emergency plans/response;
- Managing flood risk through the application of development planning policy.

The Council will continue to act in accordance with the published FRM Strategy and Local FRM Plan.



## 2. Recommendations for Future Action

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- The Tay FRM Strategy and Local FRM Plan describe the actions that SEPA, the Council and Scottish Water will be taking to manage flood risk.
- A flood scheme is likely to be some time away.
- Whilst public bodies have certain duties to manage and, where achievable, reduce overall flood risk, the primary responsibility for avoiding or managing flood risk still remains with land and property owners.
- The Tay Local FRM Plan therefore also includes actions which are intended to enable you and your community to take action and to become more resilient to flooding.



## 2. Recommendations for Future Action

### Flood Protection Scheme/Works

- A flood protection scheme is proposed for Comrie to manage the combine risk of flooding from the Water of Ruchill, the River Earn and the River Lednock.

### Maintain Flood Protection Scheme

- The Council will continue to maintain the existing flood defences on the Water of Ruchill (constructed in the 1960's and altered in 2013).



## 2. Recommendations for Future Action

### Strategic Flood Mapping and Modelling (SEPA and Scottish Water)

- SEPA will develop flood mapping in the area to improve understanding of flood risk.
- A representative from SEPA is here today should you wish to ask any questions.
- Scottish Water will undertake further investigation and modelling in the Comrie sewer catchment to improve their knowledge and understanding of sewer flood risk.

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### Maintain Flood Warning

- SEPA will continue to maintain the flood warning system for Comrie which covers properties at risk of flooding from the Water of Ruchill and the River Earn.

### Flood Forecasting (SEPA)

- SEPA will continue to issue the national flood guidance statement to emergency responders.



## 2. Recommendations for Future Action

### Awareness Raising

- Improved awareness of flood risk and the actions that prepare individuals, homes and businesses for flooding can reduce the overall impact.
- The information provided at these drop in sessions will raise awareness of flood risk in Comrie.

### Comrie Community Resilience Group

- The Perth & Kinross multi-agency Community and Business Resilience Group will continue to support this Group to raise awareness and to encourage the local community to become more prepared and resilient to deal with flooding in the future.
- Useful information concerning flood risk will continue to be provided to support the development of the Community Emergency Plan.

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### Self-Help - Property Flood Products

- As a householder or a business, you can install products to protect your property from flooding.
- Flood products, such as flood gates for doors and air brick covers, are widely available and are designed to suit a variety of homes.
- The Scottish Flood Forum can provide you with further advice on this, and also on any related flood insurance matters, and are in attendance today.
- For further information please see:-  
[www.pkc.gov.uk/flooding](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/flooding)  
[www.scottishfloodforum.org](http://www.scottishfloodforum.org)  
[www.floodre.co.uk](http://www.floodre.co.uk)



## 2. Recommendations for Future Action

### Maintenance - Clearance and Repair Works

- The Council has a duty to assess bodies of water and to carry out clearance works where this will ***substantially*** reduce flood risk.
- In relation to the Water of Ruchill, the River Earn and the River Lednock, the Council undertakes routine inspections on a 3 monthly basis, although we will act if any issues are reported in the intervening period.
- Riparian landowners are encouraged to keep their sections of the rivers clear and remove any obstructions that would reduce their flow capacity.
- The Council has and will continue to report issues to landowners and carry out clearance works as required.



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### Emergency Plans/Response

- The Council will also assist where possible during flood events by providing sandbags and pumps on a priority basis to residents where flooding is imminent.
- Please call 01738 475000 (or 01738 625411 during out of hours) for assistance.

### Planning Policies

- The Council will continue to comment on any relevant proposed development in Comrie to help avoid any inappropriate building that would result in an increase in flood risk.

## 3. Next Steps

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**We would like to thank you for your attendance today.**  
Community involvement is a key part of flood risk management.

- SEPA, the Council and Scottish Water will continue to implement their recommended actions. You can also play a role in helping to manage flood risk.
- **Any comments or questions?** Please speak with a representative from Perth & Kinross Council or Mouchel. Please also take the opportunity to record your views by completing a **comment form**.
- A response to any questions raised during the drop-in sessions will be issued to the community.
- A report will be submitted to the next available Environment Committee on the outcome of Mouchel's investigations and these drop-in sessions.



# Contact Details



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# Thank you for watching this presentation.

If you have any comments or queries then please speak to us and complete a comment form.

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