



# Orkney Local Flood Risk Management Plan 2022- 2028

## INTERIM REPORT



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## 1. 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 January 2025 and December 2025. This report includes a review of the 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 Orkney Local Flood Risk Management Plan can be found here:

<https://www.orkney.gov.uk/our-services/planning-and-building/development-and-marine-planning-policy/development-planning-land/local-flood-risk-management-plan/>

### How current is the Plan

The Cycle 2 Orkney Local Flood Risk Management Plan was published in December 2022, supplementing the (national) Flood Risk Management Plan published by SEPA in December 2021. The local plan details how the actions identified in the national plan are to be implemented over the period **2022 to 2028**. The national plan and local plans are based on the National Flood Risk Assessment (2018) and designated Potentially Vulnerable Areas (PVAs).

### Significant issues

No individual significant issues have impacted the delivery of actions in Cycle 2. Delays experienced largely relate to resourcing issues in the first period of Cycle 2 and expansion of scope in key projects. Nevertheless, key actions are anticipated to be delivered within the current cycle.

Orkney does not have any flood protection schemes proposed within the current cycle. Due to uncertainty in capital funding availability at the national level, the statement below has been developed by the Lead Local Authority Forum to reflect the national funding arrangements at the time of reporting:

The distribution of capital funding through the local authority general capital grant, including for flood protection schemes, is jointly agreed by Scottish Ministers and COSLA Leaders.

The implementation of the 2022 Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMPs) have been significantly affected by capital funding availability through the general capital grant for new flood protection schemes.

There is a commitment to fund flood protection schemes from the 2015 FRMPs first and many of these schemes have experienced cost escalations and extended delivery timelines.

As a result, there have been no capital allocations through the general capital grant for the development and delivery of new flood protection schemes. This has delayed early-stage procurement and design activity for new flood protection schemes by other Responsible Authorities and disrupted the intended sequencing of flood risk interventions across the country. There is therefore a backlog of flood protection schemes that remain in development or have been paused pending the availability of capital funding. through the general capital grant.

The cumulative effect of these delays is a shortfall in the delivery of the flood protection schemes in the 2022 FRMPs.

### Key actions

Orkney Islands Council has commenced work with consultants on two of the key actions for Cycle 2, the Kirkwall Surface Water Management Plan (anticipated completion January 2026) and the Orkney Coastal Change Adaptation Plan (anticipated completion Q4 2026).

### Next steps

A final report on the plan will be published between January 2028 and December 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 93%, 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 31% of the actions identified are delayed but expected to be delivered before the end of Cycle 2 in 2028. Approximately 7% of the actions are not expected to be delivered in the second cycle and will now be considered for future cycles.

The delays in delivering actions are generally the result of issues that could reasonably be expected over a six year period, such as changes to the scope of work anticipated when the plans were published. While it is regrettable that these delays have occurred, every effort will be made to deliver the delayed actions as quickly as possible.

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## 2. 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 Orkney LPD and actions that are specific to each of the 13 Objective Target Areas (OTAs), which are shown below in Figure 1. OTAs are areas within the wider PVAs set out in the FRMP defined on the basis of elevated flood risk.



Figure 1: The Orkney LPD with Objective Target Areas identified. Source: SEPA

The actions that apply to individual OTAs are shown in Figure 2 on the next page. The summary progress is shown using the traffic light system, where each item is marked as Red, Amber or Green (RAG) and where:

### **GREEN**

- **Meaning:** The action has been completed successfully or is progressing as planned. No immediate attention is required.
- **Indicators:**
  - The action has been completed on time or is on track to be completed as scheduled.
  - There are no significant issues, and it's expected to stay on course.

### **AMBER**

- **Meaning:** 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.
- **Indicators:**
  - The action is partially completed, but there are delays or risks.
  - Progress has been made, but more effort or resources are needed.
  - There is some potential for the action to meet the desired outcome with adjustments.

### **RED**

- **Meaning:** Action will not be complete, or completion of this action will result in significant schedule delays or cost implications.
- **Indicators:**
  - There are major obstacles or risks preventing completion.
  - Needs urgent intervention or corrective action.

Target area		Adaptation Plan	Data collection	Flood defence maintenance	Flood Study	Flood warning maintenance	Sewer flood risk assessment	Strategic mapping improvements	Surface water management plan
ID	Name								
370	Sanday	AMBER	-	-	-	GREEN	-	GREEN	-
371	Whitehall	AMBER	-	-	-	GREEN	-	GREEN	-
372	Stromness	AMBER	-	-	-	GREEN	-	GREEN	-
373	St Mary's	AMBER	-	-	RED	GREEN	-	GREEN	-
374	<u>Graemeshall</u>	AMBER	-	-	-	GREEN	-	GREEN	-
375	Kirkwall	-	-	AMBER	-	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN	GREEN
377	Little Ayre	AMBER	-	-	-	GREEN	-	GREEN	-
382	St Margaret's Hope	-	-	-	RED	GREEN	-	GREEN	-
385	Burray Village	AMBER	AMBER	-	-	GREEN	-	GREEN	-
440	<u>Pierowall</u>	AMBER	-	-	-	GREEN	-	GREEN	-
441	The Ayre	AMBER	-	-	-	GREEN	-	GREEN	-
446	Churchill Barriers	AMBER	-	-	RED	GREEN	-		-
456	<u>A960 Deerness</u>	AMBER	-	-	-	-	-	GREEN	-

Figure 2: Summary of progress of actions to manage flood risk in the Objective Target Areas of the Orkney LPD



### 3. Progress with LPD-wide actions

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

Action	RAG Status	Update
Awareness Raising	Green	<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> <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.</p>
Data to support climate resilience	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	Green	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.

Flood forecasting	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 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	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.</p> <p>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>
Future flood risk management planning	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>
Guidance Development	Amber	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.
Hazard Mapping Updates	Green	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>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> <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.</p>
Land use planning	Green	<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	Green	<p>OIC &amp; asset and land managers have existing arrangements for watercourse inspection and clearance in place. These are reviewed to ensure that assessment and recording is in line with Section 18 requirements.</p>
Natural flood management mapping	Green	<p>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.</p>
National flood risk assessment	Green	<p>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.</p>
National surface water mapping	Green	<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. 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".</p>

Reservoirs	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	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	Green	Householders and developers advised as they contact OIC on development or flood related matters. Engagement carried out alongside the Scottish Flood Forum to raise awareness of individual responsibilities and available resources. Council's Flooding Information website which highlights a range a self-help resources updated to be more user friendly. Efforts will be made to continue to use any opportunities to advise as they arise.

*Figure 3: Progress with LPD-wide Actions for the Orkney LPD*

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#### 4. Progress with OTA-specific actions

This section sets out an assessment of the progress towards implementing actions that are specific to each of the 13 OTAs as shown in Figure 2. Assessments of the progress of Red and Amber actions within each OTA are presented below.

Target Area	Sanday 370		
Action Type	Shoreline management plan (coastal adaptive plan) 37001		
Action Delivery Lead	Orkney Islands Council	RAG Status	Amber
Update	Work on the Orkney Coastal Change Adaptation Plan began in March 2025 with a planned completion in Q4 2026. Orkney Islands Council commissioned the Orkney CCAP using Scottish Government Coastal Change Adaptation funding. Though completion is set to be comfortably within overall LFRMP timescales, status is amber to account for potential delays associated with additional work supporting the development of the Plans.		

Target Area	Whitehall 371		
Action Type	Shoreline management plan (coastal adaptive plan) 37101		
Action Delivery Lead	Orkney Islands Council	RAG Status	Amber
Update	Work on the Orkney Coastal Change Adaptation Plan began in March 2025 with a planned completion in Q4 2026. Orkney Islands Council commissioned the Orkney CCAP using Scottish Government Coastal Change Adaptation funding. Though completion is set to be comfortably within overall LFRMP timescales, status is amber to account for potential delays associated with additional work supporting the development of the Plans.		

Target Area	Stromness 372		
Action Type	Shoreline management plan (coastal adaptive plan) 37201		
Action Delivery Lead	Orkney Islands Council	RAG Status	Amber
Update	Work on the Orkney Coastal Change Adaptation Plan began in March 2025 with a planned completion in Q4 2026. Orkney Islands Council commissioned the Orkney CCAP using Scottish Government Coastal Change Adaptation funding. Though completion is set to be comfortably within overall LFRMP timescales, status is amber to account for potential delays associated with additional work supporting the development of the Plans.		

Target Area	St Mary's	373
Action Type	Flood study	37301
Action Delivery Lead	Orkney Islands Council	RAG Status Red
Update	Some objectives of a flood study will be covered as part of the Orkney Coastal Change Adaptation Plan project. Options to consider the longer term impacts of coastal change will be informed by the outputs from the Orkney CCAP but are not anticipated to be fully developed within Cycle 2. Minor actions to reduce frequent coastal flooding of the A961 are currently being developed.	

Target Area	St Mary's	373
Action Type	Shoreline management plan (coastal adaptive plan)	37302
Action Delivery Lead	Orkney Islands Council	RAG Status Amber
Update	Work on the Orkney Coastal Change Adaptation Plan began in March 2025 with a planned completion in Q4 2026. Orkney Islands Council commissioned the Orkney CCAP using Scottish Government Coastal Change Adaptation funding. Though completion is set to be comfortably within overall LFRMP timescales, status is amber to account for potential delays associated with additional work supporting the development of the Plans.	

Target Area	Graemeshall	374
Action Type	Shoreline management plan (coastal adaptive plan)	37401
Action Delivery Lead	Orkney Islands Council	RAG Status Amber
Update	Work on the Orkney Coastal Change Adaptation Plan began in March 2025 with a planned completion in Q4 2026. Orkney Islands Council commissioned the Orkney CCAP using Scottish Government Coastal Change Adaptation funding. Though completion is set to be comfortably within overall LFRMP timescales, status is amber to account for potential delays associated with additional work supporting the development of the Plans.	

Target Area	Kirkwall	375
Action Type	Flood defence maintenance	37501
Action Delivery Lead	Orkney Islands Council	RAG Status Amber
Update	Deployment exercises carried out on an annual basis. Operations and maintenance reviews being carried out Q4 2025.	

Target Area	Little Ayre	377
Action Type	Shoreline management plan (coastal adaptive plan)	37701
Action Delivery Lead	Orkney Islands Council	RAG Status Amber
Update	Work on the Orkney Coastal Change Adaptation Plan began in March 2025 with a planned completion in Q4 2026. Orkney Islands Council commissioned the Orkney CCAP using Scottish Government Coastal Change Adaptation funding. Though completion is set to be comfortably within overall LFRMP timescales, status is amber to account for potential delays associated with additional work supporting the development of the Plans.	

Target Area	St Margaret's Hope	382
Action Type	Flood study	38201
Action Delivery Lead	Orkney Islands Council	RAG Status Red
Update	A draft Flood Study for St Margaret's Hope was produced in 2019 presenting a range of options. None of these options were considered deliverable due to cost and land ownership constraints. A reappraisal of options informed by the outputs of the Orkney Coastal Change Adaptation Plans should be undertaken when they are available.	

Target Area	Burray Village	385
Action Type	Shoreline management plan (coastal adaptive plan)	38501
Action Delivery Lead	Orkney Islands Council	RAG Status Amber
Update	Work on the Orkney Coastal Change Adaptation Plan began in March 2025 with a planned completion in Q4 2026. Orkney Islands Council commissioned the Orkney CCAP using Scottish Government Coastal Change Adaptation funding. Though completion is set to be comfortably within overall LFRMP timescales, status is amber to account for potential delays associated with additional work supporting the development of the Plans.	

Target Area	Burray Village	385
Action Type	Data collection	38504
Action Delivery Lead	SEPA	RAG Status Amber
Update	OIC plan to install tidal gauges in various locations around Orkney (including south and east of Scapa Flow) to support the outputs of the Coastal Change Adaptation Plan. This is to be funded through a CCAP contract extension and installation is planned in early 2026. Status left amber because they are planned to be temporary (approx 5 year) installations	



Target Area	Pierowall	440
Action Type	Shoreline management plan (coastal adaptive plan)	44001
Action Delivery Lead	Orkney Islands Council	RAG Status Amber
Update	Work on the Orkney Coastal Change Adaptation Plan began in March 2025 with a planned completion in Q4 2026. Orkney Islands Council commissioned the Orkney CCAP using Scottish Government Coastal Change Adaptation funding. Though completion is set to be comfortably within overall LFRMP timescales, status is amber to account for potential delays associated with additional work supporting the development of the Plans.	

Target Area	The Ayre	441
Action Type	Shoreline management plan (coastal adaptive plan)	44101
Action Delivery Lead	Orkney Islands Council	RAG Status Amber
Update	Work on the Orkney Coastal Change Adaptation Plan began in March 2025 with a planned completion in Q4 2026. Orkney Islands Council commissioned the Orkney CCAP using Scottish Government Coastal Change Adaptation funding. Though completion is set to be comfortably within overall LFRMP timescales, status is amber to account for potential delays associated with additional work supporting the development of the Plans.	

Target Area	Churchill Barriers	446
Action Type	Flood study	44601
Action Delivery Lead	Orkney Islands Council	RAG Status Red
Update	Some of the objectives around understanding future impacts will be covered through the development of the Orkney Coastal Change Adaptation Plan. The outputs would serve as a baseline for a more detailed study should the funds become available in the future.	

Target Area	Churchill Barriers	446
Action Type	Shoreline management plan (coastal adaptive plan)	44602
Action Delivery Lead	Orkney Islands Council	RAG Status Amber
Update	Work on the Orkney Coastal Change Adaptation Plan began in March 2025 with a planned completion in Q4 2026. Orkney Islands Council commissioned the Orkney CCAP using Scottish Government Coastal Change Adaptation funding. Though completion is set to be comfortably within overall LFRMP timescales, status is amber to account for potential delays associated with additional work supporting the development of the Plans.	



Target Area	A960 Deerness		456
Action Type	Shoreline management plan (coastal adaptive plan)		45601
Action Delivery Lead	Orkney Islands Council	RAG Status	Amber
Update	Work on the Orkney Coastal Change Adaptation Plan began in March 2025 with a planned completion in Q4 2026. Orkney Islands Council commissioned the Orkney CCAP using Scottish Government Coastal Change Adaptation funding. Though completion is set to be comfortably within overall LFRMP timescales, status is amber to account for potential delays associated with additional work supporting the development of the Plans.		

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## 5. List of Acronyms and Abbreviations

CCAP	Coastal Change Adaptation Plan
COSLA	Convention of Scottish Local Authorities
FRMP	Flood Risk Management Plan
LFRMP	Local Flood Risk Management Plan
LPD	Local Plan District
NFM	Natural Flood Management
NPF4	National Planning Framework 4
OIC	Orkney Islands Council
OTA	Objective Target Area
PVA	Potentially Vulnerable Area
RAG	Red Amber Green
SEPA	Scottish Environment Protection Agency
SWMP	Surface Water Management Planning

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## **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 the Flood Risk Management Strategy, and the publication of Local Flood Risk Management Plans 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 Orkney 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 Orkney LFRMP for Cycle 2 was published in December 2022, therefore, the Interim Report needs to be published between January 2025 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 with an Amber or Red status;
- 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 Orkney LPD are:

- Orkney Islands Council (Lead Authority)
- Scottish Water

The lead authority must also publish a Final Report on the LFRMP under Section 38 of the Act between January 2028 and December 2028 (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 Orkney LFRMP will be made available for public inspection, as per Section 37(2) of the Act, via the website of the lead authority, Orkney Islands Council:

<https://www.orkney.gov.uk>; search for “Local Flood Risk Management Plan”.

Links to the published Interim Report for the Orkney 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 Orkney LFRMP is also available for public inspection on weekdays between 9am and 5pm at the following location(s):

- *Orkney Islands Council, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall, KW15 1NY*
- *Copies of the published Interim Report for the Orkney LFRMP may also be available at offices of other responsible authorities. It is advised that the responsible authority be contacted to make such arrangements*

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

## **Appendix 2: Publication details**

## **Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009**

### **Publication of Interim Report for the Orkney 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 Orkney Local FRM Plan, Sections 37(2), 53 and 54 of the Act specifically require Orkney Islands Council, as the lead authority, to
  - Publish an Interim Report on the Orkney 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 Orkney 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 at: <https://www.orkney.gov.uk/our-services/planning-and-building/development-and-marine-planning-policy/development-planning-land/local-flood-risk-management-plan/>
- Hard copies of the Interim Report for the Orkney Local FRM Plan will be held and made available upon request Orkney Islands Council's offices in Kirkwall
- A letter and copy of the Report will be sent to SEPA and Scottish Ministers.
- On or before the publication date, a public notice will be placed in *The Orcadian*, fulfilling our duties to publicise the Interim Report in accordance with Sections 37, 53 and 54 of the 2009 Act.