



Transport and Environment Committee

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Recent news

Flood Risk Management

A consultation exercise by the Scottish Environment and Protection Agency (SEPA) on Flood Risk Management began on 22 December 2014 and the consultation period will run until 2 June 2015. Initially the consultation will concentrate on sources of flooding other than from sewers. This consultation can be accessed at <https://frm-scotland.org.uk>. Copies will also be made available at the neighbourhood offices and a number of libraries.

A further round of consultation will begin in early March 2015 on the specific measures that can be taken to manage or mitigate the risk of flooding. Briefings for elected members on the Flood Risk Management Plan and the measures that are being proposed are being planned for February 2015.

Scottish Water is responsible for assessing the risk of flooding from surface water sewers and combined sewers (surface water and foul water), resulting from higher than usual rainfall.

Background

Scotland's approach to how flood risk is managed is changing due to the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 (FRM Act). The FRM Act aims to reduce the adverse consequences of flooding on communities, the environment, transport, cultural heritage and economic activity. More thought is to be given to alternative means of reducing flood risk either by avoiding the likelihood of flooding through effective land use planning, maintenance and the better control/management of run-off.

The Council has been working in partnership with SEPA and neighbouring local authorities to identify flooding from various sources and the impact of this flooding. It is this information that is being presented in the first phase of the consultation. Further work is on-going to identify potential mitigation interventions.

The Council is the lead authority for the area around the Forth Estuary and as lead authority the Council must produce the Local Flood Risk Management plan for this area.

Forthcoming activities:

The Draft Delivery Plan will detail actions that the Councils in the Forth Estuary area intend to take or explore to alleviate the affects of flooding. The Draft Delivery Plan will be added to the consultation in March 2015. The exact detail and format of the Draft Delivery Plan is not known at this stage.

Background reading/external references

Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009

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<p>Marchmont to Kings Building Cycle Route – Public Consultation</p> <p>The Council is currently developing a scheme to enhance cycling provision between Marchmont and the University of Edinburgh’s King’s Buildings campus. This scheme supports cycling policies detailed in the Local Transport Strategy and Active Travel Action Plan.</p> <p>A non-statutory consultation was carried out between 6 and 26 October 2014 to give stakeholders and the general public the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed improvements.</p> <p>In total, 301 responses were received. 69% of respondents supported the proposed scheme, 20% opposed the scheme, and the remaining 11% of responses were neutral/unclear.</p> <p>A number of design changes have been made as a result of the comments and feedback received, and the statutory Traffic Regulation Order procedures required to make the changes will commence in early 2015.</p>	<p>Marchmont to King’s Buildings Cycle Route – Consultation Summary Report. Available to view at https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk</p>

Forthcoming activities:

The next meeting of the Transport and Environment Committee will be at 10 am on Tuesday 17 March 2015 in the Dean of Guild Court Room, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh. Papers for this meeting will be available online from Wednesday 11 March 2015.