

3.20 *Other flood risk activities by local authorities in Ayrshire Local Plan District*

The Plan presents the actions to manage flood risk in Ayrshire Local Plan District. These actions are at a LPD-wide scale or are targeted at specific PVA. In addition to the actions in this Plan, responsible authorities are undertaking other activities to manage flood risk. There are activities included in the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 that are undertaken by each local authority in the LPD. The main activities that have a significant effect and should be considered in conjunction with the Plan are summarised as follows:

3.20.1 *Flood Study for Irvine Town*

A Flood Risk Assessment study is recommended by the SEPA LFRM Strategy to further investigate the flood risk from the River Irvine and Annick Water. The study will look at the current flood risk to Irvine Town and investigate opportunities to reduce the flood risk upstream in the catchment and well as assess current localised measures. The study is proposed to be progressed between 2017 and 2019.

3.20.2 *Section 18 & 59: Works of Clearance and Repair*

Based on an assessment of the condition of a body of water, local authorities must prepare a schedule of clearance and repair works that would substantially reduce the risk of flooding of land. This is commonly referred to as a Schedule 18, which is made available by each local authority within the LPD for public inspection. Under s.59 of the Act, the local authority must carry out the works in the Schedule 18 if it considers that this will contribute to the implementation of actions in the Plan, but that these works will not affect the implementation of actions in this Plan. Details of how to access Schedule 18s for each local authority in the LPD are included in Annex 2 of the Plan.

3.20.3 *Section 56: General Power to manage flood risk*

Without affecting the implementation of actions in this Plan, a local authority may do anything which it considers will contribute to the implementation of actions in the Plan or is necessary to reduce the risk of a flood which is likely to occur imminently and have serious adverse consequences for human health, the environment, cultural heritage or economic activity in its area.

This may include carrying out flood protection works, which may not be identified as actions in the Plan. Where a local authority has a commitment to carry out such flood protection works or any other activities within the period of the current FRM cycle these not included as actions in this Plan.