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Clyde and Loch Lomond Local Plan District

Cycle 2 (2022 – 2028) S37 Interim Report

23 December 2025

1. Introduction

The Interim Report is a requirement of the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 (Section 37) and is published by Glasgow City Council as Lead Local Authority for the Clyde and Loch Lomond (CaLL) Local Plan District (LPD).

The purpose of the Interim Report is to provide a review of progress on the implementation of the current Local Flood Risk Management Plan.

2. Current Status of Local Authority Funding

The distribution of funding for flood risk management actions through the local authority general capital grant is jointly agreed by Scottish Ministers and COSLA Leaders.

The funding arrangements for Cycle 2 (2022 – 2028) and beyond have still to be determined as the decision was taken to continue to fund the Cycle 1 (2016 – 2022) flood protection schemes that had experienced extended delivery timelines and cost escalations. The total grant funding required for Cycle 1 projects is expected to be known in 2026.

As the future grant funding landscape for flood risk management actions remains uncertain, local authorities have been hindered in pursuing a plan led approach. Several local authorities have been cautious to raise the hopes of flood vulnerable communities that a scheme to reduce their flood risk was being developed when funding for that scheme may not be available until Cycle 4 (2034 – 2040) or beyond. In addition, where there is a delay between scheme design and the start of construction, community consultation and hydraulic modelling due to climate change may need to be repeated, potentially leading to design changes.

3. Local Flood Risk Assessment Plan

At the CaLL LPD Joint Committee meeting on 9 December 2022, the decision was taken to defer prioritising the Cycle 2 Actions set out in the CaLL LPD Local Flood Risk Management Plan until the funding arrangements had been determined. As explained above the funding arrangements remain unknown.

4. Plan Review

As the actions in the CaLL LPD Local Flood Risk Management Plan have not been prioritised and therefore have not been programmed, there is no basis for undertaking a meaningful review of progress.

All CaLL LPD Responsible Authorities and SEPA have sought to progress their actions as far as possible within the limitations of the resources available to them.

5. Conclusions

The conclusion of the interim review is that plan led flood risk management is only effective if funding is aligned with the planning cycles.

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