

**NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

RTS/M

---

**Minutes of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on  
Wednesday 17 June 2015 at 3.00 pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices,  
Monaghan Row, Newry**

---

**Chairperson:** Councillor T Andrews

**In Attendance:**

Councillor C Casey	Councillor S Doran
Councillor G Hanna	Councillor G Fitzpatrick
Councillor M Murnin	Councillor H McKee
Councillor P O’Gribin	Councillor H Reilly
Councillor G Stokes	Councillor D Taylor

**Non Committee Members**

Councillor G Craig  
Councillor R Mulgrew  
Councillor B Quinn

**Officials in Attendance:**

Mr L Hannaway, Chief Executive  
Mr C O’Rourke, Director of Regulatory and Technical Services  
Mr C Jackson, Assistant Director of Building Control and Regulations  
Mr K Scullion, Assistant Director of Facilities, Management and Maintenance  
Mr J Parkes, Assistant Director  
Mrs M Boyle, Tourism Development Officer  
Mrs E McParland, Democratic Services Manager  
Mrs C McAteer, Democratic Services Officer

**RTS/37/2015: PRESENTATION FROM RIVERS AGENCY ON FLOOD HAZARD AND RISK MAPPING**

Mr Malcolm Calvert, Principal Engineer, Mapping and Modelling Unit and Mr Jim Martin, Regional Engineer, Eastern, Rivers Agency, were in attendance to give a presentation on Flood Hazard and Risk Mapping. (Copy of presentation attached).

Councillor M Murnin, Councillor P O’Gribin, Councillor G Hanna and Councillor D Taylor joined the meeting at this point – 3.10 pm.

At the conclusion of the presentation Members raised the following issues:-

- Councillor Casey expressed concerns about severe flooding which had occurred in Newry the previous year, particularly in the Bridge Street/Thomas Street and Pool Lane areas of the City – **response – a feasibility study on this area has commenced approximately two months ago. This study would take approximately a year to complete.**
- Councillor Casey – could the scheme to provide Affordable Flood Insurance be extended to include all household properties affected by flooding – **response – this was outside the control of Rivers Agency – the relevant legislation was put in place by the UK Parliament.**
- Councillor Reilly – had a flooding risk from the Silent Valley Reservoir been assessed – **response – all 130 reservoirs including the Silent Valley will be assessed.**
- Councillor Reilly – significant periodic flooding in the Cranfield/Greencastle area which affected the caravan parks and domestic dwellings. Councillors Quinn, McKee and Doran also expressed their concerns regarding flooding at the Whitewater and advised that a commitment had been given in the legacy Council that maintenance works would be carried out to alleviate flooding in this area – **response – Mr Martin to investigate the current situation regarding proposed works to the designated Whitewater watercourse and advise the Mournes Councillors.**
- Councillor Quinn – Roads Service carried out some works to a bridge at Ballykeel river which resulted in changes to the water flow and has now started to erode the river bank on the opposite side of the river during periods of heavy rain – this could have a potential impact on a domestic property – **response – Rivers Agency only carry out works to arrest erosion on a designated watercourse if a house or road was threatened (providing the house had not knowingly been built in harm's way). If a watercourse was not designated, Roads Service may carry out works to a bridge and outside of that the landowner was responsible. Mr Martin said he would check out the situation on the Ballykeel River, referred to by Councillor Quinn, and advise the Mournes Councillors.**
- Councillor Mulgrew – referred to heavy flooding in the South Armagh area last November and said that her main concern was that residents were not being given any updates after the initial round of meetings and assessments had been held. She said it was essential that there was improved communication with residents in the aftermath of any flooding incidents – **response – Mr Martin noted the comments made by Councillor Mulgrew in relation to the need for improved communication with affected residents and then outlined the process which Rivers Agency put in place in response to flooding incidents.**
- Councillor O'Gribin – enquired if Roads Service changed their maintenance boundaries on designated watercourses, particularly as the risk of flooding was increasing – **response – Mr Martin outlined the designation process, advising that any watercourse to be designated must be referred to the Drainage Council of Northern Ireland – the drivers for designation were flood risk or drainage issues and must be cost viable for it to be**

**recommended to the Drainage Council. Mr Martin said Rivers Agency did not change their boundaries but dealt with issues on a reactive basis as problems arose.**

- Councillor O’Gribin – referred to problems with a river flooding beside Riverside Terrace in Leitrim Village and requested a site meeting with Mr Martin – **response – Mr Martin would contact Councillor O’Gribin and arrange to meet him on site.**
- Councillor Hanna – flooding in Newcastle – **response – Rivers Agency had just completed a feasibility study on the Shimna River which would hopefully address the flooding problems in Newcastle.**
- Councillor Doran – who was responsible for cutting back trees along river banks which were pushing back fences of adjoining houses – **response – under the Drainage NI Order, the role of Rivers Agency was to maintain the flow and drainage function of a designated watercourse. If a watercourse was designated and trees were inhibiting the flow of the river, Rivers Agency would take action, but if the flow of the water was not inhibited then no action would be taken. If a watercourse was not designated and the flow of the water was being inhibited, then it was the responsibility of the landowner and Rivers Agency could take action to enforce this responsibility.**

Councillor Andrews thanked the Mr Calvert and Mr Martin for attending the meeting and giving their presentation. The representatives from the Rivers Agency then left at this point – 3.40 pm.

#### **RTS/38/2015:- APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON’S REMARKS**

Apologies were received from Councillor V Harte and Councillor Ennis.

Councillor Andrews extended his congratulations on behalf of the Committee to their Vice Chairperson, Councillor Sinead Ennis, on the birth of her daughter Aoife. He also congratulated Kevin Scullion on being appointed to the position of Assistant Director for Facilitates Management and Maintenance.

**AGREED: It was agreed to send a bouquet of flowers to Councillor Ennis on behalf of the Council.**

**AGREED: It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Quinn, seconded by Councillor Taylor, to send a letter of congratulations to the local people of the Newry, Mourne and Down District who had received awards in the Queen’s Honours List.**

Councillor Andrews said he would like to express his deepest sympathy to John and Sheila Hazley on the tragic death of their daughter, Colette.

**RTS/39/2015:- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Casey declared an interest, as a Member of the Board of Governors of Bunscoil an luir, in item No. 9 on the agenda "Repair/Replacement work to external windows and doors at former Retort House, Kilmorey Street, Newry.

**RTS/40/2015: ACTION SHEET OF THE REGULATORY AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING – 20 MAY 2015**

**Read:** Action Sheet of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 20 May 2015. (Copy circulated).

**NOTED:** **The Action Sheet was noted.**

Mr O'Rourke gave an update and the following was agreed:-

Provision of a crematorium in the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area

**AGREED:** **It was agreed that funding be included in the Draft 2016/2017 Capital Programme for the possible provision of a crematorium in the Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area.**

Provision of a Council pest control service

**AGREED:** **It was agreed that this request be referred to the Active and Healthy Communities Committee with a report detailing the costs of providing the service and a recommendation that these costs should be included in the 201/2017 Draft Budgets. (Mr O'Rourke advised approximate costs were £60,000 in the first year and £45,000 in subsequent years).**

**WASTE MANAGEMENT****RTS/41/2015: AUTHORISATION TO COMMENCE SPEND – CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2015/2016**

**Read:** Report dated 1 June 2015 from Mr T Daly/Mr J Parkes seeking approval to commence procurement processes to enable those Capital Projects, with capital provision under the Council's Capital Budget Final (2015/2016, and detailed as per Appendix 1 circulated at the meeting) to commence. (Copy circulated).



**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor Hanna, to grant approval to commence procurement processes to enable those Capital Projects, with capital provision under the Council's Capital Budget Final (2015/2016, and detailed as per Appendix 1 circulated at the meeting) to commence.

**AGREED:** It was agreed Mr O'Rourke advise Councillor Murnin of the details of the small plant replacement which included loss value for stolen plant.

**AGREED:** It was agreed at the request of Councillor Reilly that as the repairs had been completed on the pontoon for Annalong Harbour, that Mr R Dowey, Head of Finance, urgently contact the Council's insurers to see if they would provide insurance on the pontoon so that it could be put back in the Harbour for the summer tourism season.

## **BUILDING CONTROL**

**RTS/42/2015:** **APPLICATION TO THE CHALLENGE FUND – TIDY UP OF DOWNPATRICK STREET CAR PARK IN SAINTFIELD**

**Read:** Report dated 11 June 2015 from Danielle Begley, Biodiversity Officer, seeking approval from the Council to permit Saintfield Development Association to apply to the Challenge Fund for monies to improve Downpatrick Street car park in Saintfield. (Copy circulated).

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick, to grant approval to Saintfield Development Association to apply to the Challenge Fund for the above scheme.

## **FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE**

**RTS/43/2015:** **BUS SHELTER REQUESTS**

**Read:** Report dated 17 June 2015 from Mr K Scullion providing an update on requests for the provision of bus shelters (13 requests listed). (Copy circulated).

Councillor Mulgrew left the meeting at this point – 4.00 pm.

**AGREED:** It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor O’Gribin, seconded by Councillor Doran, to approve the above report and recommendations subject to the following:-

- Councillor Casey asked that if a bus shelter request was being withdrawn from the list that other requests could be submitted. He referred to two bus shelters in Derrybeg/Carnegat, Newry. He asked that officials investigate if the existing bus shelters could be replaced with more open structures due to the anti-social behaviour stemming from them and said this would have the support of the local Community Association. It was agreed officials investigate this request.
- Councillor Doran asked that the bus shelter on the Glassdrumman Road (No. 4) be progressed as a matter of urgency, given that the request had been in the system for quite some time.
- Councillor Craig referred to the request (No.8) for a proposed bus shelter at Turley’s Crossroads and asked that a site meeting with the DEA Councillors and Councillor O’Gribin and Transport NI be held to discuss.
- Councillor Murnin referred to the request (No. 13) for a proposed bus shelter at Drumaness/Newcastle Road, Drumaness and asked if a shelter with sides could be provided as this was an exposed site. Mr O’Rourke explained that the shelter was open-sided so that the footway would remain unobstructed. Councillor O’Gribin asked that a bollard be put at the left and right hand side of the bus shelter at this location for traffic safety reasons.
- Councillor O’Gribin asked for a site meeting to consider a request for a bus shelter on the Clonvaghan Road and the Drumaroad.
- Councillor Murnin asked for a site meeting to consider a request for a bus shelter at Mill Hill, Castlewellan, opposite Annsborough Park.

**AGREED:** It was further agreed on the proposal of Councillor O’Gribin, seconded by Councillor Doran, that the Council review its current policy on the provision of bus shelters, taking into account the Policy used by the former Banbridge District Council which allowed for a simple, relatively inexpensive structure to be erected in rural areas which could be easily relocated.

**It was also agreed this review look at increasing the budget for the provision of bus shelters and the recycling of bus shelters which were no longer used.**

**Officials to report back to the next appropriate RTS Committee Meeting on this matter.**

**RTS/44/2015: PROPOSED MINI PILLAR INSTALLATION AT HILLSIDE DRIVE, KILKEEL**

**Read:** Report dated 17 June 2015 from Mr K Scullion seeking agreement for Council officials to review the options for providing electricity to a Council owned outdoor facility at Hillside Drive, Kilkeel, and to provide a report on same to the next meeting of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee. (Copy circulated).

Councillor Craig left the meeting at this point – 4.25 pm.

**AGREED:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor McKee, seconded by Councillor Hanna, that officials liaise with the local community Group, Newry Street Unit, to consider if the Council could supply them with a generator to run their planned festival on 23 July 2015.**

**It was further agreed to grant permission for Council officials to review the options for providing electricity to the Council owned outdoor facility at Hillside Drive, Kilkeel, and to provide a report including estimated cost of options, potential funding for options and how each of the options would be managed in the future, to the next meeting of the Regulatory and Technical Services Committee.**

**RTS/45/2015: REPAIR/REPLACEMENT WORK TO EXTERNAL WINDOWS AND DOORS AT FORMER RETORT HOUSE, KILMOREY STREET, NEWRY**

Councillor Casey left the meeting for the discussion on this item.

**Read:** Report dated 17 June 2015 from Mr K Scullion seeking approval to go to tender for the repair/replacement work to external windows and doors at the Former Retort House, Kilmorey Street, Newry. (Copy circulated).

**AGREED:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Hanna, to grant approval to go to tender up to the value of £18,000 for the repair/replacement work to external**

**windows and doors at the Former Retort House, Kilmorey Street, Newry.**

Councillor Casey rejoined the meeting.

**RTS/46/2015: SUMMARY REVIEW REPORT – RESERVOIR BILL (NI) FUTURE**

**Read:** Report dated 8 June 2015 from Mr T Daly seeking approval to co-operate with a request from Rivers Agency to volunteer in advance of proposed legislation by undertaking a Reservoir Survey for each of the Council's reservoir sites at an estimated cost of between £6,000 to £8,000 (no budget provision in the current financial period). Approval also sought to continue to co-operate in a joint project to upgrade the dam wall at Camlough Lake in line with current capital budget provisions. (Copy circulated).

**AGREED:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor Hanna, to include the costs of this survey work in the 2016/2017 Rate Estimates with a view to carrying out the Reservoir Surveys in the spring of 2016.**

**RTS/47/2015: LEASE OF THE SEABED AND FORESHORE AT CRANFIELD FROM THE CROWN ESTATE**

**Read:** Report dated 15 June 2015 from Michelle Boyle/Briega Magill seeking approval to renew a 15 year lease of the seabed and foreshore at Cranfield from the Crown Estate. (Copy circulated).

**AGREED:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Reilly, seconded by Councillor Hanna, to approve the renewal of a 15 year lease of the seabed and foreshore at Cranfield from the Crown Estate.**

**RTS/48/2015: MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR THE CONTROL OF LEGIONELLA BACTERIA IN DOMESTIC HOT AND COLD WATER SYSTEMS IN NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL'S BUILDINGS**

**Read:** Report dated 17 June 2015 from Mr K Scullion seeking approval for the Council to go to tender for the appointment of an external contractor to assist the Council with the control of Legionella Bacteria in hot and cold water systems within Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's buildings. (Copy circulated).

**AGREED:** **It was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Stokes, seconded by Councillor Doran, to grant approval for the Council to go to**

tender for the appointment of an external contractor to assist the Council with the control of Legionella Bacteria in hot and cold water systems within Newry, Mourne and Down District Council's buildings. It was noted the estimated cost of this work was £55,000 and if this cost was exceeded, officials would report back to the Committee.

**FOR NOTING**

**RTS/49/2015:** **ARC21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING – MEMBERS' MONTHLY BULLETIN – 2 JUNE 2015**

**Read:** Arc 21 Joint Committee Meeting – Members' Monthly Bulletin 2 June 2015. (Copy circulated).

**AGREED:** **It was agreed to note the above correspondence.**

**RTS/50/2015:** **Arc21 JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING – 30 APRIL 2015**

**Read:** Arc21 Joint Committee Meetings – Minutes of Meetings held on 30 April 2015. (Copy circulated).

**AGREED:** **It was agreed to note the above correspondence.**

**RTS/51/2015:** **ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING REVIEW – FEBRUARY 2015**

**Read:** Entertainment Licensing Review (Report by the Entertainment Licensing Review Group dated February 2015 – Councillors referred to Summary of Recommendations at Item 1). (Copy circulated).

**AGREED:** **It was agreed to note the above correspondence.**

**RTS/52/2015:** **NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF THE EASTERN MIDLANDS REGION WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2015-2021**

**Read:** Letter dated 28 May 2015 from the Eastern-Midlands Waste Region giving notice of publication of the Eastern-Midlands Waste Region Waste Management Plan 2015-2021 and associated SEA Statement and Natura Impact Report. (Copy circulated).

**AGREED:** **It was agreed to note the above correspondence.**

**CONFERENCES/EVENTS****RTS/53/2015: NI PLANNING CONFERENCE – 29 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**Read:** Letter dated 23 May 2015 from agendaNI giving details of the Northern Ireland Planning Conference being held on Tuesday 29 September 2015 in the Grand Opera House Belfast – fee £150 plus VAT. (Details circulated).

**AGREED:** **It was agreed to appoint Councillor Murnin, Councillor McKee and Councillor Craig to attend this Conference and also to include the details of the Conference on the agenda for the next Planning Meeting.**

**RTS/54/2015: A CONFERENCE ON THE BENEFITS OF ZERO WASTE**

**Read:** Correspondence giving details of a Conference on The Benefits of Zero Waste and moving towards it now – to be held on Monday 22 June 2015 in the City Hotel, Derry – free Conference. (Details circulated).

**AGREED:** **It was agreed to appoint Councillor Craig, Councillor Andrews and 1 No. Officer to attend the above Conference.**

**RTS/55/2015: ULSTER ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE SOCIETY – CROSS BORDER SUMMER SCHOOL**

**Read:** Letter dated 5 June 2015 from the Ulster Architectural Heritage Society inviting the Council to nominate relevant Councillors and staff to attend a cross border summer school from 25-27 June 2015. (Details circulated).

**AGREED:** **It was agreed to note the above correspondence.**

**RTS/56/2015: STAFF ISSUES – RECYCLING SITES**

**NOTED:** Councillor Casey said he had been contacted by a staff member who worked in a recycling centre in the Down area. The staff member had expressed concerns about working extended hours on their own in terms of operating heavy machinery and the potential for anti-social behaviour at the site.

Mr O'Rourke said he was confident that all appropriate staff were in place during operating hours but he would investigate these issues with staff.



**RTS/57/2015:        ADOPTION OF AMERACAM LANE, CRANFIELD**

**NOTED:**                Councillor McKee said that Transport NI had agreed to adopt Ameracam Lane, Cranfield on the basis that the Council carry out a survey of the residents. The Council had asked that Transport NI should carry out this survey.

**AGREED:**                **It was agreed Michelle Boyle follow up this issue with Transport Ni and report back to the Mournes Councillors.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 4.45 pm.

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 6 July 2015.

Signed:                **Councillor Terry Andrews  
(Chairperson)**

Signed:                **Mr Canice O'Rourke  
(Director of Regulatory and Technical Services)**



# Newry, Mourne & Down Council

17th June 2015, 3pm

94

**Malcolm Calvert**, (Principal Engineer, Mapping & Modelling Unit)

**Jim Martin**, (Regional Engineer - Eastern)

# RIVERS

## Flood Hazard & Risk Mapping

Agency



Department of  
**Agriculture and  
Rural Development**  
[www.dardni.gov.uk](http://www.dardni.gov.uk)

[www.riversagencyni.gov.uk](http://www.riversagencyni.gov.uk)



# Agenda

- 1) Floods Directive – Flood Hazard & Flood Risk Maps
- 2) Access to Flood Mapping Information
- 3) Further Work
- 4) Questions



## European Union Directive on the Assessment and Management of Flood Risks (The Floods Directive)

- **All sources of flooding**
  - fluvial (river)
  - coastal
  - pluvial (surface water)
  - impoundments (dam failure)
  - groundwater
- **Managing flood risk to reduce the effects of flooding on:-**
  - human health,
  - economic activity,
  - the environment,
  - and cultural heritage.



# European Union Directive on the Assessment and Management of Flood Risks (The Floods Directive)

- **Three Stage Approach:**

- **Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment  
Significant Flood Risk Areas  
(22 Dec 2011)**

- **Flood Hazard Maps and Flood Risk Maps  
(22 Dec 2013)**

- **Flood Risk Management Plans  
(22 Dec 2015)**

- **Public access to information, participation and communication**





# Detailed Maps – What the Directive requires....

*Article 5*

1. On the basis of a preliminary flood risk assessment as referred to in Article 4, Member States shall, for each river basin district, or unit of management referred to in Article 3(2)(b), or portion of an international river basin district lying within their territory, identify those areas for which they conclude that potential significant flood risks exist or might be considered likely to occur.

## Areas of Study in the Neagh Bann FRMP District

Significant Flood Risk Areas	Areas for Further Investigation
Newry	Magherafelt
Portadown	Creehill
Warrenpoint	
Banbridge	
Lurgan	
Glengormley & Mallusk	
Antrim	
Ballymena	
Coleraine	

## Areas of Study in the North East FRMP District

Significant Flood Risk Areas	Areas for Further Investigation
Belfast	Larne
Newtownards	Ballyshinch
Carrickfergus & Ballymena	
Bangor	
Newcastle	
Newtownabbey	
Downpatrick	
Dundonald	

## Areas of Study in the North West FRMP District

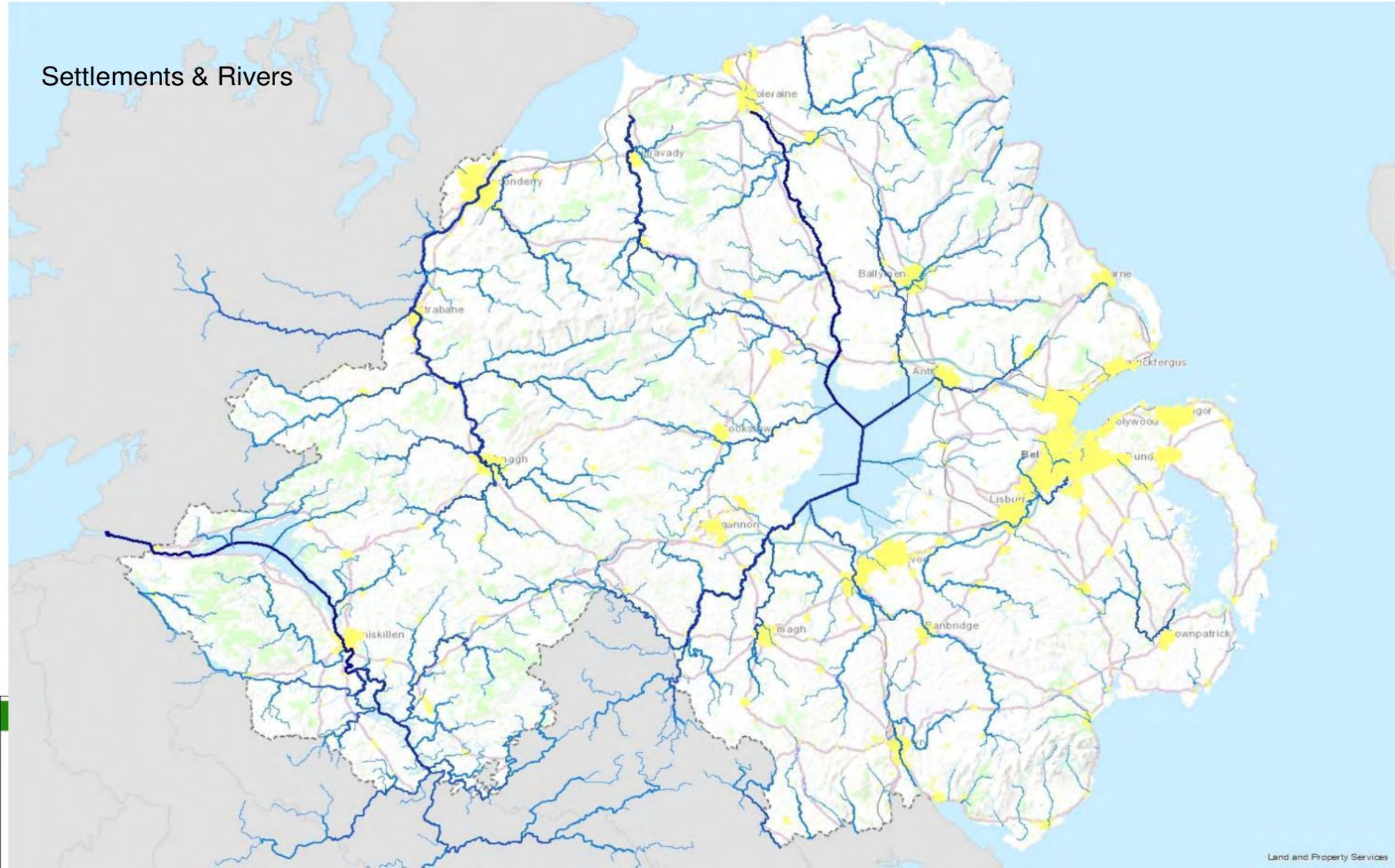
Significant Flood Risk Areas	Areas for Further Investigation
Londonderry	Eglinton
Omagh	Castlederg
Strabane	Enniskillen
	Ballinamallard
	Lisbellaw
	Coolkeeragh (power station)
	Newtownstewart

8. Member States shall ensure that the flood hazard maps and flood risk maps are completed by 22 December 2013.



# Northern Ireland - Overview

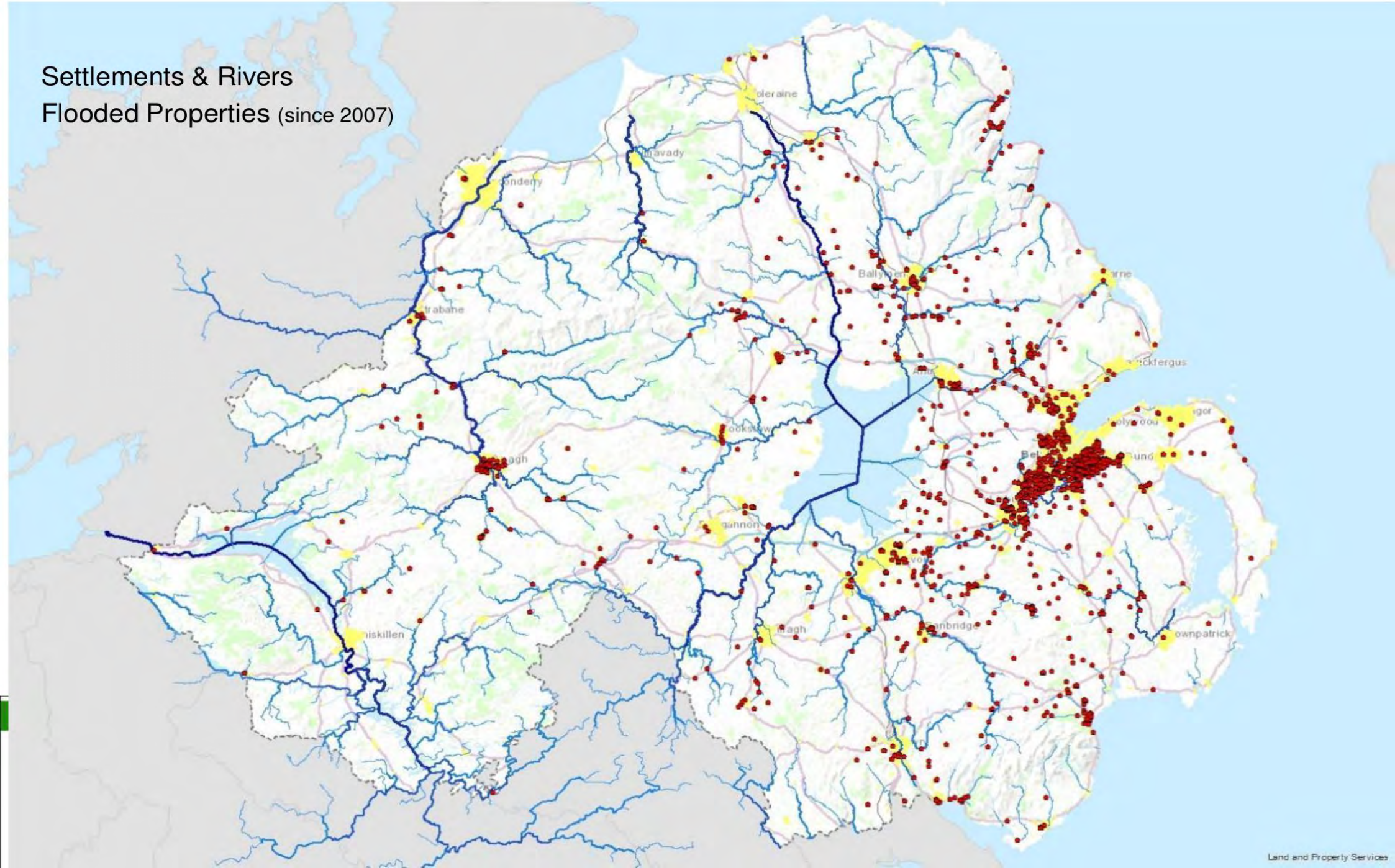
Settlements & Rivers





# Northern Ireland - Overview

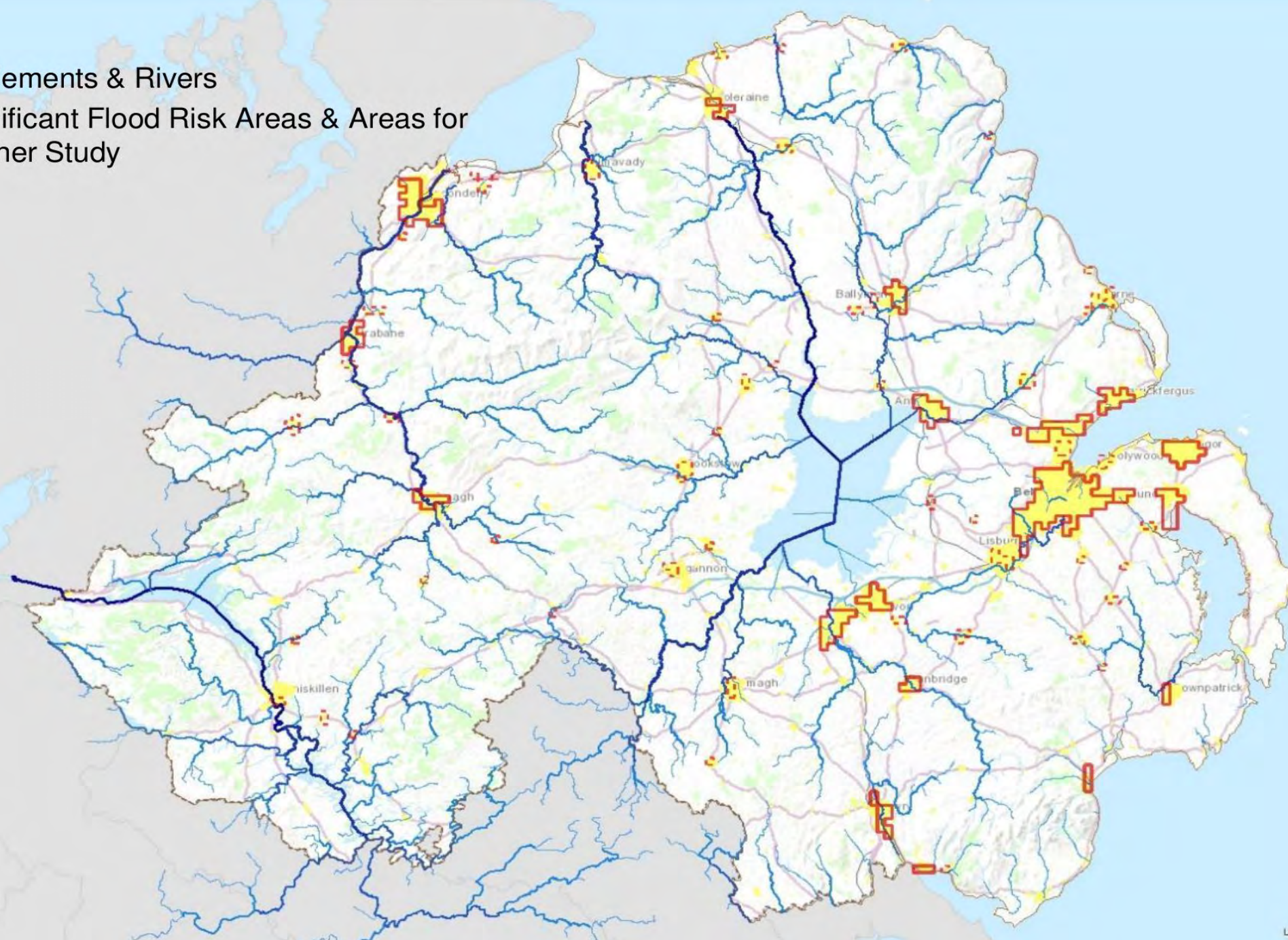
Settlements & Rivers  
Flooded Properties (since 2007)





# Northern Ireland - Overview

Settlements & Rivers  
 Significant Flood Risk Areas & Areas for  
 Further Study

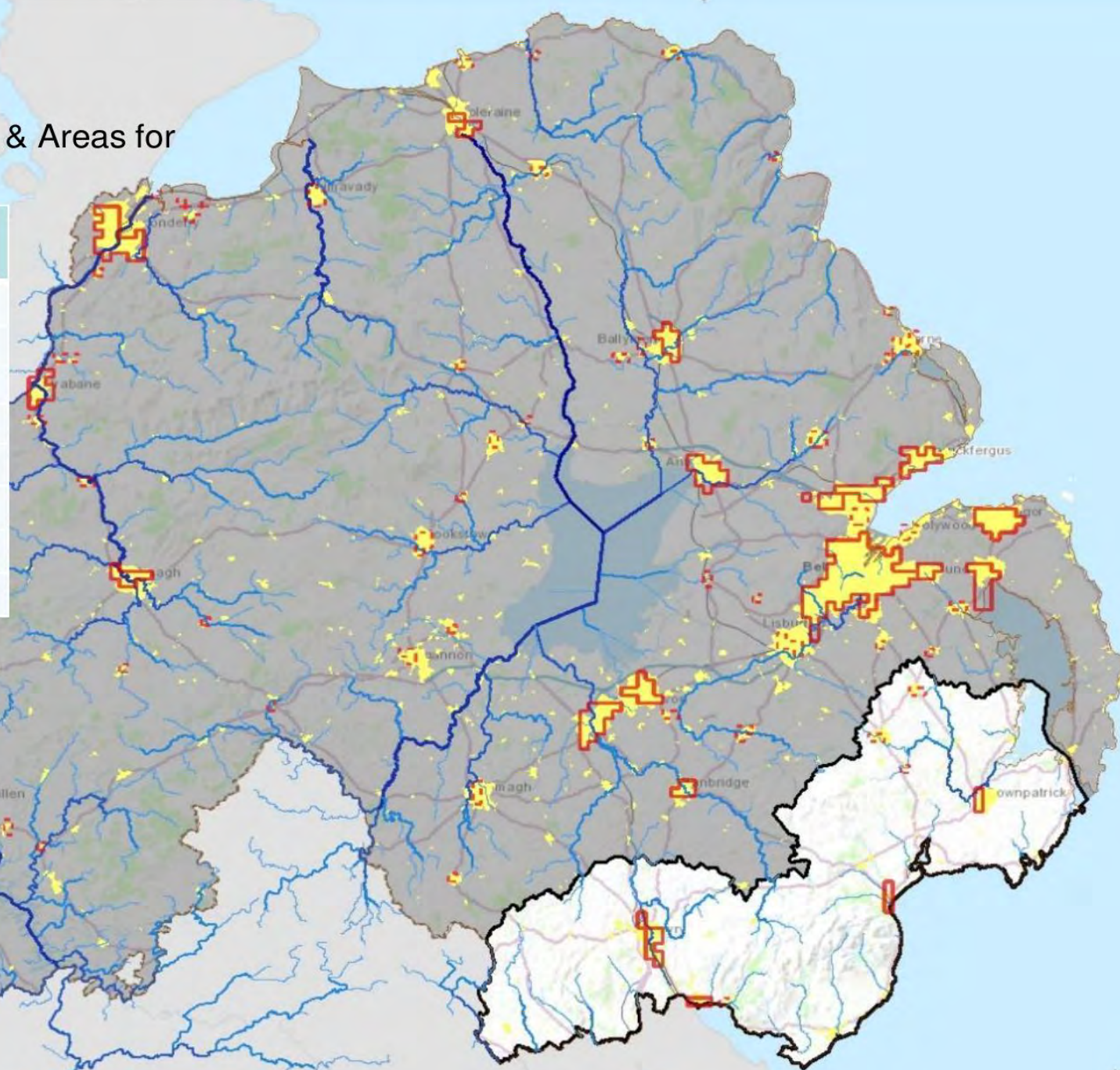




# Newry, Mourne & Down

Settlements & Rivers  
 Significant Flood Risk Areas & Areas for  
 Further Study

Settlement	SFRA or AFS
Downpatrick	SFRA
Newcastle	SFRA
Newry	SFRA
Warrenpoint	SFRA
Ballynahinch	AFS
Drumaness	AFS
Rostrevor	AFS
Saintfield	AFS

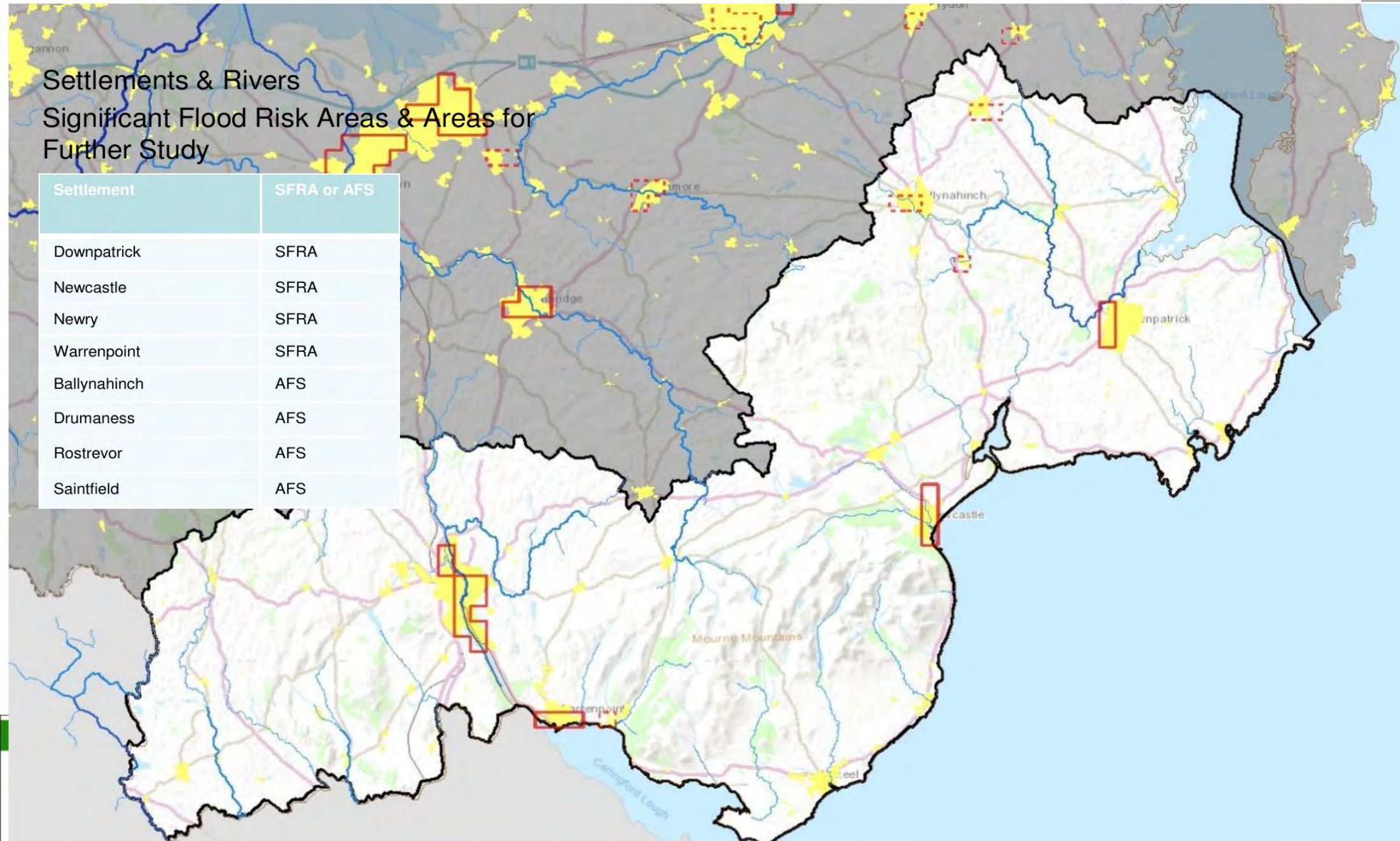




# Newry, Mourne & Down

Settlements & Rivers  
 Significant Flood Risk Areas & Areas for  
 Further Study

Settlement	SFRA or AFS
Downpatrick	SFRA
Newcastle	SFRA
Newry	SFRA
Warrenpoint	SFRA
Ballynahinch	AFS
Drumaness	AFS
Rostrevor	AFS
Saintfield	AFS





# Detailed Maps - Flood Hazard – What the Directive requires....

## CHAPTER III

### FLOOD HAZARD MAPS AND FLOOD RISK MAPS

#### Article 6

1. Member States shall, at the level of the river basin district, or unit of management referred to in Article 3(2)(b), prepare flood hazard maps and flood risk maps, at the most appropriate scale for the areas identified under Article 5(1).

2. The preparation of flood hazard maps and flood risk maps for areas identified under Article 5 which are shared with other Member States shall be subject to prior exchange of information between the Member States concerned.

3. **Flood hazard** maps shall cover the geographical areas which could be flooded according to the following scenarios:

(a) floods with a **low probability**, or extreme event scenarios;

(b) floods with a **medium probability** (likely return period  $\geq 100$  years);

(c) floods with a **high probability**, where appropriate.

## *See following slides for examples of Flood Hazard ....*

4. For each scenario referred to in paragraph 3 the following elements shall be shown:

(a) the flood extent;

(b) water depths or water level, as appropriate;

(c) where appropriate, the flow velocity or the relevant water flow.

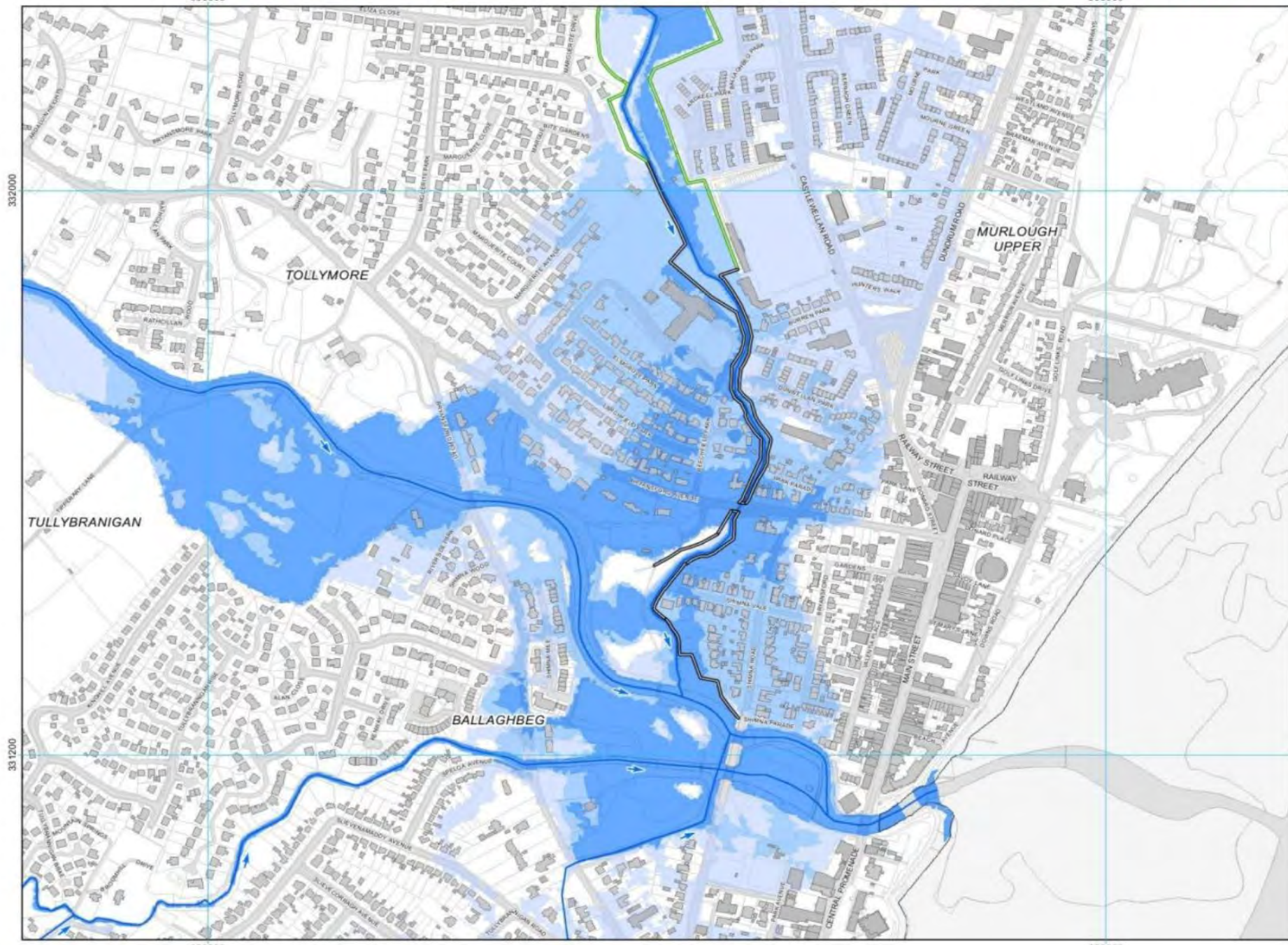




# Flood Hazard – Flood Extent for 3 scenarios

336800

338000

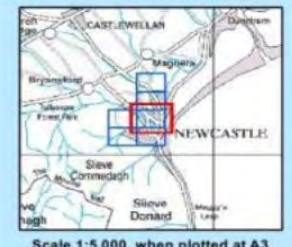


## Flood Hazard Extent

105

All Probabilities

Map Type: FLOOD HAZARD  
 Source: RIVER  
 Epoch: PRESENT DAY



**River Model Status**

- Modelled in Detail
- - - Modelled Strategically
- - - Unmodelled
- ➔ Flow Direction

**"Detailed" Hazard Data**

- 10% AEP Flood Extent (1 in 10 or greater chance in any given year)
- 1% AEP Flood Extent (1 in 100 or greater chance in any given year)
- 0.1% AEP Flood Extent (1 in 1000 or greater chance in any given year)

**Flood Defence Structures**

Standard of Protection (SoP)

- SoP < 50 yrs
- 50yrs <= SoP < 75 yrs
- 75yrs <= SoP < 100 yrs
- 100yrs <= SoP

**"Indicative" Hazard Data**

- - - "Indicative" Floodplain (1 in 100yrs)

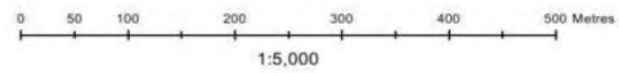
\* Estimated using strategic flood models. Should be used only to identify general areas prone to flooding and not to determine the hazard to individual properties.

Coordinate System: Irish Grid.  
 Coordinates in metres.  
 Heights in metres above MSL Belfast.  
 Users of this map should refer to the guidance and conditions of use available at the Rivers Agency website.



Map Sheet : 25511NW  
 Drawing Number : FEA\_25511NW  
 Publication Date : 09 March 2015

This data is Crown copyright. The base mapping data is reproduced with the permission of Land and Property Services. © Crown copyright database right 2013 EMOU201.2.

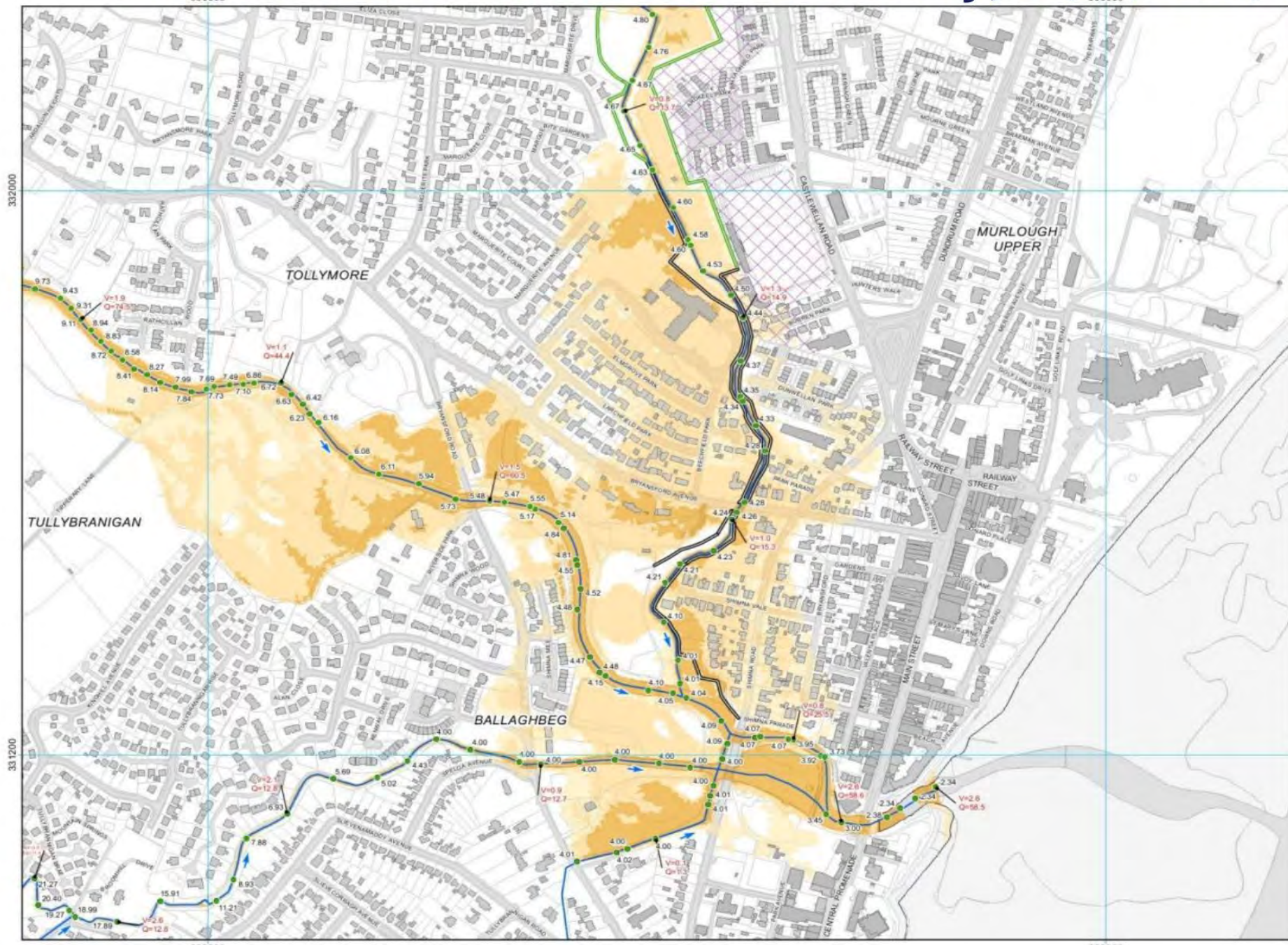


Compiled and published by Dept. of Agriculture & Rural Development, Rivers Agency, Hydebank, 4 Hospital Road, Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT8 8JP.



# Flood Hazard – Medium Probability, Depth, Level, Velocity

Flood Hazard 106



**Flood Hazard**  
**Depth**  
**Medium Probability**  
 1% chance that a flood of this magnitude or greater will occur in any given year.

Map Type: FLOOD HAZARD  
 Source: RIVER  
 Epoch: PRESENT DAY

Scale 1:5,000 when plotted at A3

**River Model Status**

- Modelled in Detail
- - - Modelled Strategically
- - - Unmodelled
- Flow Direction

**"Detailed" Hazard Data**

- Depth < 0.3m
- Depth 0.3m - 1.0m
- Depth > 1.0m
- 12.23 River Level (m)
- V=1.2 Velocity (m/s)
- Q=3.4 Discharge (m<sup>3</sup>/s)

**Flood Defence Structures**  
 Standard of Protection (SoP)

- SoP < 50 yrs
- 50yrs <= SoP < 75 yrs
- 75yrs <= SoP < 100 yrs
- 100yrs <= SoP
- ⊗ Areas protected from river flooding in a 1 in 100 year flood event.

**"Indicative" Hazard Data**

- "Indicative" Floodplain (1 in 100yrs)

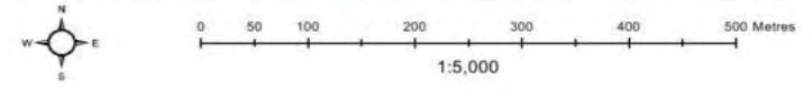
\* Estimated using strategic flood models and therefore should only be used to identify general areas prone to flooding and not to determine the hazard to individual properties.

Coordinate System: Irish Grid.  
 Coordinates in metres.  
 Heights in metres above MSL Belfast.  
 Users of this map should refer to the guidance and conditions of use available at the Rivers Agency website.



Map Sheet : 25511NW  
 Drawing Number : FDM\_25511NW  
 Publication Date : 09 March 2015

This data is Crown copyright. The base mapping data is reproduced with the permission of Land and Property Services, © Crown copyright database right 2013 EMOU201.2.



Compiled and published by Dept. of Agriculture & Rural Development, Rivers Agency, Hydebank, 4 Hospital Road, Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT8 8JP.



# Detailed Maps - Flood Risk - What the Directive Requires....

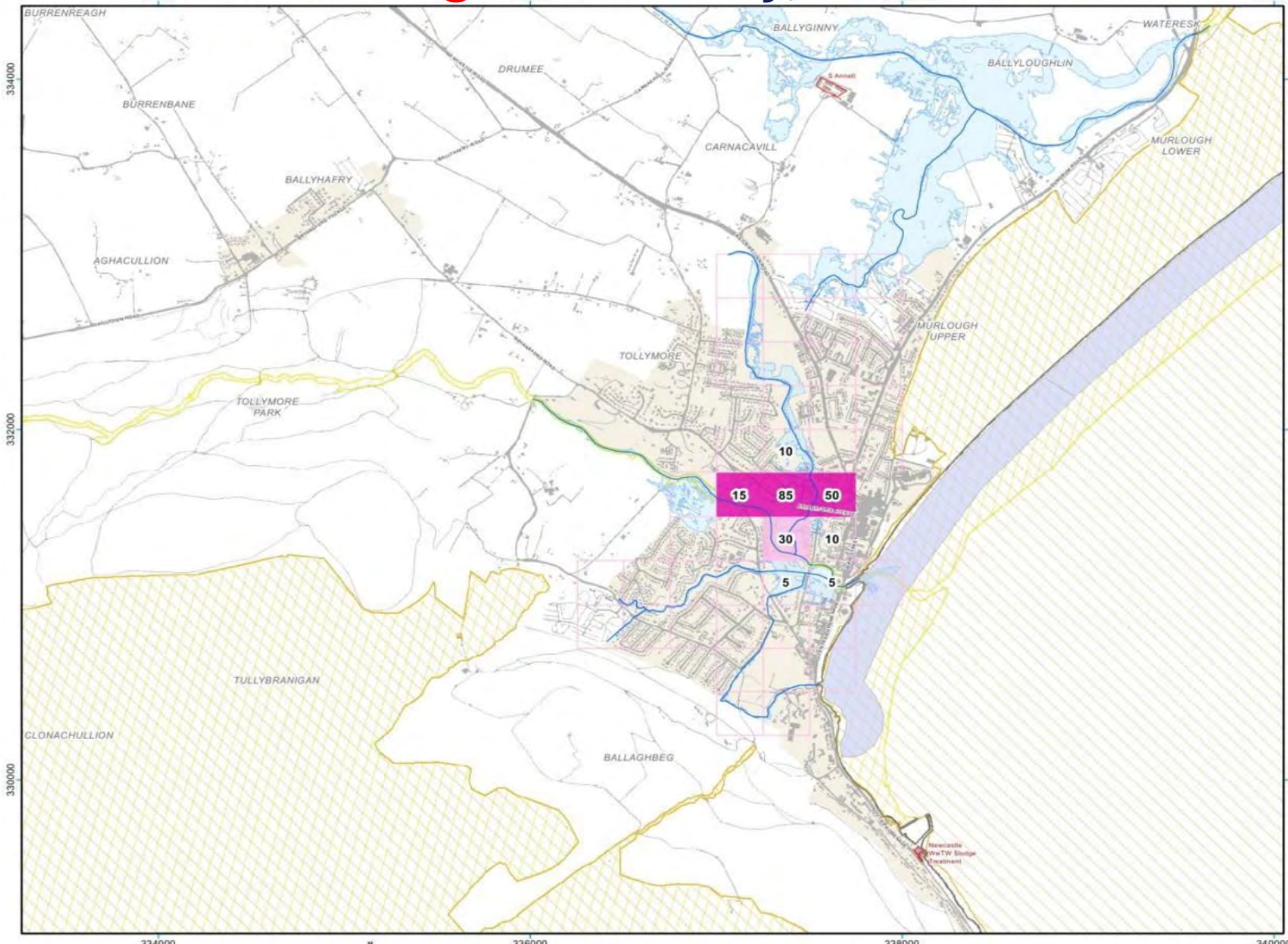
5. **Flood risk** maps shall show the potential adverse consequences associated with flood scenarios referred to in paragraph 3 and expressed in terms of the following:

- (a) the indicative number of inhabitants potentially affected;
- (b) type of economic activity of the area potentially affected;
- (c) installations as referred to in Annex I to Council Directive 96/61/EC of 24 September 1996 concerning integrated pollution prevention and control <sup>(1)</sup> which might cause accidental pollution in case of flooding and potentially affected protected areas identified in Annex IV(1)(i), (iii) and (v) to Directive 2000/60/EC;
- (d) other information which the Member State considers useful such as the indication of areas where floods with a high content of transported sediments and debris floods can occur and information on other significant sources of pollution.

***See handouts for example of Flood Risk....***



# Flood Risk – High Probability, Damages, Inhabitants Affected, etc



### Flood Risk Damages

**High Probability**  
10% chance that a flood of this magnitude or greater will occur in any given year.

Map Type: FLOOD RISK  
Source: RIVER  
Epoch: PRESENT DAY

Scale 1:20,000 when plotted at A3

**River Model Status**  
— Modelled in Detail

**Risk Data**

- 10% AEP Flood Extent (1 in 10 or greater chance in any given year)
- 0 - 10K (£)
- 10K - 50K (£)
- 50K - 200K (£)
- 200K - 1M (£)
- > 1M (£)

5 Estimated number of inhabitants affected

**Environmentally Sensitive Sites**

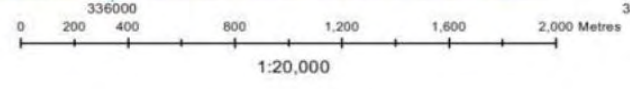
- IPPC Integrated Pollution Prevention & Control Installations
- SAC Special Areas of Conservation
- SPA Special Protection Areas
- ASSI Areas of Special Scientific Interest
- NIEA/DWI registered private water supplies
- Bathing Waters

Coordinate System: Irish Grid.  
Coordinates in metres.  
Heights in metres above MSL Belfast.  
Users of this map should refer to the guidance and conditions of use available at the Rivers Agency website.



**Study Area : Newcastle**  
Drawing Number : FRH\_Newcastle  
Publication Date : 28 May 2014

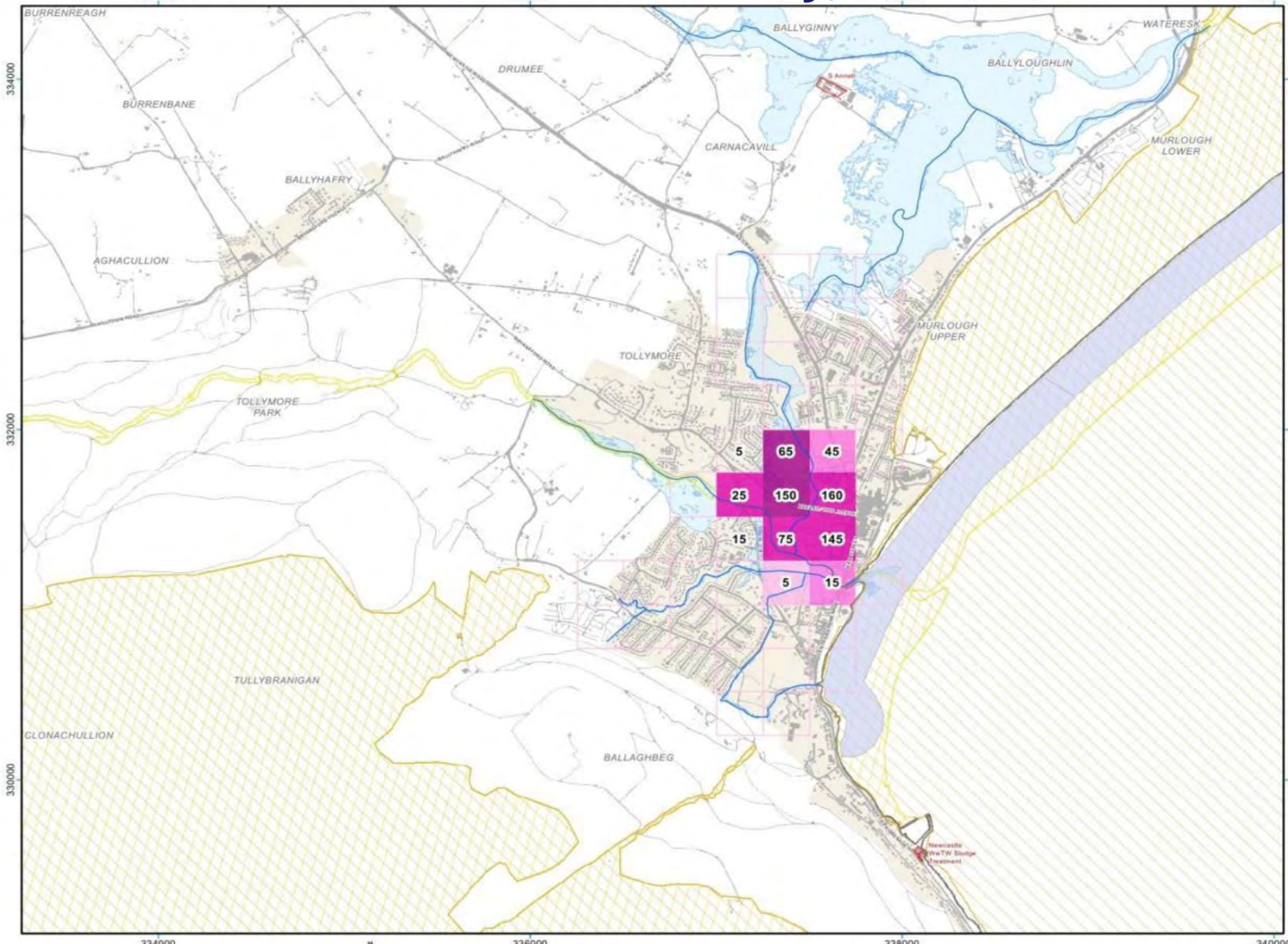
This data is Crown copyright. The base mapping data is reproduced with the permission of Land and Property Services. © Crown copyright database right 2013 EMOU201.2.



Compiled and published by Dept. of Agriculture & Rural Development, Rivers Agency, Hydebank, 4 Hospital Road, Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT8 8JP.



# Flood Risk – Medium Probability, Damages, Inhabitants Affected, etc



### Flood Risk Damages

**Medium Probability**  
 1% chance that a flood of this magnitude or greater will occur in any given year.

Map Type: FLOOD RISK  
 Source: RIVER  
 Epoch: PRESENT DAY

Scale 1:20,000 when plotted at A3

**River Model Status**  
 — Modelled in Detail

**Risk Data**

- 1% AEP Flood Extent (1 in 100 or greater chance in any given year)
- 0 - 10K (£)
- 10K - 50K (£)
- 50K - 200K (£)
- 200K - 1M (£)
- > 1M (£)
- 5 Estimated number of inhabitants affected

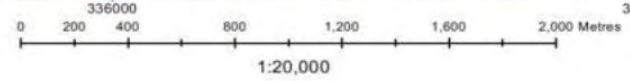
**Environmentally Sensitive Sites**

- IPPC Integrated Pollution Prevention & Control Installations
- SAC Special Areas of Conservation
- SPA Special Protection Areas
- ASSI Areas of Special Scientific Interest
- NIEA/DWI registered private water supplies
- Bathing Waters

Coordinate System: Irish Grid.  
 Coordinates in metres.  
 Heights in metres above MSL Belfast.  
 Users of this map should refer to the guidance and conditions of use available at the Rivers Agency website.



This data is Crown copyright. The base mapping data is reproduced with the permission of Land and Property Services. © Crown copyright database right 2013 EMOU201.2.









# Flood Hazard “pdf” Maps – NI v [Newry, Mourne & Down]

Flood Source	Ref	Description	Plot Size / Scale	NI Total	Council Total
Fluvial	FH1	Flood Extent, 3 probabilities	A3, 1:5000	2,440	216 (9%)
	FH2	Flood Depth, Q10			
	FH3	Flood Depth, Q100			
	FH4	Flood Depth, Q1000			
Surface Water	SH1	Flood Extent, 3 probabilities	A3, 1:10,000	2,232	276 (12%)
	SH2	Flood Depth, 30 year rainfall			
	SH3	Flood Depth, 200 year rainfall			
	SH4	Flood Depth, 1000 year rainfall			
Tidal	TH1	Flood Extent, 3 probabilities	A3, 1:10,000	128	20 (16%)
	TH2	Flood Depth, 10 year tidal			
	TH3	Flood Depth, 200 year tidal			
	TH4	Flood Depth, 1000 year tidal			

Flood Risk maps have been produced for Fluvial & Tidal only - A3,1:20,000

# Agenda

- 1) Floods Directive – Flood Hazard & Flood Risk Maps
- 2) Access to Flood Mapping Information
- 3) Further Work
- 4) Questions



# Public Access – Flood Maps NI

<http://www.dardni.gov.uk/index/rivers/flood-maps-ni.htm>

**RIVERS Agency** Flood Maps (NI)

search for an address User Guide

**"Indicative" Flood Maps**

Use to locate general areas at risk of flooding

Present Day

- Floodplain - Rivers (1% AEP)
- Floodplain - Sea (0.5% AEP)
- Surface Water (0.5% AEP)

Climate Change (2030)

Historical Flooding

**"Detailed" Flood Hazard Maps**

Use to identify specific properties/sites at risk of flooding

Significant Flood Risk Areas

Select button to show grid of available maps

Rivers

- Flood Hazard Extent (All Probabilities)

Flood Hazard Depth (choice of 3 Probabilities)

High  Medium  Low

Coastal Tides

Surface Water

Zoom to your area of interest. Select the Point Tool below, when it turns green click within a grid tile to open a detailed map.

50 km
50 mi

X:361560 Y:480216 Scale: 1,100,000

**Crown Copyright**  
 OSNI mapping © Crown copyright

# NIMA

## Northern Ireland Mapping Agreement

- Rivers Agency and LPS partnership for licensing Flood Mapping products.
- The Flood Mapping products are now included in NIMA, which means they are available NIMA customers or those working on behalf of NIMA customers (this includes all Northern Ireland Civil Service Departments, Agencies, Non Departmental Public Bodies and Councils).





# Government access to Flood Mapping Data

- Flood Mapping has been provided to Planning NI; and has now been included on the Planning Portal.
- Flood Mapping has been provided to Spatial NI; in the future the detail flood mapping will be readily available to Planning staff in the Councils, for use within their desktop GIS systems (e.g. in developing Area Development Plans)
- Licensed Flood Mapping services available now via Flood Maps (NI)



Flood Maps (NI)

# Agenda

- 1) Floods Directive – Flood Hazard & Flood Risk Maps
- 2) Access to Flood Mapping Information
- 3) Further Work
- 4) Questions



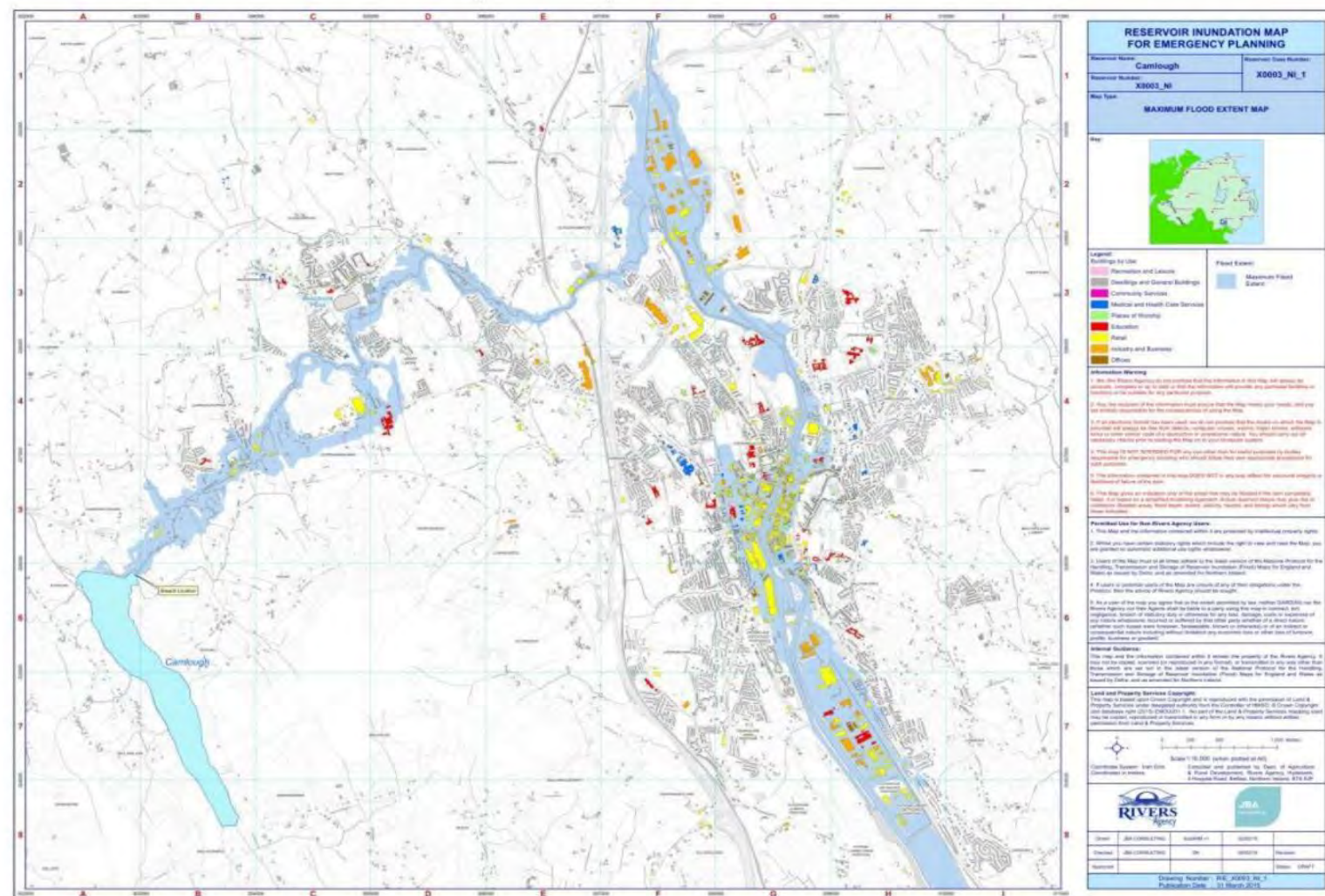
# Flood Animations

- Outputs from the Flood Models may also be used to create animations of flood events
- Can be useful for understanding flooding mechanisms, and an aid in developing emergency plans.
- Animations are on FloodRiskManagementNI [Vimeo](#) website
  - Q100 Newry Animation April '15
  - <https://vimeo.com/126109138>

# Reservoir Flood Mapping

118

- Detailed Reservoir Flood Maps are being produced for approx 130 reservoirs.
- Models & Maps are to a similar specification to those produced in England & Wales
- Planning considerations fall under PPS15 (FLD5)





## Flood Re – UK Scheme to provide Affordable Flood Insurance

- ‘Flood Re’ replaces the ‘Statement of Principles’
- Objective is to ensure domestic properties in UK at highest risk of flooding can receive affordable cover for the ‘flood’ element of their household property insurance
- Applies to domestic properties only; commercial properties excluded
- New housing development should be located to avoid flood risk, therefore properties built after 1<sup>st</sup> Jan '09 will be excluded.
- Secondary Legislation (Scheme Regulations), was laid before UK parliament April '15.

For more information:

- [DEFRA Water Bill: Pt4 – Flood Insurance](#)
- [ABI – Flood Re Explained](#)

# Questions?

**Malcolm Calvert** (Principal Engineer, Mapping & Modelling Unit)

**Jim Martin** (Regional Engineer - Eastern)

Rivers Agency,  
Mapping & Modelling Unit,  
Hydebank, 4 Hospital Road,  
Ballydolloghan,  
Belfast,  
BT8 8JP

E-mail: [malcolm.calvert@dardni.gov.uk](mailto:malcolm.calvert@dardni.gov.uk)

Website: [www.riversagency.go.uk](http://www.riversagency.go.uk)



## Other Resources

Item	Link
Watercourse Designations	<a href="http://www.dardni.gov.uk/index/rivers/ni-drainage-council/current-members-of-drainage-council/map-of-designations-approved-by-drainage-council-ni.htm">http://www.dardni.gov.uk/index/rivers/ni-drainage-council/current-members-of-drainage-council/map-of-designations-approved-by-drainage-council-ni.htm</a>
Annual Maintenance Programme	<a href="http://www.dardni.gov.uk/index/rivers/rivers-our-projects/rivers-maintenance/annual-watercourse-maintenance-programme.htm">http://www.dardni.gov.uk/index/rivers/rivers-our-projects/rivers-maintenance/annual-watercourse-maintenance-programme.htm</a>
Draft Flood Risk Management Plans (Consultation)	<a href="http://www.dardni.gov.uk/index/consultations/consultation-on-draft-flood-risk-management-plans.htm">http://www.dardni.gov.uk/index/consultations/consultation-on-draft-flood-risk-management-plans.htm</a>
PPS15 (Revised)	<a href="http://www.planningni.gov.uk/index/policy/planning_statements/pps15revised-2.htm">http://www.planningni.gov.uk/index/policy/planning_statements/pps15revised-2.htm</a>



# Flood Risk Management - The 3 Ps

- **P**revention
- **P**rotection
- **P**reparedness



## Prevention

Prevent future development that may be at risk of flooding or that may increase the risk of flooding elsewhere. May also include the relocation of specific high risk receptors

Measure Type	Measures
Land use planning policies to prevent the location of additional receptors in flood prone areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider revision of Planning Policy Statement 15 – Planning and Flood Risk to maximise compliance with Floods Directive. For example, address risk from additional sources such as surface water, reservoir impoundment failure and review climate change epoch.</li> </ul>
Remove receptor from floodplain or to a location with a reduced flood hazard (i.e. depth, velocity, return period)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider government policy on managed realignment/ property relocation.</li> </ul>



# Prevention.

## PPS 15 - Planning and Flood Risk

The primary means of avoiding and reducing flood risk to and from new development





## Protection

Taking measures (both structural and non-structural) to reduce the likelihood of floods and/or their impact of floods in a specific location.

Measure Type	Measures	
Hard Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Flood Defences (walls/embankments)</li> <li>● Culverts/channels</li> <li>● Diversionary channels</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Demountable barriers</li> <li>● Off-line storage</li> <li>● SUDs (new-build &amp; retrofit)</li> <li>● Managing exceedance flows within urban landscape</li> </ul>
Soft Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Upstream Flood Storage Areas</li> <li>● Channel Re-sectioning and/or Realignment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Risk focused channel maintenance</li> <li>● Removal of existing rural flood banks</li> </ul>
Natural Flood Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Restore drained bogs</li> <li>● Restore/Create wetland habitats</li> <li>● Plant native forests in upland areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Plant wet woodland within floodplain</li> <li>● Blocking of forest drains</li> <li>● Restore natural river channels</li> </ul>
Building 'Flood Resistance'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Install water-tight flood shields</li> <li>● Install anti-backflow valves on sewer outlets</li> <li>● Community Flood Warden Scheme</li> <li>● Flood proofing grant scheme for homeowners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Raise ground floor level above flood level</li> <li>● Impermeable external walls</li> <li>● Develop Building Regulations/Guidance</li> </ul>
Key/Critical Infrastructure 'Flood Resistance'* <i>(following FRA by owner/operator).</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Local permanent or demountable defence systems</li> </ul>	

## Preparedness

Raising awareness of flood risk and planning for emergency response and recovery.

Measure Type	Measures	
Raise Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Assess/Map/Inform/Advise</li> <li>● Local Flood Forums</li> </ul>	
Emergency Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Flood forecasting</li> <li>● Flood warning</li> <li>● Multi- Agency Emergency Response Plans</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Local Community Flood Plans</li> <li>● ‘Controlled’ Reservoir Flood Plans</li> <li>● Feedback mechanisms for lessons learnt</li> </ul>
Building/Asset Flood Resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Resistant construction materials</li> <li>● Moveable appliances</li> <li>● Flood proofing grant scheme for homeowners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Raise services above flood level.</li> <li>● Develop Building Regulations/Guidance</li> </ul>
Key/Critical Infrastructure Resilience** (Following Flood Risk Assessment by owner/operator).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Review and agree standards for resilience of Critical Infrastructure</li> <li>● Business Continuity Plans</li> <li>● Networking of services to minimise interruptions to delivery.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ensure availability of generators to buffer affects of power outage to critical asset.</li> <li>● Robust provisions for procurement of external resources for incident management.</li> </ul>
Flood Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Government/ABI cooperation to maximise accessibility to flood insurance.</li> </ul>	



**NEWRY, MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Ref: PL/DM

---

**Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council held on Wednesday 13 May 2015 at 1.15pm in the Boardroom, District Council Offices, Monaghan Row, Newry**

---

**Chairperson:** Councillor J Tinnelly**Vice Chairperson:** Councillor W Clarke**In attendance: (Committee Members)**

Cllr G Craig	Cllr P Brown
Cllr L Devlin	Cllr V Harte
Cllr M Larkin	Cllr K Loughran
Cllr D McAteer	Cllr H McKee
Cllr V Harte	Cllr M Ruane
Cllr M Murnin	

**(Officials)**

Mr L Hannaway	Chief Executive
Mr C O Rourke	Director Regulatory & Technical Services
Mr P Green	Legal Officer
Mr A McKay	Head of Planning
Mr P Rooney	Principal Planning Officer
Ms J McParland	Senior Planning Officer
Mr A Davidson	Senior Planning Officer
Mr K Scullion	Newry Mourne & Down DC
Ms S McEldowney	Senior Environmental Health Officer
Ms E McParland	Democratic Services Manager
Ms R McCrickard	Executive Officer 1 (Planning)
Mr G Murtagh	HPTO (Planning)
Mr G Kerr	HPTO (Planning)
Ms C McAteer	Democratic Services Officer
Ms L Dillon	Democratic Services Officer

<b>Also in attendance:</b>	Mr R Laughlin	Transport NI
	Mr S Grant	Transport NI
	Ms E Reeve	NIEA
	Mr K Finnegan	NIEA
	Ms M Stewart	Business Services Manager Fife Council

**Noted:**

Committee Members assembled at 8.30am and proceeded to visit on site the following locations prior to the commencement of the Planning Committee Meeting:

(Application No: P/2013/0434/F) Lands adjacent to 80 Greencastle Pier Road Greencastle)

(Application No: P/2014/0957/F) 12 Seaview Warrenpoint BT34 3NJ)

(Application No: P/2014/0960/F) 4a Dorans Hill Newry)

**P/11/2015: APOLOGIES / CHAIRMANS REMARKS**

No apologies received.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting including the Council Officers, and the representatives from Transport NI and NIEA.

He also welcomed Ms Mary Stewart Business Services Manager Planning Department Fife Council, who was visiting Newry Mourne & Down District Council to observe the Planning Committee in operation.

**P/12/2015: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of interest were put forward as follows:

**Councillor McAteer** declared an interest in Planning Application P/2013/0434/F in respect of lands adjacent to 80 Greencastle Pier Road Greencastle, as he had made public comments regarding this planning application which may be deemed prejudicial to making a decision and said he therefore wanted to absent himself from any discussions.

**Councillor M Ruane** declared an interest in Planning Application P/2013/0434/F in respect of lands adjacent to 80 Greencastle Pier Road Greencastle, as he had spoken to both parties in relation to this application and therefore would absent himself from discussions.

**Councillor V Harte** declared an interest in Planning Application P/2013/0434/F in respect of lands adjacent to 80 Greencastle Pier Road Greencastle,

**Councillor V Harte** declared an interest in Planning Application P/2014/0960/F.

**Councillor Larkin** declared an interest in Planning Application P/2013/0434/F in respect of lands adjacent to 80 Greencastle Pier Road Greencastle, as he had been Chairperson of the Planning Committee of the legacy Council and would absent himself from discussions.

**Councillor McKee** declared an interest in Planning Application P/2013/0434/F in respect of lands adjacent to 80 Greencastle Pier Road Greencastle and would absent himself from discussions.



**P/13/2015: MINUTES OF INAUGURAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING  
- WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL 2015**

---

Read: Minutes of Inaugural Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 15 April 2015. (Copy circulated)

**AGREED: On the proposal of Councillor McKee seconded by Councillor Craig it was agreed to adopt the Minutes of the Inaugural Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 15 April 2015 as a true and accurate record.**

The following matters were raised arising out of the above Minutes and were clarified as follows:

**Information Sheet / Flow Chart – Planning Process**

**NOTED:** Due to circumstances it was noted that the preparation of an Information Sheet and Flow Chart on the planning process had not yet been finalised but Officers would endeavour to have this document provided to Councillors at the earliest possible opportunity.

**Planning Policies – Hard copy**

**NOTED:** An individual hard copy of Planning Policies requested by 3No. Councillors had been prepared and would be distributed to the Councillors.

**P/14/2015: ACTION SHEET  
MEMBERS' BRIEFING PANEL MEETING  
- TUESDAY 21 APRIL 2015**

---

Read: Action Sheet from Members' Briefing Panel Meeting held on Tuesday 21 April 2015. (Copy circulated)

**AGREED: It was agreed to note the Action Sheet of the Members' Briefing Panel Meeting held on Tuesday 21 April 2015.**

**P/15/2015: APPLICATIONS FOR DETERMINATION**

**NOTED:** Councillor D McAteer, Councillor M Ruane, Councillor V Harte, Councillor M Larkin and Councillor H McKee left the Chamber at this point and therefore were not present during discussion on this above application.

The following Applications were considered by the Committee:

**(1) P/2013/0434/ FULL**

***Location:***

Land adjacent to 80 Greencastle Pier Road Greencastle.

***Proposal:***

The proposed construction of ferry terminal facilities adjacent to 80 Greencastle Pier Road Greencastle in Co Down to allow operation of a vehicular ferry across the mouth of Carlingford Lough. The proposed works include the construction of a reinforced concrete suspended pier (58 metres long), supported by vertical tubular piles and a reinforced concrete slipway (70 metres long) to allow vehicular access to the Ferry and 12 berthing piles with fenders and steel gangway to facilitate berthing and tying up of vessels overnight, new access and hardstand for parking and queuing, kiosk for office and ancillary staff facilities, drainage and landscape proposals; upgrade and widening to parts of the Greencastle Pier Road and provision of passing bays; floating navigational marks anchored to the bed of the Lough and laid at the edges of the navigable channel to delineate appropriate channel boundaries or to mark shallow rock outcrops and provide for safety of navigation. (Amended plan / additional information received)

**Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official**  
Approval.

**NOTED:** Planning Officials had received information on Tuesday 12 May 2015 from DOE Marine Division who were consulted in respect of the planning application. DOE Marine Division highlighted a deficiency in the Environmental Statement that potential impact on shellfish in Carlingford Lough had not been adequately assessed in terms of potential discharges from on site office and toilet block buildings.

In light of this response from the DOE Marine Division, Council Planning Officials advised it would not be prudent to make a decision on Planning Application P/2013/0434/F at this stage and recommended a decision on this Application be deferred until such times as Planning Officers had considered the response from the DOE Marine Division.

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Devlin seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed Mr L Hannaway Chief Executive write to DOE Marine Division expressing the Council's disappointment at the Department's delay in consultation response to Planning Application P/2013/0434/F regarding the Greencastle Ferry.**

Councillors Clarke, Brown and Tinnelly expressed their concerns at the delay in response sent by DOE Marine Division regarding planning application P/2013/0434/F.



**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Brown seconded by Councillor Craig it was agreed to defer a decision on Planning Application P/2013/0434/F, until such times as the Council's Planning Officers had investigated the response received from DOE Marine Division.

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Devlin seconded by Councillor Clarke it was agreed a letter be sent to the Minister for the Environment highlighting the Council's concerns regarding DOE Marine Division's delayed consultation response to Planning Application P/2013/0434/F regarding the Greencastle Ferry application.

## **(2) P/2014/0310/ RESERVED MATTERS**

### ***Location:***

Rooney's Meadow Clanyre Avenue Newry, incorporating Frank Curran Park and Jennings Park with new access to site taken off Cecil Street Newry.

### ***Proposal:***

Phase 2 of new Leisure Centre (follow on application to P/2011/0293/RM) comprising new sports halls, fitness suites, café, multi-purpose rooms, associated changing facilities and car park.

### **Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official**

Approval.

This is an existing site which already comprised the newly constructed swimming pool, car park and playing fields. This proposal would upgrade the existing facilities by providing additional leisure facilities and associated parking for the city of Newry. It complied with the relevant policy tests of PPS8. It was for leisure development on an existing area of open space as designated in the BNMAP2015. The design of building and proposed materials were sympathetic to the existing swimming pool and acceptable to the wider locality.

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor McKee it was agreed to approve Application No. P/2014/0310/RM, subject to Conditions 1 – 13, with the exception of conditions 12 and 13, which will be covered in Informatives No. 17, as outlined in the Development Management Officer Report.

**NOTED:** No abstentions.

**(3) P/2014/0957/ FULL*****Location:***

12 Seaview Warrenpoint BT34 3NJ.

***Proposal:***

Material change of use from ground floor apartment to ground floor office including refurbishment of existing outhouse and WC.

**Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official**

Approval.

The proposal seeks to change a residential apartment into a Class A2 office, the third parties have expressed a desire that the area should remain residential but given the presence of the hotel and the nearby commercial unit the area was already mixed use in character, a Class A2 office would have less impact than a Class A1 shop and would not undermine the character significantly. In addition there should be sufficient car parking in the vicinity of the site to cater for the development.

Approval is recommended, consider restricting the use rights to prevent the office being changed into a Class A1 unit without permission.

**NOTED:** This application was referred from the Members' Briefing Panel Meeting on Tuesday 21 April 2015.

**AGREED:** **On the proposal of Councillor Murnin seconded by Councillor Ruane it was agreed to approve Application No. P/2014/0957/F subject to Condition 1 and 2, as outlined in the Development Management Officer Report.**

**Any further future proposals in respect of this address being brought back before the Council's Planning Department for consideration.**

**NOTED:** No abstentions.

**(4) P/2014/0960/ FULL**

**NOTED:** Councillor Harte left the Chamber at this point and was therefore not present during discussion on this application.

***Location:***

4A Dorans Hill Newry

***Proposal:***

Proposed change of use of existing shop to chip shop and associated off-licence.

**Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official**

Approval.



While there is significant local opposition to the proposal, no demonstrable harm to the amenity of local residents has been established through the consultation process. Issues relating to odours, noise, traffic and car parking can be controlled through appropriate conditions.

**NOTED:** This application was referred from the Members' Briefing Panel Meeting on Tuesday 21 April 2015.

Councillor Larkin said he was opposed to this application because of its impact on local residents, many who were elderly.

Councillor W Clarke said he was also of the opinion that this application should not be approved.

**Councillor McAteer proposed and Councillor Brown seconded that the Council accept the Recommendation contained in the Development Management Officer Report to approve Planning Application P/2014/0960/F, subject to Conditions 1 – 6 as contained in the said report, and subject to including an additional condition imposing a 10pm closure time to alleviate negative impact on the residential amenity of local residents, particularly in relation to noise and environment impact.**

The proposal was put to a vote by way of a show of hands and voting was as follows:

**For: 6**  
**Against: 5**

**AGREED:** It was therefore agreed on the proposal of Councillor McAteer seconded by Councillor Brown to accept the Recommendation contained in the Development Management Officer Report to approve Planning Application P/2014/0960/F, subject to Conditions 1 – 6 as contained in the said report, and subject to including an additional condition imposing a 10pm closure time.

**(5) P/2015/0124/ FULL**

***Location:***

Immediately south of St Patrick's GFC playing field on the Tullinval Road Cullyhanna Newry Bt35 0PZ.

***Proposal:***

Proposed new training field, ball stops, flood lighting and dug-outs as previously approved under application P/2009/1111F.

**Conclusion and Recommendation from Planning Official**

Approval.

The site previously benefitted from planning permission for a training field, ball stops, flood lighting and dug-outs under planning reference P/2009/1111/F, the current

proposals submitted are generally the same apart from the flood lighting detail. Overall proposals fully met planning policy and there have been no third party representations in relation to proposals. It is therefore recommended to approve the application.

**AGREED:** On the proposal of Councillor Ruane seconded by Councillor Devlin it was agreed to approve Planning Application No. P/2015/0124/F as recommended in the Development Management Officer Report, subject to Conditions 1 – 4, and Informatives 1 – 6, as contained in the said Report.

**NOTED:** No abstentions.

**P16/2015: PLANNING APPEALS COMMISSION - GUIDANCE  
RE: COSTS AWARDED – PLANNING /RELATED APPEALS**

**Read:** Planning Appeals Commission Guidance document dated February 2015 regarding Costs Awarded in Planning and related Appeals.  
(Copy circulated)

**AGREED:** It was agreed to note Planning Appeals Commission Guidance on Costs Awarded for Planning and related appeals, for information.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 3pm.

For adoption at the Planning Committee Meeting to be held on Wednesday 10 June 2015.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chairperson**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chief Executive**



**NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held on Thursday 25 June 2015 at  
2.00pm in the Mourne Room Downshire Civic Centre Downpatrick.**

**Chairperson:** Councillor C Enright

**In Attendance: (Committee Members)**

Councillor P Brown  
Councillor C Casey  
Councillor T Hearty  
Councillor D Hyland  
Councillor M Murnin  
Councillor J Tinnelly

**Officials in Attendance:**

Mr L Hannaway	Chief Executive
Mr E Curtis	Director Strategic Planning & Performance
Ms M Ward	Director Enterprise Regeneration & Tourism
Mr C O Rourke	Director Regulatory & Technical Services
Mr M Lipsett	Director Active & Healthy Communities
Mr R Dowey	Head of Finance
Mr J Finnegan	Risk & Investigations Officer
Mr K Montgomery	Finance Manager
Ms B Phillips	Finance Manager
Mr G McGivern	Officer
Ms E McParland	Democratic Services Manager
Ms L Dillon	Democratic Services Officer

**Also in Attendance:**

Mr F Kearney	Fitzpatrick & Kearney
Ms S Nesbitt	Programme Assistant Peace III
Ms P Poots	Capita (Internal Auditors)

**AC/01/2015:- ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON  
- AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**Noted:** The Committee was required to appoint a temporary Chairperson as an independent Chairperson had not yet been appointed.

The following names came forward for consideration for appointment of temporary Chairperson of the Audit Committee:

Councillor T Hearty – proposed by Councillor Casey seconded by Councillor Murnin  
Councillor C Enright- proposed by Councillor Hyland seconded by Councillor Tinnelly

The nominations were put to a vote by way of a show of hands and voting was as follows:

To appoint Councillor T Hearty as temporary Chairperson of the Audit Committee:  
3 votes.

To appoint Councillor C Enright as temporary Chairperson of the Audit Committee:  
4 votes.

**Agreed: It was therefore agreed to appoint Councillor C Enright as temporary Chairperson of the Audit Committee to chair the meeting.**

#### **AC/02/2015:- APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS**

The Chairperson welcomed Members to the inaugural meeting of the Audit Committee

**Noted:** The following apologies were received:  
Councillor C McGrath  
Councillor G Sharvin  
Mr A Davidson Capita

#### **AC/03/2015:- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**Noted:** No declarations of interest were received.

#### **AC/04/2015:- ACCOUNTS – PEACE III - YEAR END 31 MARCH 2015**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor Hyland it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor Hyland it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

**Agreed:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairman reported that on the proposal of Councillor Casey seconded by Councillor Hyland it was agreed to approve Accounts for Peace III year ending 31 March 2015 and same to be formally signed by the Chief Executive and Chairperson of the Audit Committee.



**AC/05/2015:- APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT CHAIRPERSON  
- AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**Noted:** In response to a query from Councillor Hyland regarding when the Council would appoint an independent Chairperson for the Audit Committee, Mr Dowey explained that following re-advertisement of the position, interviews were scheduled to be held on 9 July 2015.

**AC/06/2015:- TERMS OF REFERENCE  
- AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**Read:** Terms of Reference for Audit Committee. (Copy circulated)

Councillor Enright highlighted a number of issues which he said were differences in how the Audit Committees were operated in the two legacy Councils. He said that in the legacy Down District Council, Management only attended meetings of the Audit Committee when discussion related to their specific department.

Councillor Enright said he believed management should not have any involvement in the interview process for the appointment of the independent Chairperson as this should be the responsibility of the Members of the Audit Committee.

Mr Curtis advised Members that this was a decision for the Council and could not be amended.

A lengthy discussion ensued in relation to the role of the Audit Committee.

Mr Dowey explained the primary role of this particular Audit Committee meeting was to approve and sign off year end accounts and that all Directors were requested to attend the meeting in order that any matters arising in relation to the year end accounts of the legacy Councils could be addressed. He added that when an independent Chairperson was appointed for the Audit Committee, a pre-meeting would be held with Audit Committee Members and the Chairperson in advance of each Audit Committee meeting.

Considerable discussion then followed during which Ms Pauline Poots Capita Consulting made reference to the Treasury Audit Handbook in response to questions concerning best practice. She explained that the distinction between Members and Officers was important and should be reflected in the Terms of Reference. She said Officers should be invited to attend Audit Committee Meetings where appropriate. She added the Audit Committee had the right to hold closed sessions – a formal closed session should be held at least once per year. However she said who attended the Audit Committee, was for the Audit Committee to agree.

Ms Poots went on to explain the role of the Audit Committee which was to appoint internal and external auditors and agree strategies and work plans.

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Enright seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed a draft addendum to the Audit Committee Terms of Reference be prepared by Mr R Dowey Head of Finance to reflect best practice procedures.

Ms Poots made reference to the Public Appointments Guidance.

**Agreed:** Ms Pauline Poots Capita Consulting to forward a copy of the following guidance documents to the Council for information:  
 - DFP (NI) Audit and Risk Assurance Committee Handbook (based on HM Treasury Handbook)  
 - RoI Local Government (Audit Committee) Regulations

**AC/07/2015:- MINUTES OF DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
 AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING  
 - WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH 2015**

---

**Read:** Minutes of Down District Council Audit Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 11 March 2015. (Copy circulated)

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Hyland seconded by Councillor Tinnelly it was agreed to note the Minutes of Down District Council Audit Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 11 March 2015.

**AC/08/2015:- MINUTES OF NEWRY & MOURNE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
 AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING  
 - MONDAY 16 MARCH 2015**

---

**Read:** Minutes of Down District Council Audit Committee Meeting held on Monday 16 March 2015. (Copy circulated)

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Hyland seconded by Councillor Tinnelly it was agreed to note the Minutes of Newry & Mourne District Council Audit Committee Meeting held on Monday 16 March 2015.

Mr L Hannaway Chief Executive, joined the meeting at this point.

**AC/09/2015:- INTERNAL AUDIT  
 - ANNUAL ASSURANCE REPORT 2014-15  
 - NEWRY AND MOURNE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

---

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Hyland seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of



**Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Hyland seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

**Agreed:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairman reported it was unanimously agreed to note the Internal Audit Annual Assurance Report 2014-15 for Newry & Mourne District Council and it was further agreed to include a progress report on addressing ongoing ICT issues within the Newry Mourne and Down District Council, for consideration at the next meeting of the Audit Committee to be held on Thursday 29 October 2015.

**AC/10/2015:- RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT  
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015  
- NEWRY & MOURNE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Hyland seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Hyland seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

**Agreed:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairman reported it was unanimously agreed to note the Risk Management Report year ended 31 March 2015 for Newry & Mourne District Council and also to note that a comparison exercise will be carried out to compare Risk Management Reports for Down District Council and Newry & Mourne District Council for tabling at a future meeting of the Audit Committee.

It was pointed out to Members that this action could not be progressed until an appointment had been made to the post of Audit Services Manager.

**Consideration of Annual Accounts year ended 31 March 2015****AC/11/2015:- ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2014/15  
- DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Hyland seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Hyland seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

**Agreed:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairman reported it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Enright seconded by Councillor Hyland to note the Annual Governance Statement 2014/15 for Down District Council and also that a report be submitted back to the next meeting of the Audit Committee Meeting to be held on Thursday 29 October 2015 regarding grant income for the delivery of the Green Tourism Programme.

**AC/12/2015:- ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2014/15  
- NEWRY & MOURNE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Hyland seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Hyland seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

**Agreed:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairman reported it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Enright seconded by Councillor Hearty that a paper be prepared on bringing together an Annual Governance Statement for the new Council.



**AC/13/2015:- YEAR END ACCOUNTS 31 MARCH 2015  
- DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Hyland seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Hyland seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

**Agreed:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairman reported it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor Morning to approve Accounts for Down District Council year ending 31 March 2015 and same to be formally signed by the Chief Executive and Chairperson of the Audit Committee.

**AC/14/2015:- YEAR END ACCOUNTS 31 MARCH 2015  
- NEWRY & MOURNE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Hyland seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).

**Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Hyland seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.

**Agreed:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairman reported it was agreed on the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor Hyland to approve Accounts for Newry & Mourne District Council year ending 31 March 2015 and same to be formally signed by the Chief Executive and Chairperson of the Audit Committee.

**AC/15/2015:- ACCOUNTS – STATUTORY TRANSITION COMMITTEE  
- FOR PERIOD 1 APRIL 2014 TO 18 JUNE 2015**

- Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor Hyland it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).
- Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor Hyland it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.
- Agreed:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairman reported that on the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor Morning it was agreed to approve Accounts for the Statutory Transition Committee for period from 1 April 2014 to 18 June 2015 and same to be formally signed by the Chief Executive and Chairperson of the Audit Committee.

**AC/16/2015:- ACCOUNTS – SHADOW COUNCIL  
- FOR PERIOD 19 JUNE 2014 TO 31 MARCH 2015**

- Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor Hyland it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Council holding that information).
- Agreed:** On the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor Hyland it was agreed the Committee come out of closed session.
- Agreed:** When the Committee came out of closed session, the Chairman reported that on the proposal of Councillor Hearty seconded by Councillor Morning it was agreed to approve Accounts for the Shadow Council for period from 19 June 2014 to 31 March 2015 and same to be formally signed by the Chief Executive and Chairperson of the Audit Committee.

**Internal Audit – ASM Limited****AC/17/2015:- DRAFT INTERNAL AUDIT STRATEGY – 2015-2019  
NEWRY MOURNE & DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Read:** Draft Internal Audit Strategy 2015-2019 from ASM Limited, Internal Auditors. (Copy circulated)

**Noted:** Representatives from the Council's appointed internal auditors, ASM Limited, would be in attendance at the next meeting of the Audit Committee in October 2015 and a closed session would be held between Councillors on the Audit Committee and the internal auditors prior to the commencement of the Audit Committee Meeting.

**Agreed:** **It was unanimously agreed to note the Draft Internal Audit Strategy 2015 – 2019.**

**Agreed:** **On the proposal of Councillor Enright seconded by Councillor Hearty it was agreed that a closed session meeting be arranged between the Members of the Audit Committee and internal auditors, ASM Limited, in advance of the Audit Committee Meeting in October 2015.**

**AC/18/2015:- CLASH OF MEETINGS**

**Noted:** **Mr Hannaway explained that dates for all Committee meetings of Council were fixed dates agreed formally by Council and that any other adhoc/external meetings must be arranged around these dates.**

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 4.10pm.

For consideration/noting at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 6 July 2015.

**Signed:** **R Dowey**  
**Head of Finance**