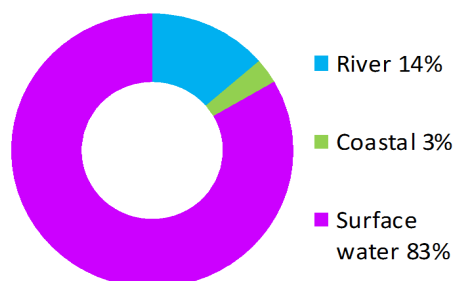


River Ayr catchment (Potentially Vulnerable Area 12/11)

Local Plan District	Local authority	Main catchment
Ayrshire	South Ayrshire Council	River Ayr

Summary of flooding impacts



At risk of flooding

- 90 residential properties
- <10 non-residential properties
- £72,000 Annual Average Damages

(damages by flood source shown left)

Summary of flooding impacts

Summary of objectives to manage flooding

Objectives have been set by SEPA and agreed with flood risk management authorities. These are the aims for managing local flood risk. The objectives have been grouped in three main ways: by reducing risk, avoiding increasing risk or accepting risk by maintaining current levels of management.

Many organisations, such as Scottish Water and energy companies, actively maintain and manage their own assets including their risk from flooding. Where known, these actions are described here. Scottish Natural Heritage and Historic Environment Scotland work with site owners to manage flooding where appropriate at designated environmental and/or cultural heritage sites. These actions are not detailed further in the Flood Risk Management Strategies.

Objectives

Summary of actions to manage flooding

The actions below have been selected to manage flood risk.

<i>Flood protection scheme/works</i>	<i>Natural flood management works</i>	New flood warning	<i>Community flood action groups</i>	<i>Property level protection scheme</i>	<i>Site protection plans</i>
<i>Flood protection study</i>	<i>Natural flood management study</i>	<i>Maintain flood warning</i>	Awareness raising	Surface water plan/study	Emergency plans/response
<i>Maintain flood protection scheme</i>	Strategic mapping and modelling	Flood forecasting	Self help	Maintenance	Planning policies

Actions

River Ayr catchment (Potentially Vulnerable Area 12/11)

Local Plan District	Local authority	Main catchment
Ayrshire	South Ayrshire Council	River Ayr

Background

This Potentially Vulnerable Area spans Ayr and Mossblown (shown below). It is approximately 20km².



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The area has a risk of river surface water and coastal flooding. The majority of damages are caused by surface water flooding.

There are approximately 90 residential properties at risk of flooding. The Annual Average Damages are approximately £72,000.

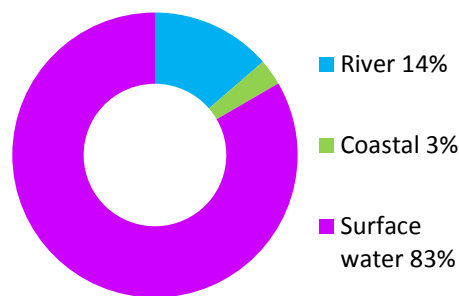


Figure 1: Annual Average Damages by flood source

Summary of flooding impacts

Surface water flooding presents the greatest risk in the area, with residential areas in Forehill and Craigie at risk along with risk to main road and rail routes. The areas at highest risk from surface water flooding will require the preparation of surface water management plans.

The River Ayr meanders through the area from the east and is the main source of river flooding. The Water of Coyle merges with the River Ayr at Barclaugh where flooding would mostly affect surrounding agricultural land. The floodplain of the River Ayr is relatively narrow but residential and non-residential properties, and a small number of utilities, are at risk as it flows through Ayr.

The risk of flooding to people and property, as well as to community facilities, utilities, the transport network, designated sites and agricultural land is summarised in Table 1. The damages associated with floods of different likelihood are shown in Figure 2. Residential properties affected by surface water flooding experience the highest economic impact at approximately 50% of the damages.

Within this Potentially Vulnerable Area it is estimated that climate change will increase the number of residential properties at risk of flooding from approximately 90 to 110.

The location of the impacts of flooding is shown in Figure 3. Most of impacts are within Ayr and Annbank. This includes flooding to people, non-residential properties, utilities and roads. Railways are at risk at Mossblown and two designated cultural heritage sites are also at risk.

	1 in 10 High likelihood	1 in 200 Medium likelihood	1 in 1000 Low likelihood
Residential properties (total 5,200)	<10	90	110
Non-residential properties (total 210)	<10	<10	10
People	<10	200	240
Community facilities	0	0	<10 Healthcare facilities
Utilities assets	0	<10	<10
Transport links - roads (km)	1.1 (of which 0.2 is A road)	2.1 (of which 0.3 is A road)	2.3 (of which 0.4 is A road)
Transport links - rail (km)	0.8	1.8	1.9
Environmental designated areas (km ²)	0	0	0
Designated cultural heritage sites	2	2	2
Agricultural land (km ²)	0.2	0.4	0.6

Table 1: Summary of flooding impacts¹

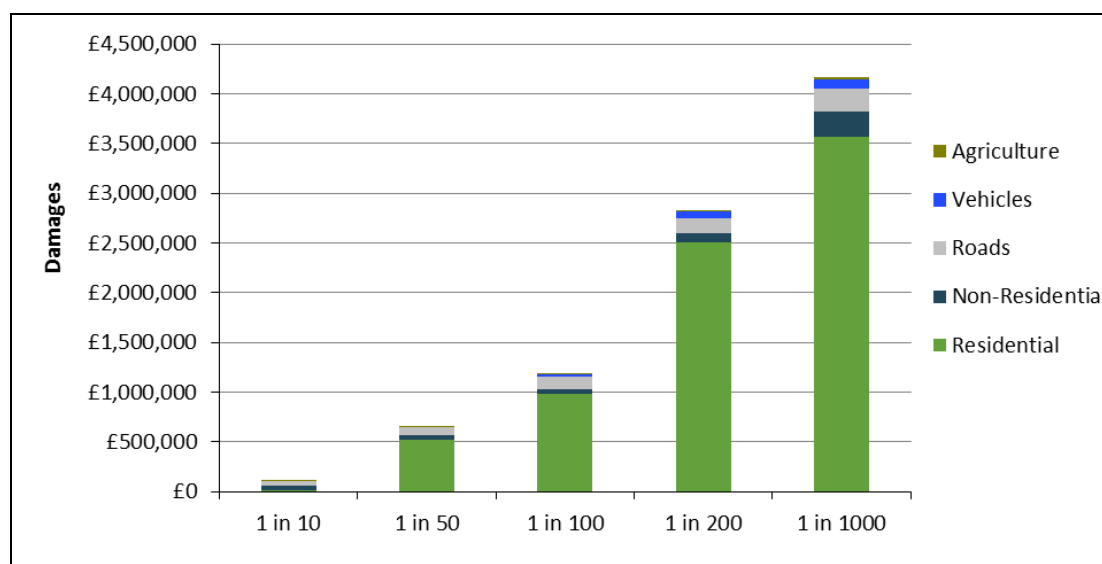


Figure 2: Damages by flood likelihood

¹ Some receptors are counted more than once if flooded from multiple sources

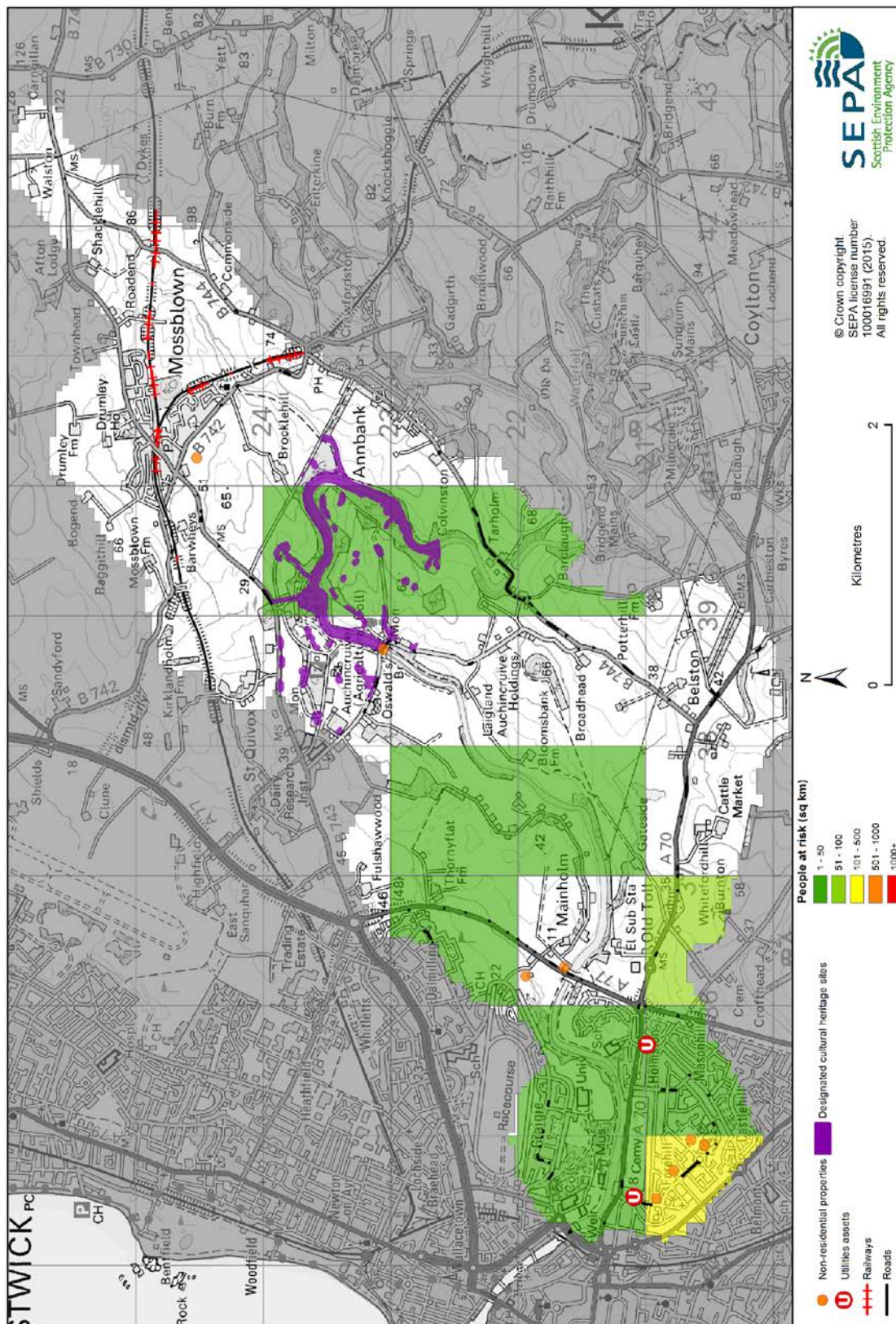


Figure 3: Impacts of flooding

History of flooding

Although flooding has been recorded within this area as far back as 1739 there has been limited impact on people and property. The last record was in October 1977 when the River Ayr had its highest recorded flows, although there were no recorded impacts on properties or people in the local area.

Objectives to manage flooding in Potentially Vulnerable Area 12/11

Objectives provide a common goal and shared ambition for managing floods. These objectives have been set by SEPA and agreed with flood risk management authorities following consultation. They were identified through an assessment of the underlying evidence of the causes and impacts of flooding. Target areas have been set to focus actions; they do not necessarily correspond to areas at risk in SEPA's flood map. The objectives below have been set for the River Ayr catchment Potentially Vulnerable Area.

Target area	Objective	ID	Indicators within PVA
Prestwick and Ayr	Reduce the economic damages and risk to people from surface water flooding in Prestwick and Ayr	12043	* See note below
Applies across Ayrshire Local Plan District	Avoid an overall increase in flood risk	12039	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90 residential properties • £72,000 Annual Average Damages
Applies across Ayrshire Local Plan District	Reduce overall flood risk	12082	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90 residential properties • £72,000 Annual Average Damages
Applies across Ayrshire Local Plan District	Organisations such as Scottish Water, energy companies and Historic Environment Scotland actively maintain and manage their own assets, including the risk of flooding. These actions are not detailed further in the Flood Risk Management Strategies.		

* This objective will be monitored using surface water flood risk across the Potentially Vulnerable Area. For 12/11 there are 90 residential properties at risk and Annual Average Damages of £61,000.

Actions to manage flooding in Potentially Vulnerable Area 12/11

Actions describe where and how flood risk will be managed. These actions have been set by SEPA and agreed with flood risk management authorities following consultation. Selection of actions to deliver the agreed objectives was based on a detailed assessment and comparison of economic, social and environmental criteria. The actions shaded and then described below have been selected as the most appropriate for the River Ayr catchment Potentially Vulnerable Area.

Selected actions					
<i>Flood protection scheme/works</i>	<i>Natural flood management works</i>	New flood warning	<i>Community flood action groups</i>	<i>Property level protection scheme</i>	<i>Site protection plans</i>
<i>Flood protection study</i>	<i>Natural flood management study</i>	<i>Maintain flood warning</i>	Awareness raising	Surface water plan/study	Emergency plans/response
<i>Maintain flood protection scheme</i>	Strategic mapping and modelling	Flood forecasting	Self help	Maintenance	Planning policies

Action (ID):	NEW FLOOD WARNING (120820010)		
Objective (ID):	Reduce overall flood risk (12082)		
Delivery lead:	SEPA		
Status:	Not started	Indicative delivery:	2016-2021
Description:	The area under consideration includes properties affected by flooding from the River Ayr. Full scoping, infrastructure and a flood forecasting system will be required before a flood warning service can be delivered in this area. Communities that will benefit from a warning will be identified during development of the scheme.		

Action (ID):	SURFACE WATER PLAN/STUDY (120430018)		
Objective (ID):	Reduce the economic damages and risk to people from surface water flooding in Prestwick and Ayr (12043)		
Delivery lead:	South Ayrshire Council		
Status:	Not started	Indicative delivery:	2016-2021
Description:	The area must be covered by a surface water management plan or plans that set objectives for the management of surface water flood risk and identify the most sustainable actions to achieve the objectives.		

Action (ID):	SURFACE WATER PLAN/STUDY (120430019)		
Objective (ID):	Reduce the economic damages and risk to people from surface water flooding in Prestwick and Ayr (12043)		
Delivery lead:	Scottish Water in partnership with South Ayrshire Council		
Status:	Ongoing	Indicative delivery:	2016-2021
Description:	An integrated catchment study will be carried out to support the surface water management plan process and improve knowledge and understanding of surface water flood risk and interactions with other sources of flooding e.g. with the sewer network, watercourses and the sea.		

Action (ID):	STRATEGIC MAPPING AND MODELLING (120820019)		
Objective (ID):	Reduce overall flood risk (12082)		
Delivery lead:	Scottish Water		
Status:	Not started	Indicative delivery:	2016-2021
Description:	Scottish Water will review the assessment of flood risk within the highest risk sewer catchments to improve knowledge and understanding of surface water flood risk.		

Action (ID):	FLOOD FORECASTING (120820009)		
Objective (ID):	Reduce overall flood risk (12082)		
Delivery lead:	SEPA		
Status:	Existing	Indicative delivery:	Ongoing
Description:	The Scottish Flood Forecasting Service is a joint initiative between SEPA and the Met Office that produces daily, national flood guidance statements which are issued to Category 1 and 2 Responders. The service also provides information which allows SEPA to issue flood warnings, giving people a better chance of reducing the impact of flooding on their home or business. For more information please visit SEPA's website.		

Action (ID):	SELF HELP (120820011)		
Objective (ID):	Reduce overall flood risk (12082)		
Delivery lead:	—		
Status:	Existing	Indicative delivery:	Ongoing
Description:	Everyone is responsible for protecting themselves and their property from flooding. Property and business owners can take simple steps to reduce damage and disruption to their homes and businesses should flooding happen. This includes preparing a flood plan and flood kit, installing property level protection, signing up to Floodline and Resilient Communities initiatives, and ensuring that properties and businesses are insured against flood damage.		

Action (ID):	AWARENESS RAISING (120820013)		
Objective (ID):	Reduce overall flood risk (12082)		
Delivery lead:	Responsible authorities		
Status:	Existing	Indicative delivery:	Ongoing
Description:	SEPA and the responsible authorities have a duty to raise public awareness of flood risk. Improved awareness of flood risk and actions that prepare individuals, homes and businesses for flooding can reduce the overall impact. From 2016 SEPA will engage with the community through local participation in national initiatives, including partnership working with Neighbourhood Watch Scotland. In addition, SEPA will engage with local authorities and community resilience groups where possible. Local authorities will be undertaking additional awareness raising activities. Further details will be set out in the Local FRM Plan.		

Action (ID):	MAINTENANCE (120820007)		
Objective (ID):	Reduce overall flood risk (12082)		
Delivery lead:	South Ayrshire Council, asset / land managers		
Status:	Existing	Indicative delivery:	Ongoing
Description:	Local authorities have a duty to assess watercourses and carry out clearance and repair works where such works would substantially reduce flood risk. They produce schedules of clearance and repair works and make these available for public inspection. Scottish Water undertake inspection and repair on the public sewer network. Asset owners and riparian landowners are responsible for the maintenance and management of their own assets including those which help to reduce flood risk.		

Action (ID):	EMERGENCY PLANS/RESPONSE (120820014)		
Objective (ID):	Reduce overall flood risk (12082)		
Delivery lead:	Category 1 and 2 Responders		
Status:	Existing	Indicative delivery:	Ongoing
Description:	<p>Providing an emergency response to flooding is the responsibility of many organisations, including local authorities, the emergency services and SEPA. Effective management of an emergency response relies on emergency plans that are prepared under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 by Category 1 and 2 Responders. The emergency response by these organisations is co-ordinated through regional and local resilience partnerships. This response may be supported by the work of voluntary organisations.</p>		

Action (ID):	PLANNING POLICIES (120390001)		
Objective (ID):	Avoid an overall increase in flood risk (12039) Reduce overall flood risk (12082)		
Delivery lead:	Planning authority		
Status:	Existing	Indicative delivery:	Ongoing
Description:	<p>Scottish Planning Policy and accompanying Planning Advice Notes set out Scottish Ministers' priorities for the operation of the planning system and for the development and use of land. In terms of flood risk management, the policy supports a catchment-scale approach to sustainable flood risk management and aims to build the resilience of our cities and towns, encourage sustainable land management in our rural areas, and to address the long-term vulnerability of parts of our coasts and islands. Under this approach, new development in areas with medium to high likelihood of flooding should be avoided. For further information on the application of national planning policies see Annex 2.</p>		