

Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2025

What is a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy?

Under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, MCC has been established as the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) for its administrative area. This Act requires all 22 LLFAs in Wales to produce, develop, maintain, apply and monitor a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy for their administrative area.

Different Risk Management Authorities (RMAs) in Wales are responsible for different sources of flood risk. As a LLFA, MCC are responsible for “local flood risk” which is defined as flood risk from:

- Surface water runoff
- Groundwater
- Ordinary watercourses (generally smaller watercourses)

This Local Strategy focuses on these local sources of flood risk within Monmouthshire but acknowledges and considers other sources of flood risk (including main rivers, sea, and sewers) and associated responsible RMAs.

Current MCC Local Strategy and Plan, and the National Strategy



Monmouthshire County Council

Local Flood Risk Management Strategy



Tidal Flooding at Tintern, 2012.

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Flood Risk Management Plan



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The National Strategy for Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management in Wales

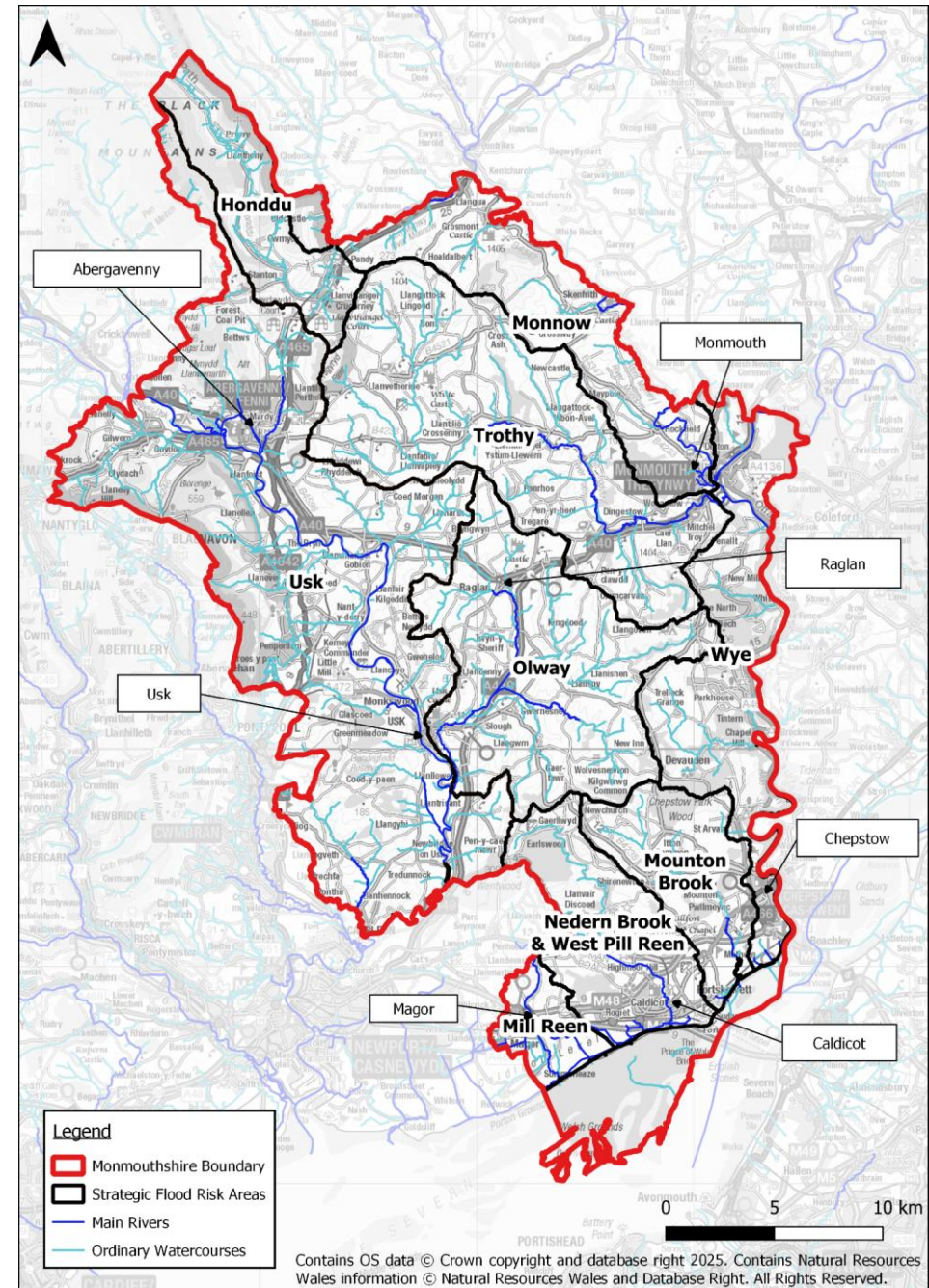
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How we assess flood risk?

Flood risk across Monmouthshire has been assessed on a catchment basis using identified Strategic Flood Risk Areas (SFRAs).

These SFRAs mirror the catchments of larger watercourses and breakdown the county into suitable areas whereby local flood risk can be considered in a holistic way along with all other sources of flooding.

This approach also helps to highlight areas at greatest risk and their interconnected potential for mitigation on a catchment basis, whilst also maximising the potential for identifying flood risk management opportunities across a range of LLFA responsibilities and duties.



How is local flood risk managed?

Definitions of the Objectives, Measures and Actions for Delivering MCC's Local Strategy

Objectives

- Overarching targets or outcomes of flood risk management during, or beyond, the Local Strategy cycle.
- Statements of Local Authority ambition for flood risk management.
- Specific to the Local Authority but linked to the National Strategy Objectives.

Measures

- Broad activities and ways of working to meet the Objectives.
- Typically apply to the Local Authority area rather than specific communities/locations within it.
- Are loosely time-bound and are measurable at a high-level, with indicative costs and benefits.

Actions

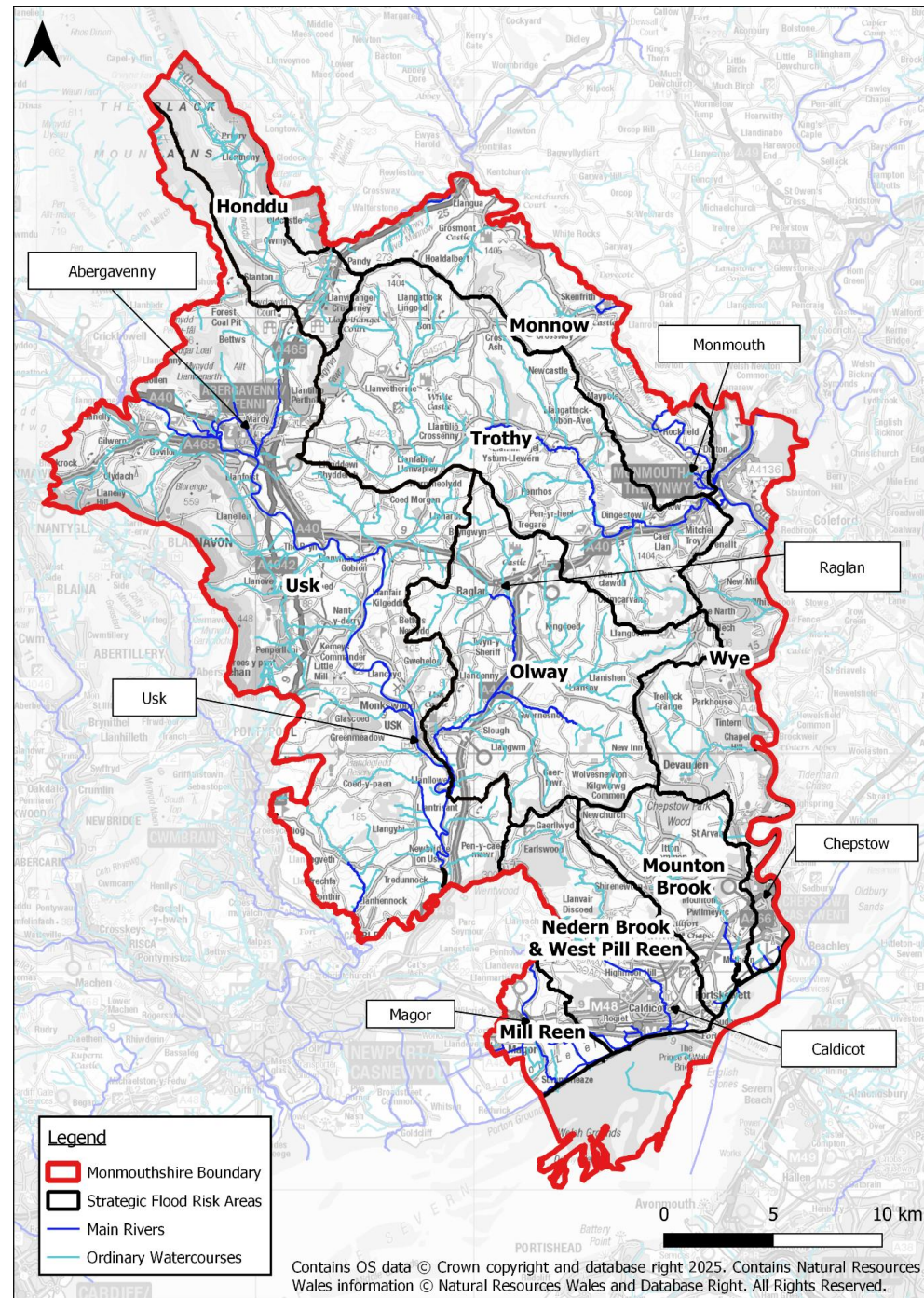
- Specific tasks, activities or initiatives, planned and tracked, to meet the Measures.
- Reviewed and updated on a regular basis, reporting on progress every 3 years.
- Short, medium and long term with clearly defined outputs/outcomes.
- Typically location-specific within the local authority area.

Flood Action Plan

This Flood Action Plan sets out the local flood risk management actions required to meet the objectives and measures identified in MCC's Local Flood Risk Management Strategy. These actions include those that have already commenced, as well as new and future actions identified to help manage the risk of flooding from local sources.

The list of Flood Action Plans is as follows:

- **Monmouthshire** Flood Action Plan
- **Honddu** SFRA Flood Action Plan
- **Monnow** SFRA Flood Action Plan
- **Trothy** SFRA Flood Action Plan
- **Wye** SFRA Flood Action Plan
- **Olway** SFRA Flood Action Plan
- **Usk** SFRA Flood Action Plan
- **Mounton Brook** SFRA Flood Action Plan
- **Nedern Brook & West Pill Reen** SFRA Flood Action Plan
- **Mill Reen** SFRA Flood Action Plan



Indicative Timeline to Publication

- **June 10th:** Cabinet briefing on purpose & content of the Local Strategy
- Completion of draft Local Strategy and Environmental Assessments
- **July 10th:** Place Scrutiny Committee - present final draft of LFRMS prior to public consultation
- **August/September:** Public consultation (6 weeks)
- **October:** Place Scrutiny Committee – present public consultation responses & final draft to be taken to Cabinet
- **November:** Cabinet - report to be considered to adopt the Local Strategy and submit to WG for approval
- **December:** Submit the Local Strategy and accompanying reports to Welsh Government for Ministerial approval
- **Publication**