

Shannon Flood Risk State Agency Co-ordination Working Group

The Shannon Flood Risk State Agency Co-ordination Working Group was established in early 2016 by the Government to enhance on-going co-operation across all of the State Agencies involved with the River Shannon.

The Group is comprised of the following membership and comes under the chairmanship of the Office of Public Works.

Membership of the Shannon Flood Risk State Agency Co-ordination Working Group:

Members of the Group are at CEO level or equivalent with the following State Agencies:

- Office of Public Works
- Local Authorities, represented by the City and County Management Association
- Waterways Ireland
- Electricity Supply Board
- Inland Fisheries Ireland
- Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs
- Department of the Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government
- Bord na Móna
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Irish Water

The Attorney General's Office and other Government Departments may also participate, as requested by the Chairman.

The Terms of Reference of the Group are as follows:

Informed by the National Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Programme and in order to further effectively manage and mitigate the flood risk on the Shannon catchment, the Group will:

- Develop and agree a Shannon Flood Risk Work Programme (with identified output KPIs) to focus and prioritise actions and activities to manage flood risk for the Shannon catchment.
- Provide co-ordinated direction and guidance to ensure delivery by State agencies, to meet their statutory role, of their constituent work programme in relation to flood risk management.
- Adopt and/or develop guidelines and protocols to inform and/or assist better co-ordination and co-operation by and between State Agencies.
- Informed by an audit of roles and responsibilities in relation to flood risk management on the Shannon catchment, seek clarity on any legal and policy issues to inform its work.
- Consult with other bodies, including voluntary bodies and communities.
- Provide guidance in relation to roles and responsibilities for non-statutory bodies involved in managing flood risk on the Shannon catchment.

- When agreed, monitor and report quarterly on the implementation of the Shannon Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Plan.
- Develop other structures as an efficient approach to progressing and informing its work.

Shannon Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Plan

The draft Shannon (FRMPs) will define the current and future flood risk in the areas of significant risk within the Shannon River Basin District and will set out feasible structural and non-structural measures that can address how this risk can be managed. Structural measures in this regard may include storage, flow diversion, flood defences increasing conveyance through cleaning and dredging of channels, etc. Non-structural measures may include public awareness, flood forecasting, individual property resistance and resilience measures, etc.

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