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A To improve community awareness of local flood risks and the authorities responsible for managing them.	A1	Maintain knowledge on changes to flood forecasting services and flood warning systems delivered by the Environment Agency and the Met Office.	Southwark LLFA	Thames Flood Advisors, Environment Agency	On-going	Amber	National FCERM Strategy - Measure A.2 National FCERM Strategy - Measure 3.1.1 National FCERM Strategy - Measure 3.2.2 National FCERM Strategy - Measure 3.2.3
	A2	Communicate with housing associations, community groups, charities etc. to improve local understanding of flood risk and the duties of the LLFA.	Southwark LLFA	Southwark Housing Team, Southwark Emergency Planning Team	Short-term	Red	National FCERM Strategy - Measure 2.1.1 National FCERM Strategy - Measure 2.5.2 SWMP Action 14
	A3	Provide support to communities looking to establish local flood groups and community flood plans to improve local resilience to flooding.	Southwark Emergency Planning Team	Southwark LLFA	Medium-term	Red	National FCERM Strategy - Measure 3.2.1 National FCERM Strategy - Measure 3.2.4
	A4	Communicate and educate local residents and businesses about property-level resistance and resilience measures, encouraging the implementation of small scale measures by the public.	Southwark LLFA	Southwark Emergency Planning Team Cleaner Greener Safer Team	Long-term	Red	National FCERM Strategy - Measure 3.1.2 National FCERM Strategy - Measure 3.1.3 SNAP Action 3.7 CCAP Action A.1.iii SWMP Action 13 SWMP Action 14
	A5	Review and consolidate flood risk management webpages, checking useability, external links, and keep flood risk management information up-to-date.	Southwark LLFA	Southwark Website Team	Short-term	Amber	SWMP Action 19
	A6	Ensure flood risk management webpages include current EA flood warnings and alerts and include updates on main council page during instances of significant flood risk.	Southwark LLFA	Southwark Website Team	Short-term	Amber	National FCERM Strategy - Measure 3.1.1
	A7	Support on-going community engagement conveying the development of LFRMS actions, SWMP actions and progress on Flood Alleviation Schemes etc.	Southwark LLFA	Southwark Communications Team, Southwark Housing Team, Southwark Climate Change Team	On-going	Red	
	B1	Make relevant Council Teams / Departments aware of the LFRMS update, providing an update on the roles and responsibilities of the LLFA.	Southwark LLFA	Internal Council Departments	Short-term	Amber	SWMP Action 16 FWMA - Section 6
		Collaborate with partner RMAs to identify areas where flood risks could combine to exacerbate risk, and use this to inform drainage and sewerage	Southwark LLFA	Southwark Highways Team, Thames Water, Environment Agency,	Medium-term	Amber	National FCERM Strategy - Measure B.2

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<p>B</p> <p>To collaborate with internal departments, organisations, authorities and partnership groups to support successful communication in managing flood risk.</p>	B2	management plans.		Transport for London			SWMP Action 1 SWMP Action 19
	B3	Work with a range of partners to monitor funding opportunities and to evaluate the best options to pursue.	Southwark LLFA	Thames Flood Advisors	On-going	Amber	National FCERM Strategy - Measure 2.7.3 National FCERM Strategy - Measure 2.8.2 CCAP Action A.1.iii SWMP Action 6
	B4	Produce and maintain a list of ongoing / potential Flood Alleviation Schemes prioritising areas based on updated flood risk documents and any recent modelling outputs. Share this with appropriate partnership groups.	Southwark LLFA	Internal Council Departments South Central Partners	On-going	Amber	FWMA - Section 9 National FCERM Strategy - Measure 2.1.1 National FCERM Strategy - Measure 2.1.2 National FCERM Strategy - Measure 2.72 SWMP Action 13
	B5	Support the delivery of internal flood group meetings to facilitate efficient use of internal resources, establish policies and share responsibilities for collaborative flood risk management.	Southwark LLFA	Internal Council Departments	On-going	Red	SWMP Action 16
	B6	Support the delivery of South Central Partnership meetings and subsequent meeting actions to facilitate wider engagement and collaborative working to deliver integrated flood risk management.	Southwark LLFA	Members of the South Central Partnership, Thames Flood Advisors, Environment Agency, Thames Water	On-going	Amber	SWMP Action 1
	B7	Review and update RMA and key stakeholder contact lists.	Southwark LLFA		On-going	Red	
	B8	Support the delivery of training or information sessions to Council staff on Sustainable Drainage Systems.	Southwark LLFA	Local Planning Authority, Southwark Climate Change Team	Medium-term	Red	SNAP Action 3.2 SWMP Action 16
	B9	Support the effective maintenance of Council adopted drainage systems including but not limited to Sustainable Drainage Systems, gullies, drains and ordinary watercourses.	Southwark Highways Team	Southwark LLFA	Long-term	Red	SWMP Action 9
	B10	Assist with updates to Multi-Agency Flood Plan to ensure that new information on local flood risks are included.	Southwark LLFA	Southwark Emergency Planning Team	Medium-term	Amber	

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C To support development across Southwark encouraging the integration of SuDS within planning designs to promote sustainable multi-beneficial solutions that contribute to wider social, economic and environmental outcomes.	C1	Develop and maintain Flood Risk Asset Register to ensure assets that have a significant impact on flood risk are identified and properly maintained.	Southwark LLFA	Southwark GIS Team, Southwark Highways Team	Long-term	Amber	SWMP Action 15 SWMP Action 21
	C2	Identifying assets that are considered to have a significant effect on local flood risk, and set these assets as high priority areas within appropriate maintenance regimes.	Southwark LLFA	Southwark Highways, Local Planning Authority	Medium-term	Red	SWMP Action 21
	C3	Review threshold criteria for reviewing minor planning applications, and communicate this with Local Planning Authority colleagues.	Southwark LLFA	Local Planning Authority	Long-term	Red	
	C4	Review SWMP outcomes, actions and recommendations in line with updates to data and guidance.	Southwark LLFA, Southwark Highways Team		On-going	Amber	SWMP Action 4
	C5	Ensure that all new developments, particularly those located within high risk hotspots identified within the SWMP, aim to achieve greenfield runoff rates by contributing to measures to reduce surface water flood risk through the incorporation of rainwater harvesting, green / blue infrastructure and SuDS.	Southwark LLFA	Local Planning Authority, Southwark Development Control Team	Long-term	Amber	SNAP Action 3.2 SWMP Action 11 SWMP Action 13
	C6	Keep informed of updates to planning advice for SuDS and flood risk in line with the Non-Statutory Technical Standards for Sustainable Drainage Systems and update Southwark's developer guidance on Sustainable Drainage Systems as required.	Southwark LLFA	Local Planning Authority, Southwark Website Team, Highways Team	On-going	Amber	National FCERM Strategy - Measure 2.1.1 National FCERM Strategy - Measure 2.1.2 National FCERM Strategy - Measure 2.72 SWMP Action 13
	C7	Contribute to improving the natural, built, and historic environment by investing in appropriate projects that manage flood risk and work with local environmental groups to utilise best practices.	Southwark LLFA	Southwark Ecology/ Environment Team, Southwark Parks Team, Southwark Biodiversity Partnership, Local Environmental Groups/ Charities	Medium-term	Red	Southwark Local Plan Policy 59 Southwark Local Plan Policy 60 National FCERM Strategy - Measure 1.4.3 SNAP Action 3.2 SNAP Action 3.4 CCAP Action A.1.iii SWMP Action 18
	C8	Identify opportunities for tackling environmental and social issues together by assessing proposed schemes for social impacts and improve awareness in the community to tackle flood risk problems and social issues simultaneously.	Southwark LLFA	Southwark Ecology/ Environment Team, Southwark Housing Team	On-going	Red	National FCERM Strategy - Measure 1.5.3 SWMP Action 7

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D To apply knowledge on local flood risk to assist in improving Southwark's resilience to the impacts of climate change.	D1	Maximise opportunities to reduce carbon emissions associated with flood risk alleviation schemes with the aim of being carbon neutral, considering and reducing the embodied carbon of infrastructure.	Southwark LLFA	Southwark Climate Emergency Team, Environment Agency	Long-term	Red	Southwark Local Plan Policy 14 National FCERM Strategy - Measure 3.5.3 AQAP Action 6.4 AQAP Action 6.7 AQAP Action 6.8 AQAP Action 8.4 CCAP Action A.1.iii CCAP Action D.2.ix SWMP Action 17
	D2	Review updates to the Climate Action Plan (annual review takes place in July) and how flood risk management duties can support delivering these actions.	Southwark LLFA	Southwark Climate Emergency Team, Southwark Emergency Planning Team	Medium-term	Red	CCAP Action Y.1.iv
	D3	Maximise opportunities in improving biodiversity when delivering Flood Alleviation Schemes by contributing to net environmental/ biodiversity gain.	Southwark LLFA	Southwark Ecology/ Environment Team, Southwark Parks Team	Long-term	Red	Southwark Local Plan Policy 59 Southwark Local Plan Policy 60 National FCERM Strategy - Measure 1.4.2 National FCERM Strategy - Measure 2.2.1 SNAP Action 3.2
	D4	Review updates to biodiversity action plan and how flood risk management duties can support delivering these actions.	Southwark LLFA	Southwark Ecology/ Environment Team	Medium-term	Red	National FCERM Strategy - Measure 2.2.2
	D5	Maintain detailed records of instances of flooding, making necessary improvements to flood reporting tool to improve data collection on flooding within Southwark. Also to support the sharing of flood reports between risk management authorities.	Southwark LLFA	Southwark Emergency Planning Team, Southwark Highways Team, Thames Water	On-going	Amber	National FCERM Strategy - Measure 2.5.1 SWMP Action 2 SWMP Action 8
	D6	Review changes to climate change allowances which would be applied to planning applications and modelling for Flood Alleviation Schemes.	Southwark LLFA	Local Planning Authority, Southwark Climate Change Team	On-going	Amber	CCAP Action D.2.ix Southwark Local Plan Policy 68
	D7	Using the outputs from the SWMP identify and carry out Flood Alleviation Schemes in high risk areas. Seeking funding for delivery where appropriate.	Southwark LLFA		Long-term	Amber	SWMP Action 2 SWMP Action 3 SWMP Action 4

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	D8	Identify opportunities to improve resilience of critical infrastructure at high risk of flooding by developing and implementing solutions.	Southwark LLFA	Southwark Highways Team, Transport for London, Thames Water, Network Rail, Neighbouring LLFAs	Medium-term	Red	SWMP Action 15
	D9	To work with relevant partners to explore and support the management of the Thames Tidal Defences, including improving awareness of asset ownership and coordination of maintenance.	Southwark LLFA	Environment Agency Riparian land owners	Medium-term	Red	Thames Estuary 2100 Plan Planning Policy Guidance - Flood Risk and Coastal Change