

## Flood Risk Management Plans

The Office of Public Works (OPW), the lead agency for flood risk management in Ireland, is presently finalising Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMPs) for the South Eastern catchments and coastal reaches, in line with National Flood Policy and the requirements of the EU ‘Floods’ Directive.

Draft FRMPs were produced by the OPW and its partners under the Catchment-based Flood Risk Assessment and Management (CFRAM) Programme. The draft FRMPs set out a range of proposed measures and actions to manage and reduce flood risk.

## Draft FRMP Consultation

For the South Eastern catchments and coastal reaches, public consultation on the Draft FRMPs commenced on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2016 and closed on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2016. During this time, the opinions of the public and local stakeholders were sought in relation to the proposed management of flood risk at a local and national level. Six public consultation events took place in the South East. These were held at the following locations:

Public Display Venue	Public Display Date	Relevant Draft Plans
Clanard Court Hotel, Dublin Road, Athy, Co. Kildare	26 <sup>th</sup> September 2016 2:00pm – 7:00pm	UoM 14
The Park Hotel, Dungarvan, Co. Waterford	27 <sup>th</sup> September 2016 2:00pm – 7:00pm	UoM 17
Carlow County council, Athy Road, Carlow, Co. Carlow	28 <sup>th</sup> September 2016 2:00pm – 7:00pm	UoM 12 and UoM 14
Wexford Town Library, Mallin Street, Wexford, Co. Wexford	11 <sup>th</sup> October 2016 2:00pm – 7:00pm	UoM 11, UoM 12 and UoM 13
Laois County Council, Portlaoise, Co. Laois	12 <sup>th</sup> October 2016 2:00pm – 7:00pm	UoM 14 and UoM 15
New Park Hotel, Castlecomer Road, Kilkenny, Co. Kilkenny	18 <sup>th</sup> October 2016 2:00pm – 7:00pm	UoM 14 and UoM 15

## Next Steps

Following compilation and analysis of all official submissions received, the draft Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMPs) will be finalised. This will also include a National Priority Programme for the implementation of the preferred flood risk management measures. The finalised FRMPs will then be presented for Ministerial approval. The final FRMPs will subsequently be submitted to the relevant Local Authorities for adoption. This process is set out in the diagram overleaf.

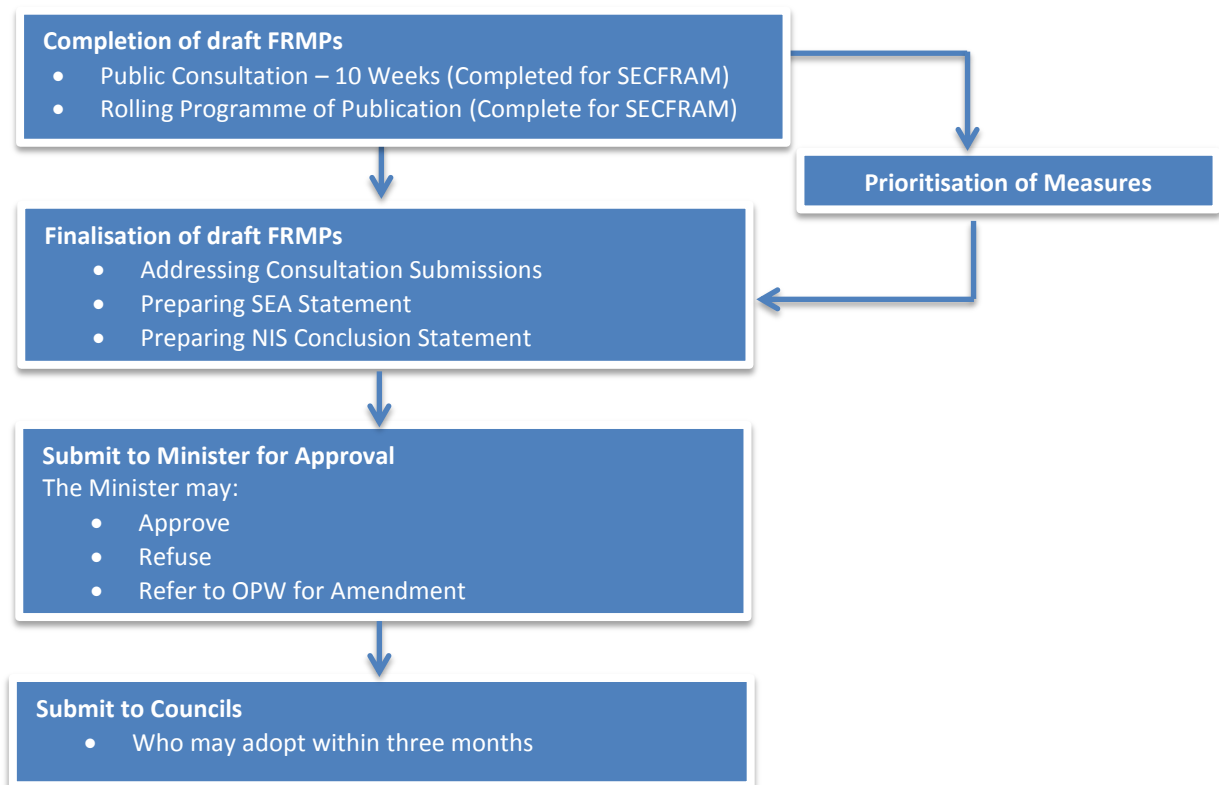
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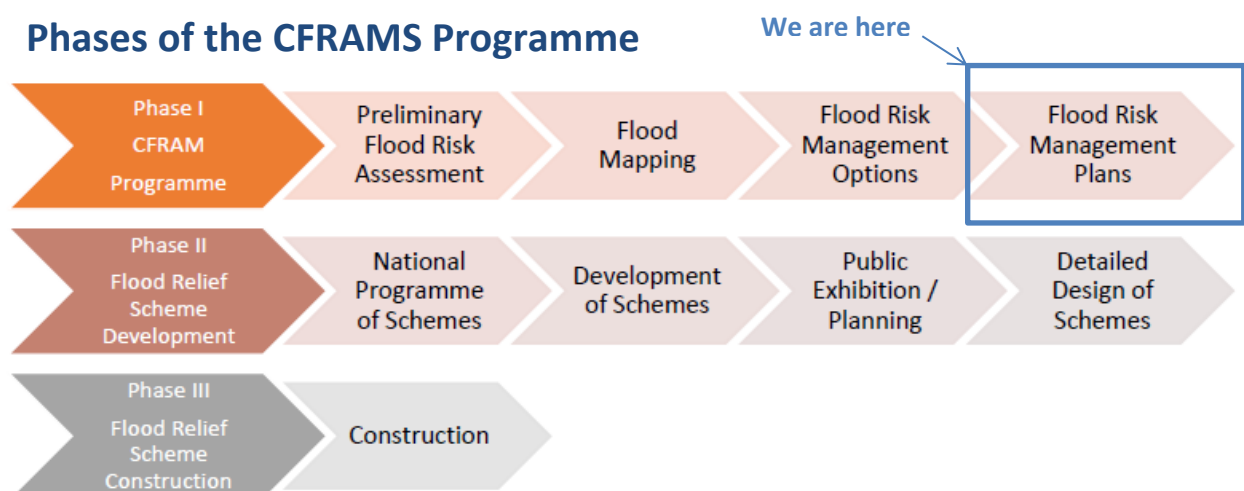
## Finalisation and Approval of Draft FRMPs



## Implementation of Flood Relief Schemes

Following the completion of the CFRAM programme, flood relief schemes, where appropriate, will be developed for areas of significant flood risk. The process of bringing a scheme from concept to construction involves a number of key stages, some of which are requirements of environmental legislation, competition law and engineering best practice. As a result, it is not uncommon for larger flood relief schemes to take a number of years to complete. The government cannot fund all schemes at once; therefore, schemes will be prioritised, resulting in a National Programme of Schemes, and implemented on a phased basis. The following flow diagram demonstrates the work undertaken to date (Phase I) and the work still to be done in the completion of the flood risk management schemes (Phase II and Phase III).

## Phases of the CFRAMS Programme



To find out more about the South Eastern CFRAM Study visit [www.southeasterncfрамstudy.ie](http://www.southeasterncfрамstudy.ie)

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