

Update from Welsh Government

- Coastal review – NRW are coordinating the development of a delivery plan for the review into the coastal flooding, working alongside Welsh Government and other Risk Management Authorities. First workshop held at end July with a draft plan expected in autumn.
NRW have published a report assessing environmental change as a result of coastal storms:
<http://naturalresourceswales.gov.uk/flooding-and-water/flood-alerts-and-warnings/flood-reports/welsh-coastal-storms-dec2013-jan2014/?lang=en>
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- Flood Insurance – Consultation on flood re regulations closed 16/09/14. Welsh Government disagrees with the Defra proposal to administer the scheme using council tax bands which vary between Wales and England. This has the potential to impact over 20,000 homes in Wales who will pay more for flood insurance than equivalent homes in other parts of the UK. The Minister will be providing a response to the consultation. Flood Risk Management Wales Committee has also issued a response.
- SMP – currently with Welsh Government lawyers to check issues around Habitat compensation prior to submission to the Minister.
- IDB transfer – this is ongoing
- Budgets – WG are fighting to sustain flood budgets for 2015/16
- Recruitment – will soon be recruiting for 3 posts; SEO policy manager, Innovative Finance Manager and a Technical Officer to assist with scheme appraisal.