**Scottish Borders Council's Flood Risk Reduction Strategy For Hawick**

**PROBLEM:** Hawick suffers from flooding and it can commence at very low return events

**AMBITION:** Hawick deserves robust flood protection from both small and large flood events

**CHALLENGE:** Major infrastructural changes will be required costing tens of millions of pounds

**SOLUTION:** An over-arching strategy provides the best method of targeting funds to reduce the flood risk

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**The Council’s Implementation Plan for reducing the flood risk to Hawick**

**SHORT-TERM STRATEGY**
Reduce flood risk immediately to those most vulnerable through targeted minor measures

- **MINOR WORKS PROGRAMME**
  - Aims to remove threat of flood events up to the 1 in 10 year flood event
  - e.g. Mansfield Road Kerbs
  - e.g. Commercial Road Flap Valves

**MEDIUM-TERM STRATEGY**
Provide large-scale flood defences through major engineering works that will protect against major flood events

- **HAWICK FLOOD PROTECTION**
  - Advanced under the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 Provide the best attainable level of protection (e.g. against the 1 in 75 year flood event)
  - This exhibition is part of the process through which a flood protection scheme is designed.
  - This process can take years: however by the end of 2012 the design team will have identified the preferred Scheme

**LONG-TERM STRATEGY**
Continue to build on the protection delivered by the flood protection scheme

- **REDUCE THE FLOW TO HAWICK**
  - Direct defences through the Hawick cannot provide full flood protection on their own – the walls would be too high
  - Increasing the level of protection requires a reduction in the flow of water from the catchment.
  - This can be by either (1) formal flood attenuation areas; and / or (2) Natural Flood Management measures