

63353 Flood Protection and Coastal Erosion Management

How much the council has spent on coastal erosion management and/or flood protection in each of the past five financial years, by year?

Year	Revenue spend	Capital spend
2025/26	£342,224	£654,524.90
2024/25	£365,477	£1,140,473.11
2023/24	£428,154	£455,806.69
2022/23	£477,723	£122,683.83
2021/22	£325,753	£68,153.12

Can you provide a breakdown of the areas or schemes which have received funding, in total over that period?

The requested breakdown is not separately recorded from within the overall spend.

How much of a contribution has been received from the Scottish Government towards this in each of the past five financial years, by year?

The Scottish Government allocates Capital and Revenue funding to Councils annually, and, together with other sources of income, is distributed around Council teams to fund erosion management and flood protection activities. Therefore, it is not possible to determine how much of the spend listed above has been directly funded by Scottish Government; however, £450,000 of Scottish Government Climate Emergency funding was allocated directly to flooding projects.

Have you made any financial plans to assume Scottish Government contributions for same, going forward?

Whilst we do prepare and plan for going forward, it is not always possible to assume that Scottish Government funding will be forthcoming. As and when this is confirmed, we do make plans for how this will be utilised and incorporated into our projects. It is also worth noting that Government funding is not ring fenced to specific areas, so it is up to each local authority to decide how they manage this.

On coastal funding the Scottish Government has made the following commitment:

- We will support local authorities to adapt our coasts to better respond to the rise in sea levels and reduce the risks associated with coastal erosion through a £14m Coastal Change Adaption fund by the end of the parliament. We will also publish coastal erosion plans for all 24 coastal authorities with an erodible shoreline by 2029.

However, we do not have any indication of how these funds might be allocated, the proportion that will go to each authority, or when they might be received by local authorities.