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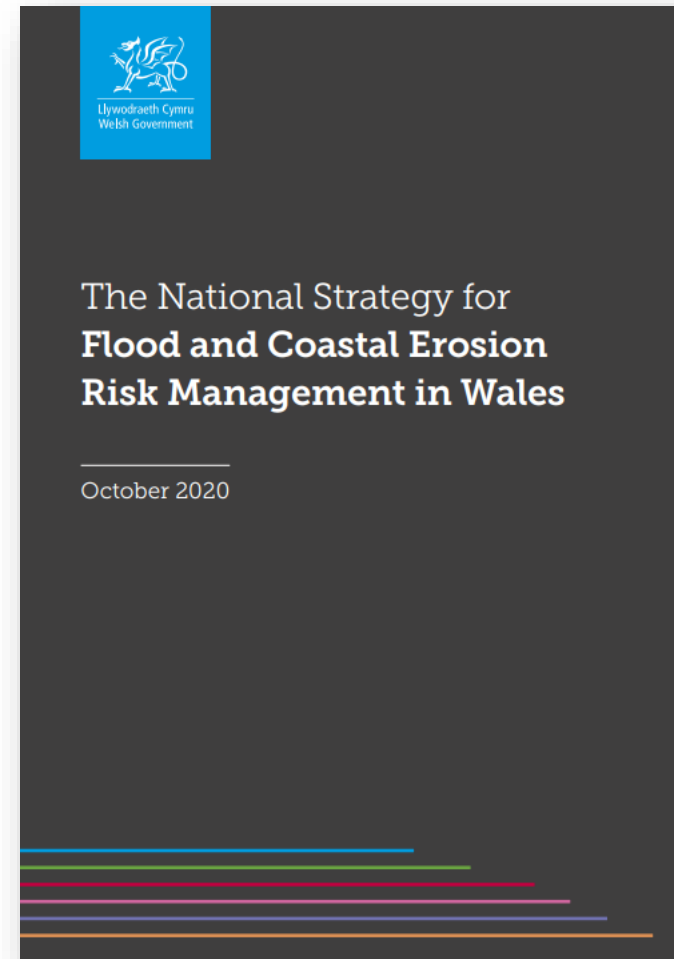
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Natural Flood Management

NFM, greening the grey, hybrid schemes

FCERM Business Case Guidance

Natural Flood Management Fund



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NFM Schemes



Wellbeing of Future Generations Act

Figure 3: FCERM links to Wellbeing of Future Generation Goals



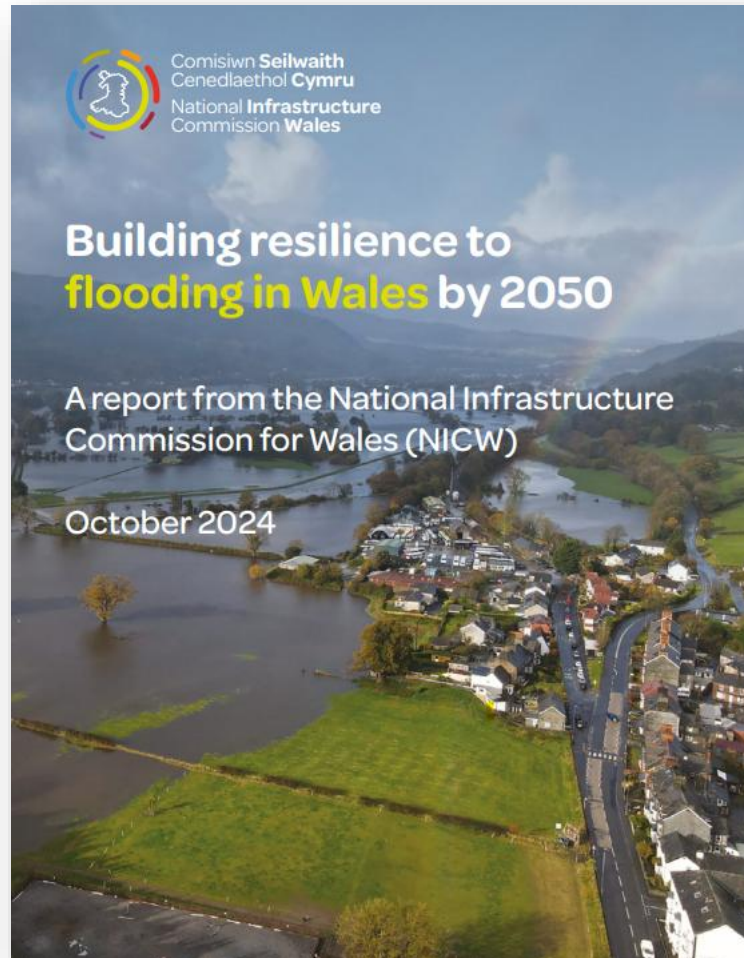
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A Prosperous Wales	Building resilience and reducing risk to people and places, help the economy and sustain long term employment. Construction of flood schemes creates jobs and safer places to work and invest.
A Resilient Wales	A key objective of this Strategy is to build resilience in our communities and deliver sustainable, safer places, helping mitigate the impacts from climate change. Schemes also provide an opportunity for wider benefits such as biodiversity enhancements improving ecosystem resilience.
A Healthier Wales	Sharing information on risk and what to do before, during and after a flood, together with the real reduction in risk to homes, helps to improve mental well-being. Schemes can help create more attractive and safe communities to live and work in and provide wider health benefits such as recreation and amenity improvements.
A More Equal Wales	Funding is prioritised based on level of risk on an all Wales basis thereby removing regional inequality. We also support initiatives to give those at highest flood risk access to affordable insurance.
A Wales of Cohesive Communities	Reducing flood and coastal erosion risk helps to create attractive and safe communities to live, work and travel through. Closer working with communities to discuss risk and collaborate on alleviation schemes also helps bring people together and take greater collective responsibility.
A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language	A society that promotes and protects culture, heritage and the Welsh language, and which encourages people to participate in the arts, and sports and recreation.
A Globally Responsible Wales	Supporting sustainable approaches such as Natural Flood Management and hybrid schemes to help reduce flood and coastal erosion risk.

Catchment Scale Approaches



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Catchment-based recommendations

Catchment pilot and roadmap

Learning from stakeholders

Land Use Frameworks

Sustainable Farming Scheme

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Opportunities for NFM on the coast



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Sustainable Farming Scheme 2026: scheme description

Describes the Sustainable Farming Scheme, which commences 1 January 2026.

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