2025/2026 Section 18: Schedule The City of Edinburgh Council

This schedule details the current watercourse assessment, clearance and repair work to be carried out under Sections 18 and 59 of the Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009.

CLEARANCE AND REPAIR WORKS

Activity	Location / Watercourse	Frequency	
Trash Screen Improvements	City wide assessment of current screens	Individual improvement Contracts as identified and as budget allows	
Bank Stabilisation works	Burdiehouse Burn and Water of Leith (Coltbridge)	One off contract – target 2026	
WOL Phase 1 Alterations	Warriston Crescent Drainage Outlets	One off contract – target 2026	
Installation of river Sensors	New locations to be assessed	As budget allows (target one new location per year)	
General Pier Maintenance	Hawes and Longcraig Piers, Queensferry	Individual contracts as required	
Pier Cleaning	Hawes and Longcraig Piers, Queensferry	Rolling contract, with SEPA registration	
Bathymetric and Diver surveys	Hawes and Longcraig Piers, Queensferry	One off contract – target 2026	
Licences and Registration	All Reservoirs	Annual SEPA fees	
Valve Repairs and Refurbishment	Harperrig Reservoir	One off contract as resources allows	
General Reservoir Maintenance	All Reservoirs	Annual Contract	Routine works - grass cutting, stone repairs, vegetation removal, etc.
Debris clearance	All watercourses	As required	Removal of debris if considered flood risk
Minor coast repairs	CEC owned coastal defences	As required	
River Level Sensors	City wide watercourses	Annual Contract	
Telemetry Maintenance	Water of Leith and Reservoirs	Annual Contract	
	Flood Scheme Pump Stations	Annual Contract	
Pump Station Maintenance	Flood Prevention Schemes - Braid Burn and Water of Leith	Annual Contract	

Only works that are considered necessary to reduce flood risk are included on this schedule.

Proposed schedule may be subject to variation dependant on external factors such as funding, site specific constraints, operative safety and extreme weather conditions e.g. drought, storms, snow, etc.

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INSPECTIONS

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Screen inspection and clearance	Magdalene Road	Niddrie Burn	Monthly (further inspections as
	Inch Park; Cameron Toll; Rosefield Park	Braid Burn	
	Howdenhall Road; Lasswade Road;		conditions dictate)
	Ellen's Glen Road; Ellen's Glen Loan	Stenhouse Burn	
	Craiglockhart Drive South	Craiglockhart Burn	
	Cockburn Crescent, Balerno	John's Burn	
	Cliftonhall Road B7030	Cliftonhall Burn	
	Burgess Road; Rosebery Avenue; Lover's		
	Lane	Ferry Burn, Queensferry	
	North Bughtlin Road; Burnside	Bughtlin Burn	
	Manse Road; The Glebe	Swine Burn, Kirkliston	
	A8 Ratho Park	Lochend Burn	
	Orchard Brae West		
	Cluny Place / Egypt Mews	Jordan Burn	
Screen inspection and clearance;	Redford Road	Braid Burn	
culvert inspection	Linn Mill, Queensferry	Linn Mill Burn	
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inspection	Ellen's Glen Loan	Burdiehouse Burn	
Culvert inspection	Maybury Road	Bughtlin Burn	

Annual inspection	Balerno to Leith	Water of Leith	Carried out	
and assessment of watercourse	Harlaw Reservoir to Balerno	Bavelaw Burn	throughout December/January	
	Balerno to Water of Leith	John's Burn		
	Currie to Longstone	Murray Burn		
	M8 to Cramond Village	River Almond		
	River Almond tributaries	Clifton Burn; Brox Burn; Niddry Burn; Swine Burn		
	East Craigs to Cammo	Bughtlin Burn		
	Ratho Station	Lochend Burn		
		Linn Mill Burn; Ferry Burn;		
	South Queensferry / Dalmeny	Dolphington Burn		
	Haggs Farm to Edin Airport	Gogar Burn		
	Redford Road to Portobello	Braid Burn		
	Bonaly Reservoir to Redford Woods	Bonaly Burn		
	Dreghorn Mains to Redford Woods	Howden Burn		
	The Steils to Peffermill (unculverted)	Jordan Burn / Pow Burn		
	Braid Hills to Mayfield Road	Liberton Burn		
	Swanston Village to A702	Swanston Burn		
	A702 to Broomhills farm	Lothian Burn		
	Old Burdiehouse to Little France	Burdiehouse Burn		
	Little France to A1	Niddrie Burn		
	A1 to Joppa	Brunstane Burn		
	Mortonhall to Ellen's Glen	Stenhouse Burn		

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INSPECTIONS continued

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Reservoir	Harperrig Reservoir	CEC inspection Weekly Plus annual inspection by appointed Supervising Engineer	
Inspections	Threipmuir Reservoir		
	Easter Bavelaw Reservoir		
	Black Springs Reservoir		
	Harlaw Reservoir		
	Bonaly Resevoir		
	Peffermill Flood Storage Reservoir		
	Inch Park Flood Storage Reservoir		
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Flood Defence Inspections	Water of Leith Flood Scheme - Stockbridge to Bonnington	Annual inspection	Visual inspection of flood defences including all demountable barriers and flood gates.
	Braid Burn Flood Scheme	Annual inspection	
	Niddrie Burn River Restoration	Annual inspection	
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Coast Inspections	Cramond	6 month	Visual inspection of all coastal defences (CEC owned and private). Additional inspections during exceptional high tides or storms.
	Granton Harbour	6 month	
	Granton/Newhaven	6 month	
	Leith Docks	6 month	
	Seafield Sewage Works	12 month	
	Seafield	6 month	
	Portobello	6 month	
	Joppa	6 month	
Portobello Sand Monitoring	Portobello Beach	12 month	
Pier Inspections	Hawes and Longcraig Piers, Queensferry	Annual inspection	Visual inspection of structural piers

EMERGENCY PREPARATORY WORKS

Activity	Location / Watercourse	Frequency	
Flood Standby Rota	City wide for all sources of flooding to property	24hr emergency response cover all year round	
Flood Alert Preparation	Areas of known flood risk	Annual review of Flood Action Packs and emergency response procedures.	
	CEC Depots and Fire Stations	3 month	Inspection of temporary flood barriers, mobile pumps and sandbags.
Flood Gates	Water of Leith – • Stockbridge to Bonnington • Murrayfield / Roseburn	3 month	Inspection and operation of flood gates.
Reservoir Emergency Plans	CEC owned reservoirs	Creation of emergency plans and CEC responses.	
Reservoir Valve operation	CEC owned reservoirs	6 month check of operational valves.	

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