# WRITTEN STATEMENT

# BY

# THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **TITLE** | **Publication of the Terms of Reference relating to reducing vulnerability to flood risk and review of 2020-21 flooding** |
| **DATE** | **18 July 2022** |
| **BY** | **Julie James, Minister for Climate Change** |

In May I announced that an independent review of flooding events across Wales during the winter of 2020-21 will be undertaken by Professor Elwen Evans QC. I made a statement to the Senedd and answered questions from Members about this commitment.

The review is part of the Co-operation Agreement between the Welsh Government and Plaid Cymru.

Over the last few months, the Plaid Cymru Designated Member, Sian Gwenllian and I have been working closely to develop the scope, approach to delivery and terms of reference for the review.

I am pleased to announce that the final Terms of Reference have now been agreed and can be found here <https://gov.wales/independent-review-section-19-and-nrw-flood-reports-terms-reference>

This government and Plaid Cymru are working together in the best interest of our communities to learn from past, make changes where these are necessary and develop good practice. The outcome of this review will enable us to improve how we deliver flood protection to reduce flood risk.

This statement is being issued during recess in order to keep members informed. Should

members wish me to make a further statement or to answer questions on this when the

Senedd returns I would be happy to do so.