

Help plan the future – join your local flood and coastal committee

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We are looking for new members to join the North West Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC) that has responsibility for promoting an understanding of flood risk, irrespective of cause: coastal, fluvial or surface water.

The Committee play an important role in deciding local priorities for flood and coastal work and a critical role in supporting us, the Environment Agency, and local authorities to work with communities and businesses to bring in partnership funding to complement public investment.

Adrian Lythgo, Chairman of the North West RFCC, said: “We all know how seriously floods affect individuals and communities. We have to be the best we can be at understanding risk so that in turn we can manage it across organisations. Membership of the RFCC is one way that citizens in the region can help us – through their expertise or ability to speak broadly for communities at risk of flooding.”



We have a wide range of people on our Committee and it is important that we have a good balance of skills and experience among our members. The Committee has expertise in areas such as engineering, conservation and land management.

We are currently looking for people with expertise in coastal processes, working with communities at risk, economics, and development and planning.

RFCCs play a vital part in the government’s partnership approach to flood funding where local authorities and communities are encouraged to financially contribute towards a flood scheme in their area.

Over the 6-year period from 2015 to 2021, the government is investing £2.6 billion in flood and coastal erosion risk management schemes.

The Committee advises on and consents the programme of investment across the North West. Between 2015/16 and 2019/20 this represents a total investment of £319 million. This has come from government Grant in Aid (£283m), partnership funding contributions (£17m), and from the local levy on local authorities (£19m) which is set by the Committee.

The closing date for applications is **5 July 2019**.

The selection event will take place on **Wednesday 11 September 2019**.

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