

Help shape a climate resilient future – Join your local flood and coastal committee

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A nation ready for, and resilient to, flooding and coastal change – today, tomorrow and to the year 2100.

That is the aim of the National Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy. The North West Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC) plays a critical role in helping to achieve this in the North West. The Environment Agency is currently seeking new members for the RFCC who can help the Committee to support its partners and communities in working together to be more resilient. Could you be our next RFCC member?

Adrian Lythgo, Chairman of the North West RFCC, said: “We all know how seriously floods affect people 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, coastal processes, farming and land management.

We are currently looking for people with expertise in: spatial development and planning, climate resilient public spaces and buildings, economics (including valuing environmental and wider society benefits); and the water industry.

Over the 6-year period from 2021 to 2026, the government is investing £5.2 billion in flood and coastal erosion risk management schemes.

The RFCC has responsibility for promoting an understanding of flood risk, irrespective of cause: coastal, fluvial or surface water. It brings together key partners in managing this risk, and guides the programme of investment across the North West. It has a critical role in agreeing local priorities for flood and coastal work and in supporting the Environment Agency and local authorities to work with communities and businesses to jointly fund flood and coastal risk management schemes, and to learn to respond and adapt to the more extreme weather that climate change is already bringing. It also sets the rate of the Local Levy on local authorities which raises over £4 million per year to help fund local climate resilience projects and initiatives in the North West.

The closing date for applications is **16 August 2021**.

Interviews will take place in **early/ mid September 2021**.

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