

North West Regional Flood and Coastal Committee

14 February 2025

**Indicative Allocation and NW Local
Choices Consideration Meeting**

Agenda Item 2

Minutes of the RFCC meeting held on 24
January 2025 and matters arising

Agenda Item 3

Investment Programme:
Indicative Allocation for 2025/26

Presented by Adam Walsh

National Funding Allocation Prioritisation 2025/26

The overall prioritisation approach and method of allocating funding was approved by the EA Executive Directors Team (EDT) on the 7 January:

1. Approved moderation cases such as legal requirements, statutory requirements or on health and safety grounds
2. In construction by 1 April 2025 and delivering properties better protected by 31 March 2026
3. In construction by 1 April 2025 (sub-ranked by adjusted partnership funding score high to low)
4. Remainder of programme ranked by adjusted partnership funding score (high to low).

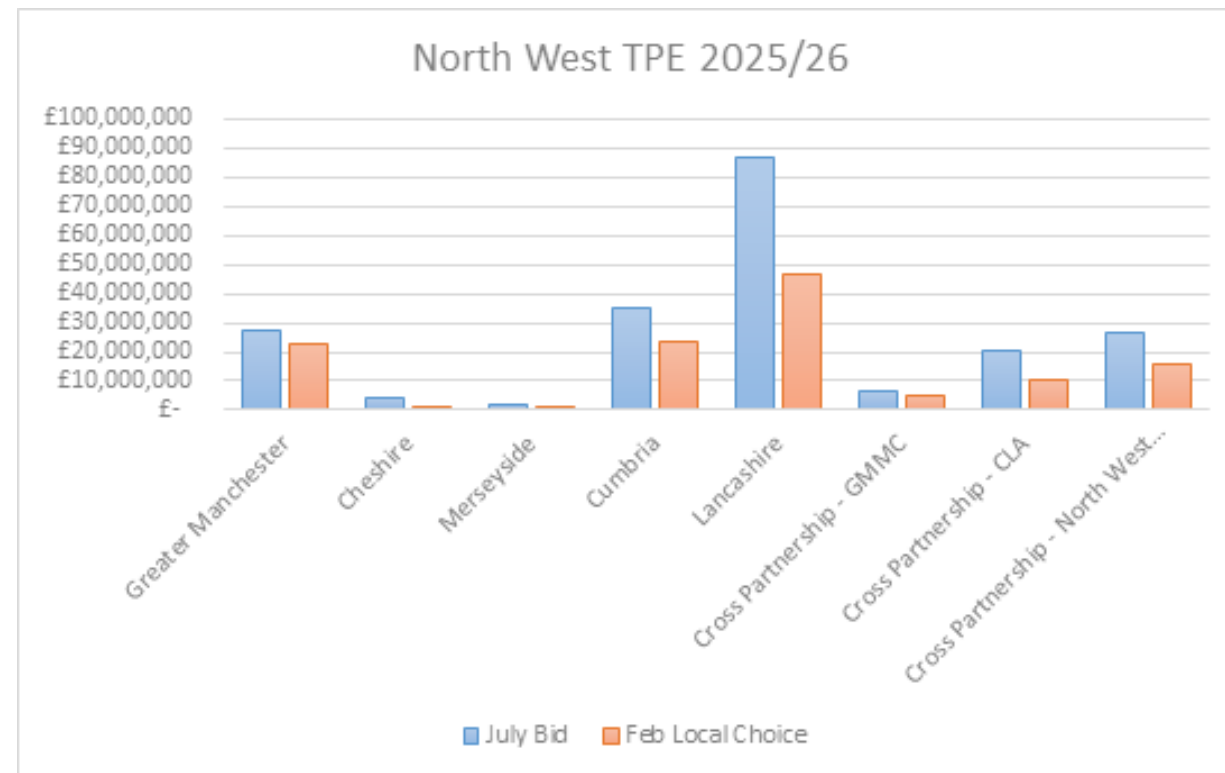
NW Local Choices Prioritisation

Priority schemes for Local Choices allocations 2025/2026

1. Measures in the Interest of Safety (MIOS) on Reservoirs [1] / Public Safety Risk Assessment EA KPI compliance (known risks) [1]
2. Emergency works (HELP reported i.e. risk to life etc.) – urgent component of works rather than longer term investment plans
3. Protect funding allocated to the EA reconditioning programmes
4. In construction (on-site now and delivering RO2s by end of 2025/26) [2]
5. In construction or post construction with contractual commitment beyond 2025/26 [3]
6. Time-bound non-core FDGiA funding committed (Frequently Flooded Allowance / Affordability Allowance / Asset Replacement Allowance / Other Government Department /Other) or has a time-bound permission such as planning permission already secured by end of 2024
7. In contract for detailed design (post Gateway 2/Outline Business Case), appraisal (post GW1 / Study) or pre-GW1 / Study
8. Other schemes

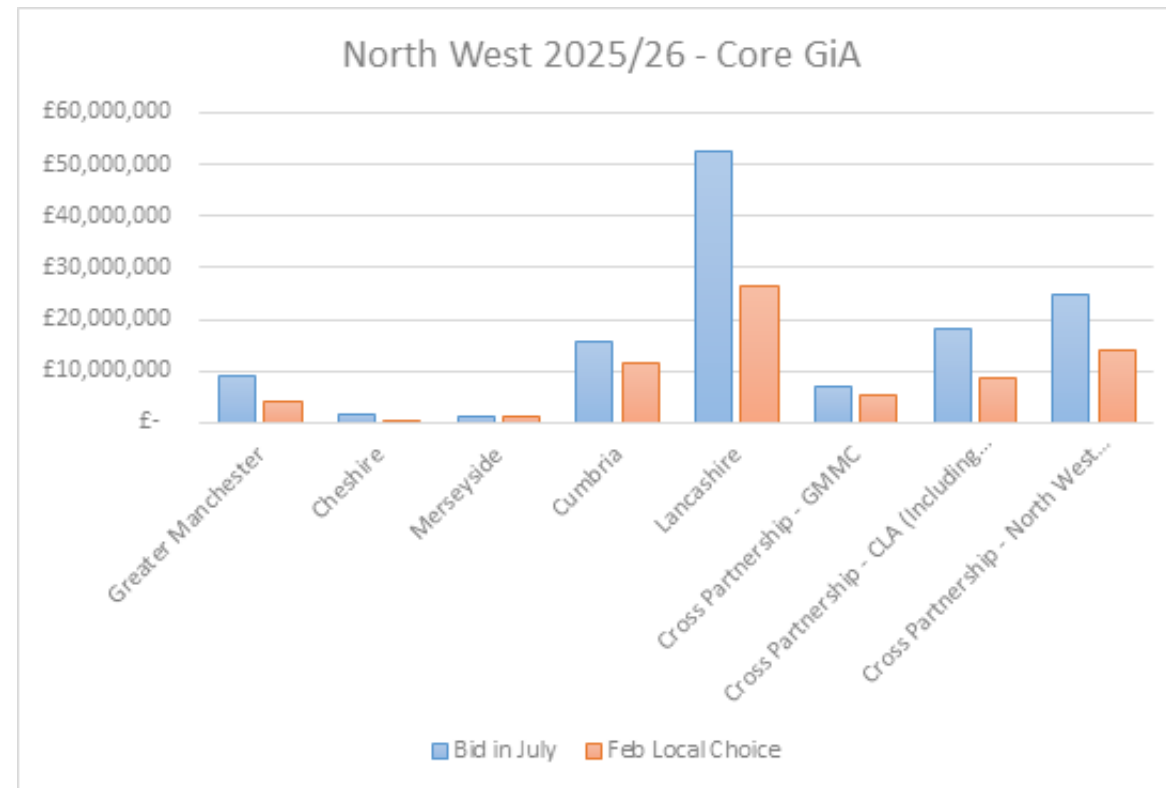
Annual Refresh for the North-West FCRM Capital - Investment Programme

Total Project Expenditure (TPE)			
North West 2025/26	July Bid	February Local Choices	Variance
Greater Manchester	£ 27,662,239	£ 22,791,724	-£ 4,870,515
Cheshire	£ 4,305,124	£ 319,500	-£ 3,985,624
Merseyside	£ 1,956,478	£ 1,396,000	-£560,478
Cumbria	£ 34,824,622	£ 23,546,955	-£ 11,277,667
Lancashire	£ 86,773,193	£ 46,574,534	-£40,198,658
Cross Partnership	£ 26,905,000	£ 15,975,491	-£10,929,509
Total	£ 182,426,656	£ 110,604,204	-£ 71,822,452



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Core Flood Defence Grant in Aid (Core FDGiA)			
North West -2025/26	July Bid	February - Local Choices	Variance
Greater Manchester	£ 9,257,666	£ 4,281,724	-£ 4,975,942
Cheshire	£ 1,420,606	£ 219,500	-£ 1,201,106
Merseyside	£ 1,359,478	£ 1,296,000	-£ 63,478
Cumbria	£ 15,714,181	£ 11,633,955	-£ 4,080,226
Lancashire	£ 52,392,506	£ 26,524,534	-£ 25,867,972
Cross Partnership -	£ 24,905,000	£ 13,975,491	-£ 10,929,509
Total	£ 105,049,437	£ 57,931,204	-£ 47,118,233



Annual Refresh for the North-West FCRM Capital - Investment Programme

Top -10 Indicative Core FD GiA Allocations (Pre Local Choices)

Project Name	Partnership	RMA	Core GiA
Wyre Beach Management Scheme	Lancashire	Wyre Borough Council	£ 10,000,000
Capital Reconditioning Programme - GMMC	Cross Partnership	Environment Agency	£ 9,922,484
Kendal Appraisal Package Kendal FRM Scheme	Cumbria	Environment Agency	£ 8,724,000
Preston and South Ribble	Lancashire	Environment Agency	£ 7,240,000
Lower Risk Debris Screen Programme - GMMC	Cross Partnership	Environment Agency	£ 6,500,000
Anchorsholme Coast Protection Scheme	Lancashire	Blackpool Borough Council	£ 4,000,000
Capital Reconditioning Programme - CLA	Cross Partnership	Environment Agency	£ 3,347,500
Lower Screens Programme 2022-2023	Cross Partnership	Environment Agency	£ 3,000,000
Carlisle Appraisal Package Appleby Town Centre	Cumbria	Environment Agency	£ 1,453,153
⁸ Strategy Programme - CLA	Cross Partnership	Environment Agency	£ 1,423,291

Annual Refresh for the North-West FCRM Capital -

Top -10 Properties Better Protected Against Projects that have a GiA allocation in 25/26

Project Name	Partnership	RMA	Properties Better Protected (Total)
Wyre Beach Management Scheme	Lancashire	Wyre Borough Council	11,638
Blackpool Beach Nourishment Scheme	Lancashire	Blackpool Borough Council	4,048
Little Bispham to Bispham Coast Protection	Lancashire	Blackpool Borough Council	3,631
Kendal Appraisal Package Kendal FRM Scheme	Cumbria	Environment Agency	2,910
Future Asset Replacement River Irwell Salford FAS	Greater Manchester	Environment Agency	2,168
Radcliffe & Redvales FRM Scheme	Greater Manchester	Environment Agency	1,980
Caldew FRMS	Cumbria	Environment Agency	1,700
Preston and South Ribble	Lancashire	Environment Agency	1,537
Carlisle Appraisal Package Carlisle	Cumbria	Environment Agency	1,451
Pegs Pool and Wardleys Pool, Hambleton	Lancashire	Environment Agency	605

North West Properties Better Protected Forecast 2025/26

	Reporting Outcome 2 (Properties Better Protected)			
North West - Properties Better Protected	Bid	Jan – Indicative Allocation	Local Choices	Variance
Greater Manchester	295	0	1359	+1,064
Cheshire	128	11	11	-117
Merseyside	102	0	0	-102
Cumbria	357	237	139	-218
Lancashire	1,357	1,256	1,006	-351
Cross Partnership	6	0	0	-6
Total	2,245	1,504	2,515	270

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Key Changes Made During Local Choices

Project Name	Partnership	RMA	Change
Lower Risk Debris Screen Programme - GMMC	Cross-partnership	EA	FDGiA indicative allocation £6.5m reduced to £4.5m to reflect latest forecast and to support wider programme
Radcliffe & Redvales FRM Scheme	Greater Manchester	EA	FDGiA indicative allocation £142k, local choices allocated £2.6m to claim OM2s and complete project.
Shaw, Cringle, Ley and Willow Brook	Greater Manchester	Manchester	FDGiA indicative allocation £250k, pushed out to 2026/27 delivery.
Longford Brook Flood Alleviation Scheme	Greater Manchester	Trafford Met Borough Council	FDGiA indicative allocation £0 , time limited funding – local choices allocation £272,001
Turf Hill	Greater Manchester	Rochdale	FDGiA indicative allocation £0, time limited funding – local choices allocation £165,000
Kendal Appraisal Package Kendal FRM Scheme	Cumbria	EA	£1m re-profiled into future years allowing re-allocation of this funding in 25/26 to schemes such as Hambleton - FDGiA indicative allocation £0, contractual commitment - local choices allocation £400,000
Preston and South Ribble	Lancashire	EA	£4m re-profiled into future years allowing re-allocation of this funding in 25/26 to schemes such as Janson Pool (see below)
ENVCLA_Janson Pool 23-24	Lancashire	EA	FDGiA indicative allocation £0, Legal Obligation - local choices allocation £2,489,311.
Lower Screens Programme 2022-2023	Cross Partnership	EA	£1m re-profiled into future years allowing re-allocation of this funding in 25/26 to schemes such as Glasson Dock - FDGiA indicative allocation £0, contractual commitment - local choices allocation £650,000
Blackpool Beach Nourishment Scheme	Lancashire	Blackpool BC	FDGiA indicative allocation £0, contractual commitment - local choices allocation £650,000. Re-profiling of indicative allocations for Blackpool schemes supported this local choice.
Tebay Surface Water Scheme	Cumbria	Westmorland and Furness Council	FDGiA indicative allocation £0, delivering properties in 25/26. - local choices allocation £130,000
Kirkland Road, Ennerdale Bridge	Cumbria	Cumberland Council	FDGiA indicative allocation £0, delivering properties in 25/26. - local choices allocation £145,000

Are there any question on the Capital Investment Programme?

Environment Agency 25/26 Maintenance Allocation Update

Paul Bowden & Nikki Beale – Local Delivery Lead for GMC and CLA

Allocation 25/26 Headlines

Cumbria and Lancashire (CLA)

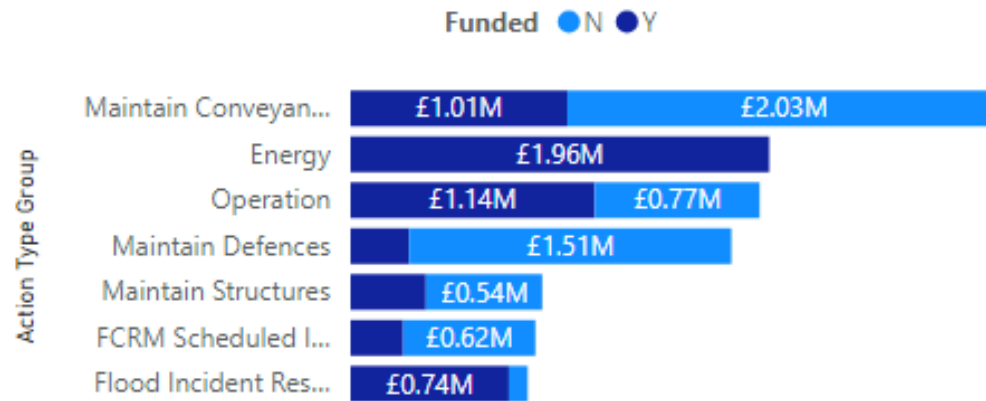
Funding Stream	Allocation (£)
Scheduled Maintenance	£6,710,291
Asset Management	£1,148,340
Asset Decommissioning	£94,000
Sub Total	£7,952,631

Greater Manchester, Merseyside and Cheshire (GMMC)

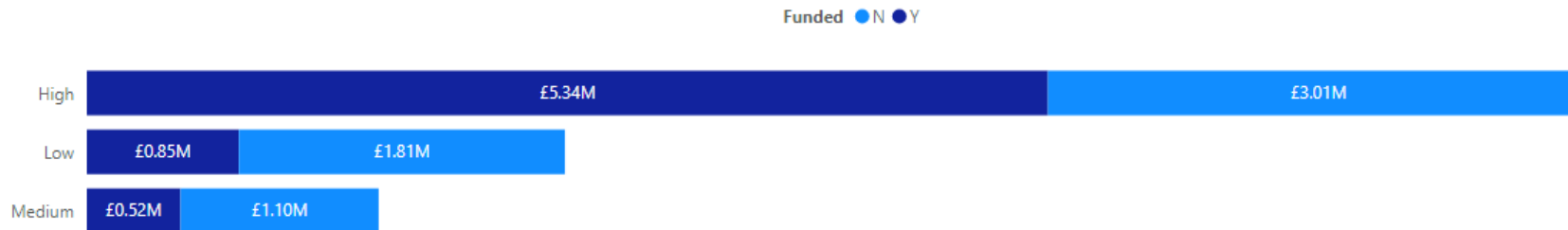
Funding Stream	Allocation (£)
Scheduled Maintenance	£5,577,304
Asset Management	£514,728
Asset Decommissioning	£220,000
Sub Total	£6,312,063

Cumbria and Lancashire (CLA) Allocation

Submissions by Action Type Group

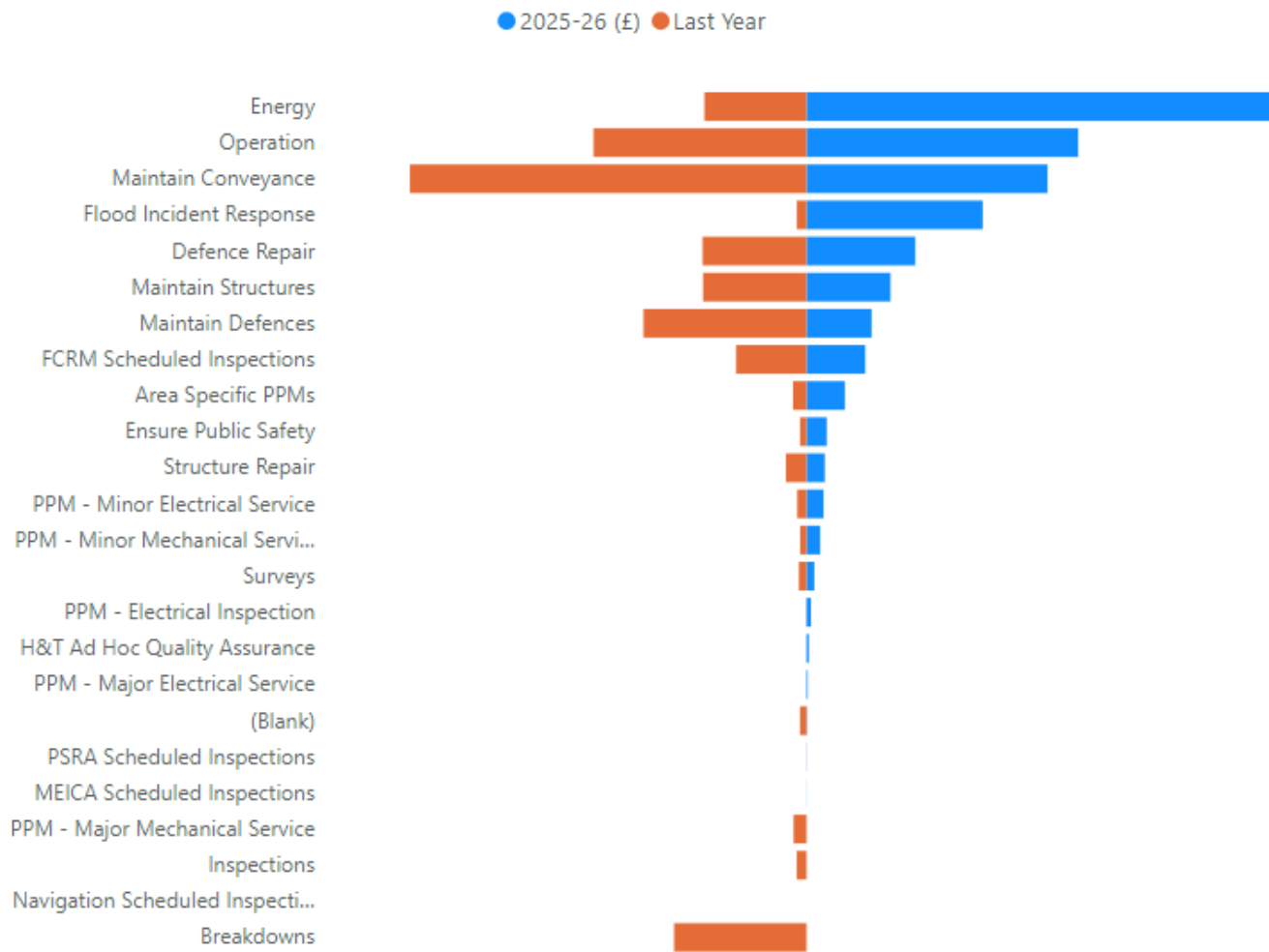


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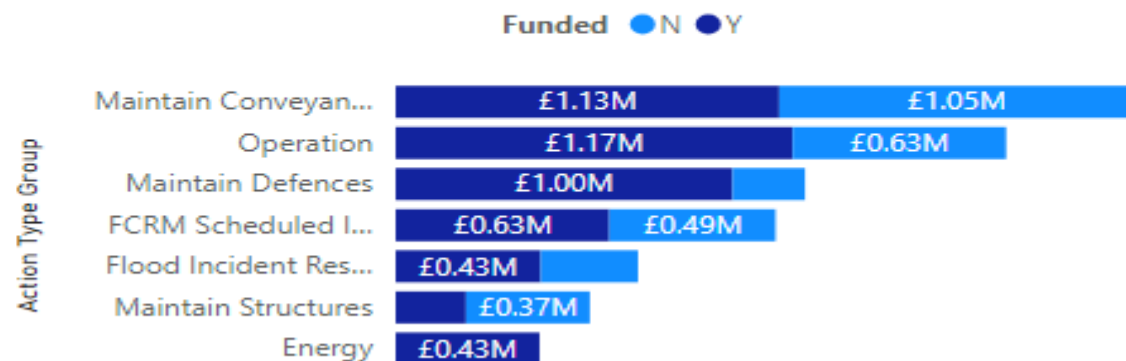
CLA Funded Activities 25/26 & 24/25

Comparison to Previous Year's Submission by Action Type Groups

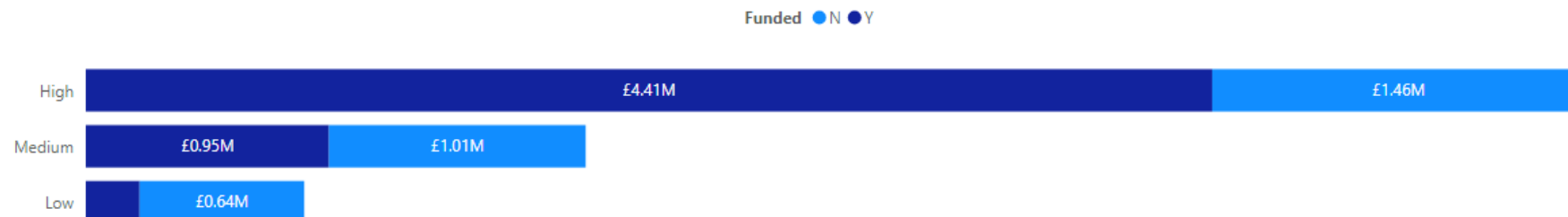


GMMC Allocation

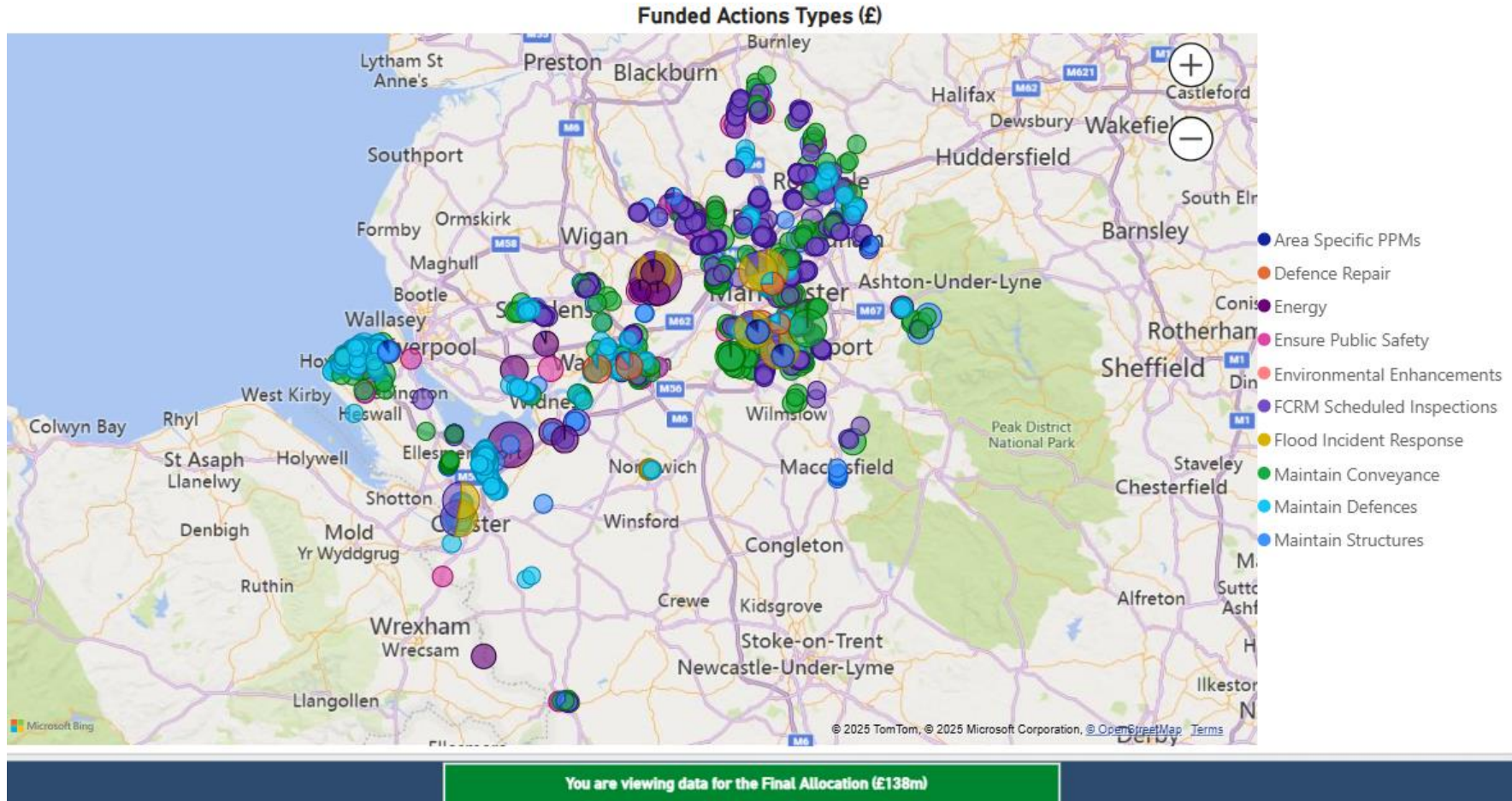
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GMMC Maintenance (25/26)



The RFCC are asked to:

- Endorse the local choices allocation for the 2025/26 Capital Investment Programme.
- Approve the resource indicative allocation.

Local Levy Programme Update

Presented by Andy Tester

Local Levy Programme – January 2025

Ryles Pool, Cheshire East – Local Levy Bid: £159,478 – **Cheshire East Council have requested the withdrawal of the bid.**

Liverpool Road, Great Sankey Surface Water Management Project,
Warrington Borough Council – Local Levy Bid: £499,999

Local Levy bids to be Considered

Scheme	RMA	Local Levy Bid
Hindley Group	EA	£275,000
Sankey Brook Flood RMS	EA	£650,000
Poise Brook	EA	£210,000
Thurnham Property Flood Resilience	Lancaster Council	£225,000
		£1,360,000

Scheme	RMA	Local Levy Bid
River Roch, Phase 2 Rochdale FRMS	EA	£380,000
Blackpool Beach Nourishment	Blackpool Council	£350,000
Bispham	Blackpool Council	£350,000
Millom	Cumberland	£500,000
		£1,580,000

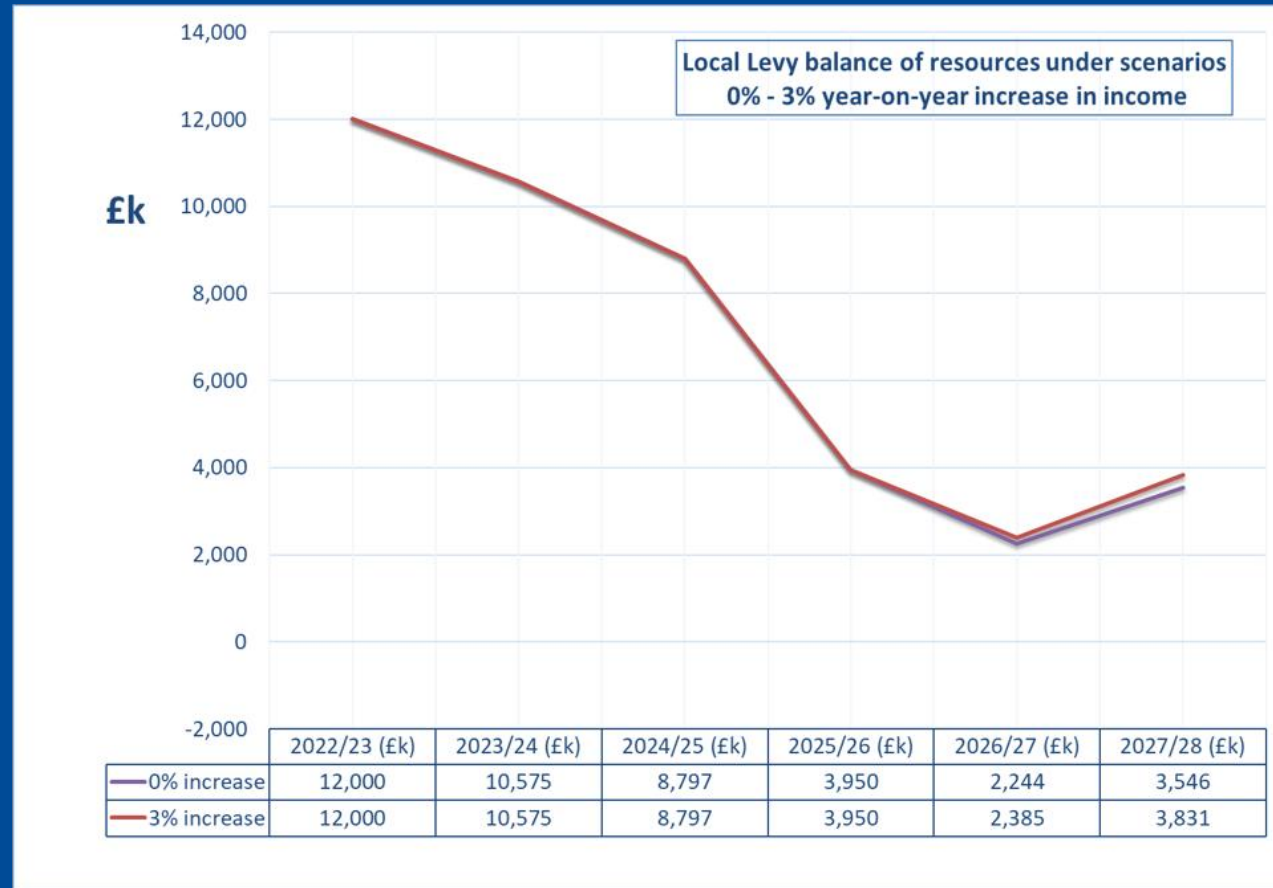
Local Levy Scenario One

North West Local Choices Priority	Scheme	Risk Management Authority	Local Levy Bid (££)
7	River Roch, Phase 2 Rochdale FRMS	EA	£380,000
7	Hindley Group	EA	£275,000
7	Poise Brook - Offerton Green and Hazel Grove	EA	£210,000
7	Liverpool Road, Gt Sankey Surface Water Management Project	Warrington Borough Council	£499,999
7	PFR Thurnham	Lancaster Council	£225,000
7	Blackpool Beach Nourishment	Blackpool Council	£350,000
7	Bispham	Blackpool Council	£350,000
7	Millom	Cumberland Council	£500,000
8	Sankey Brook Flood Risk Management Scheme	EA	£650,000
8	Ryles Pool	Cheshire East Council	£159,478
Total			£3,599,477

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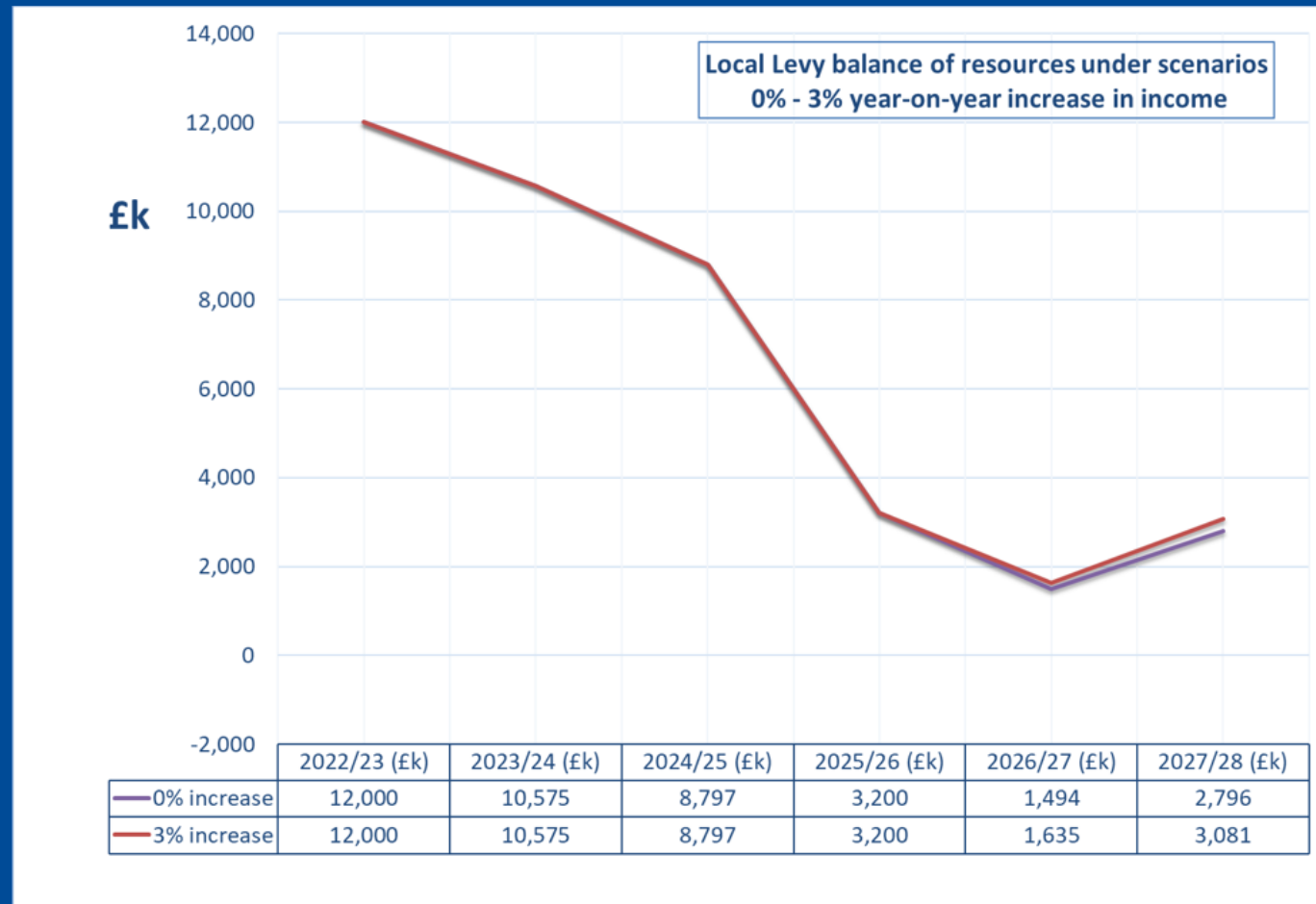
Local Levy Scenario One



Scenario 2

Scheme	Current	Proposed
Cheshire Mid-Mersey Quick Win	£100,000	£250,000
Cumbria Quick Win	£100,000	£250,000
Lancashire Quick Win	£100,000	£250,000
Greater Manchester Quick Win	£100,000	£250,000
Merseyside Quick Win	£100,000	£250,000
Total	£500,000	£1,250,000

Local Levy Scenario Two



RFCC are asked to:

- Consider and approve the Liverpool Road, Gt Sankey Surface Water Management Project.
- Consider and approve in principle the indicative local levy requests for 2025/26 capital delivery.
 1. Hindley Group
 2. Sankey Brook Flood Risk Management Scheme (FRMS)
 3. Poise Brook
 4. Thurnham Property Flood Resilience
 1. River Roch, Phase 2 Rochdale FRMS
 2. Blackpool Beach Norishment
 3. Bispham,
 4. Millom

Agenda Item 4

Any Other Business