

North West Regional Flood and Coastal Committee

14 March 2025

Local Choices Consenting Meeting

Agenda Item 2

Minutes of the RFCC meeting on 14th February
and matters arising

Agenda Item 3

Investment Programme and Asset Maintenance
Resource Programme:
Indicative Allocations 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

North West Indicative Capital Investment Programme 2025/26 (FCERM GiA)

FCERM All GiA Indicative Allocation

	July Bid (July 2024)	Indicative Allocation/Local Choices (February 2025)	Indicative Allocation/Local Choices (including additional £9.2m) (March 2025)	Final Allocation
All FCERM GiA	£157,175,254	£103,318,704	£122,441,188	TBC

Numbers are for 'schemes' (project type: capital maintenance, defence and property level resilience), including 'additional' FDGiA funding (Other Government Department, Asset Replacement Allowance etc), support programme and reconditioning

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

Core GiA				
North West -2025/26	Bid in July	Feb Local Choices	March Local Choices	Variance (July & March LC)
Greater Manchester	£ 9,257,666	£ 4,281,724	£ 5,566,723	-£ 3,690,943
Cheshire	£ 1,420,606	£ 219,500	£ 2,064,501	£ 643,895
Merseyside	£ 1,359,478	£ 1,296,000	£ 2,666,000	£ 1,306,522
Cumbria	£ 15,714,181	£ 11,633,955	£ 12,633,955	-£ 3,080,226
Lancashire	£ 52,392,506	£ 26,524,534	£ 29,424,534	-£ 22,967,972
Cross Partnership - North West combined	£ 24,905,000	£ 13,975,491	£ 24,525,975	-£ 379,025
Total	£ 105,049,437	£ 57,931,204	£ 76,881,688	-£ 28,167,749



Annual Refresh for the North-West FCRM

Capital - Investment Programme

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
Lower Risk Debris Screen Programme - GMMC	Cross Partnership	Environment Agency	£4,490,000
Anchorholme Coast Protection Scheme	Lancashire	Blackpool Borough Council	£4,000,000
Capital Reconditioning Programme - CLA	Cross Partnership	Environment Agency	£3,347,500
Preston and South Ribble	Lancashire	Environment Agency	£3,240,000
Radcliffe & Redvales FRM Scheme	Greater Manchester	Environment Agency	£2,600,000
ENVCLA_Janson Pool 23-24	Lancashire	Environment Agency	£2,489,311
Lower Screens Programme 2022-2023	Cross Partnership	Environment Agency	£2,000,000

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

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 Additional Funding - £9.2m

Scheme	RMA	Partnership	Allocation (GiA)
Sankey Brook Flood Risk Management Scheme	Environment Agency	Cheshire Mid-Mersey	£1,345,002
River Roch, Phase 2 Rochdale FRMS	Environment Agency	Greater Manchester	£800,000
GMMC Asset Maintenance	Environment Agency	Cross Partnership	£628,000
ENVPCM Leigh East Bedford Brook AMP	Environment Agency	Greater Manchester	£172,000
Liverpool Road, Gt Sankey Surface Water	Warrington Borough Council	Cheshire Mid-Mersey	£499,999
Turf Hill	Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council	Greater Manchester	£450,000
Longford Brook Flood Alleviation Scheme	Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council	Greater Manchester	£34,999
The Pool, Southport	Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council	Merseyside	£1,000,000
Liverpool City Council - Ordinary Watercourse Culverts	Liverpool City Council	Merseyside	£370,000
Kendal Appraisal Package Kendal FRM Scheme	Environment Agency	Cumbria	£1,000,000
Blackpool Beach Nourishment Scheme	Blackpool Borough Council	Lancashire	£500,000
Little Bispham to Bispham Coast Protection	Blackpool Borough Council	Lancashire	£950,000
Garstang Gate Repair	Environment Agency	Lancashire	£1,450,000
Total			£9,200,000

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

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
Raddcliffe & 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. In March additional £34,999 was added from the £9.2M additional funding (TPE 25/26 - £551,500)
Turf Hill	Greater Manchester	Rochdale	FDGiA indicative allocation £0, time limited funding – local choices allocation £165,000. In March extra £450,000 was added from the £9.2M additional funding (TPE 25/26 - £665,000)
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. In March additional £1M was added from the £9.2M additional funding (TPE 25/26 - £18.7M)
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. In March additional £500k was added from the £9.2M additional funding (TPE 25/26 - £1.5M)
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

North West Properties Better Protected Forecast 2025/26

North West - Properties Better Protected	Reporting Outcome 2 (Properties better Protected)			
	Bid	Jan - Indicative Allocation	Local Choices	Variance
Greater Manchester	325	0	1519	1194
Cheshire	128	11	0	-128
Merseyside	72	0	11	-61
Cumbria	357	237	142	-215
Lancashire	1363	1256	4006	2643
Cross Partnership - North West combined	0	0	0	0
Total	2,245	1,504	5,678	3,433

Asset Maintenance Resource Programme 2025/26

Cumbria and Lancashire

Funding Stream	Allocation (£) 2025/26
Scheduled Maintenance	£6,710,291
Asset Management	£1,148,340
Asset Decommissioning	£94,000
Sub Total	£7,952,631

Greater Manchester, Merseyside and Cheshire

Funding Stream	Allocation (£) 2026/26
Schedule Maintenance	£5,577,304
Asset Management	£514,728
Asset Decommissioning	£220,000
Sub Total	£6,312,063

Local Levy Programme Update

Presented by Andy Tester

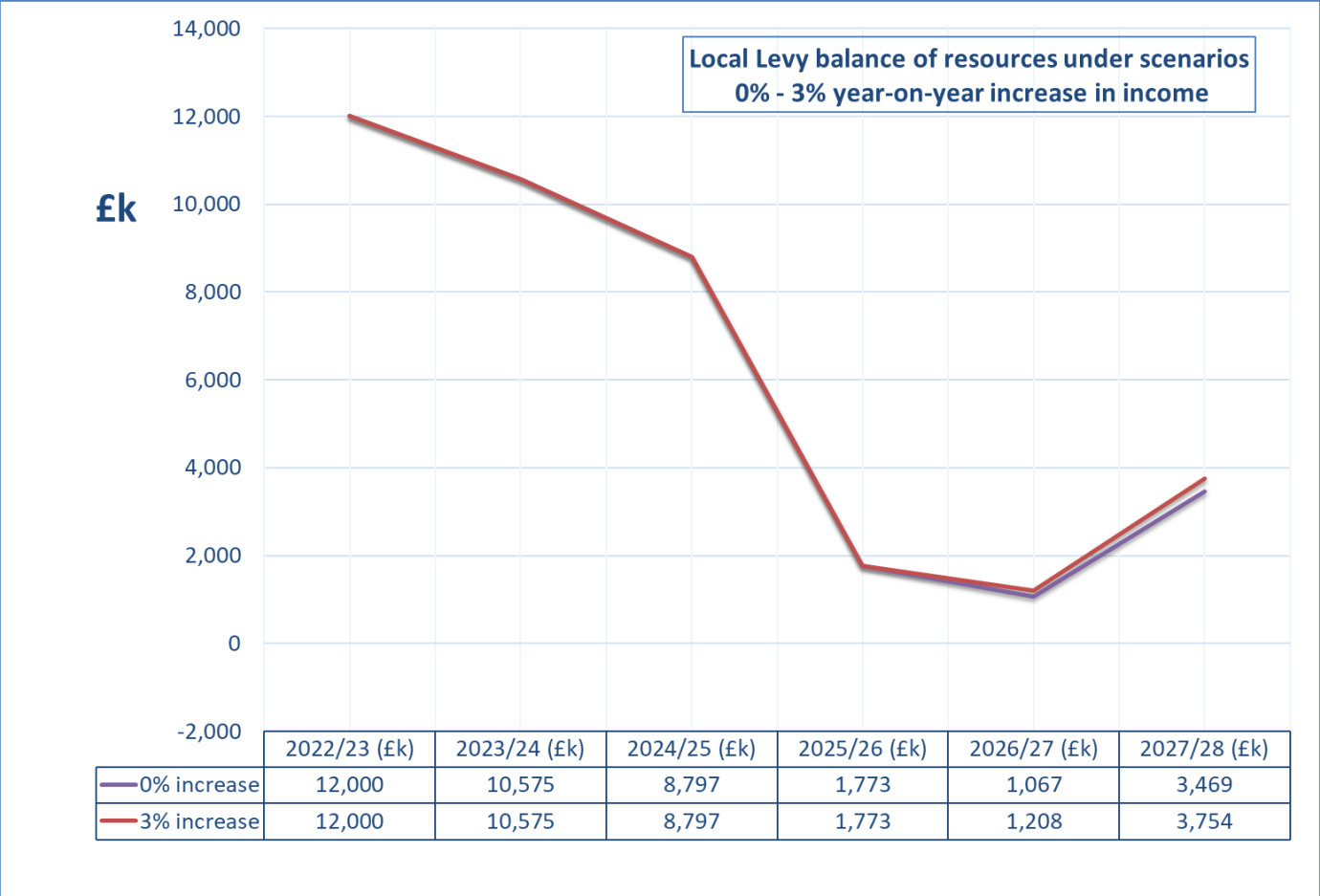
Local Levy Programme – 2025/26

Summary of Local Levy income and spend:

2024-25	
Local Levy income and allocation summary (£ million)	
Cash balance at start of year	10.692
Interest from 2023/24	0.521
Local Levy income	4.544
Total available balance	15.75
Latest forecast	6.960
Expected remaining cash balance at year end	8.797

2025-26	
Local Levy income and allocation summary (£ million)	
Expected cash balance at start of year	8.797
Expected interest from 2024/25	0.400
Local Levy income	4.681
Total available balance	13.878
Latest forecast	9.658
Expected cash balance at year end	4.221

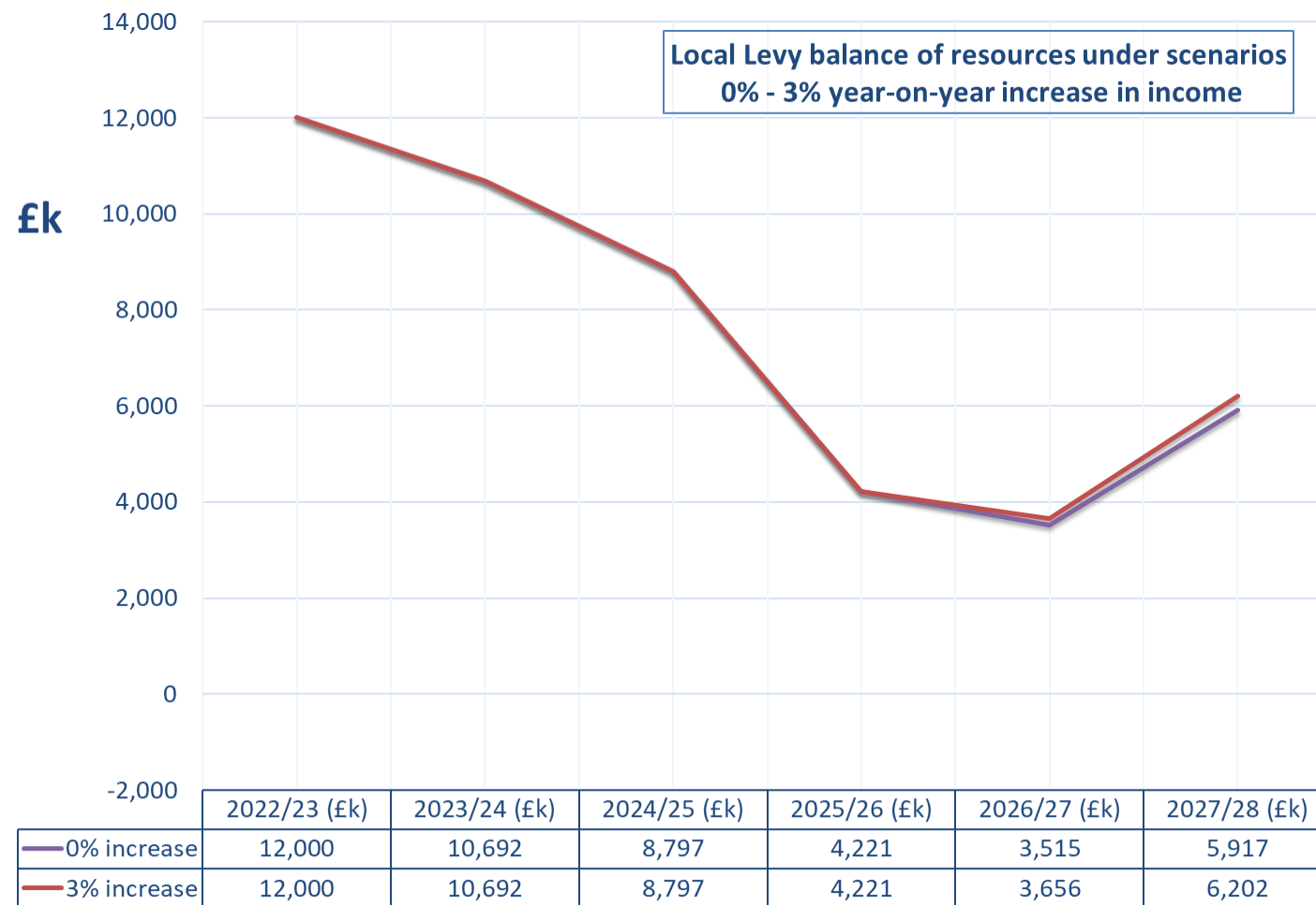
Risk to Local Levy Balance



Changes to Local Levy Allocation

Scheme	RMA	RFCC Levy Bid (7 March)	RFCC Proposed (adjusted) Levy	Variance
River Roch, Phase 2 Rochdale FRMS	EA	£380,000	£380,000	£0
Hindley Group	EA	£275,000	£275,000	£0
Poise Brook - Offerton Green and Hazel Grove	EA	£305,000	£305,000	£0
Liverpool Road, Gt Sankey Surface Water Management Project	Warrington Borough Council	£499,999	£0	-£499,999
PFR Thurnham	EA	£255,000	£255,000	£0
Blackpool Beach Nourishment	Blackpool Council	£850,000	£350,000	-£500,000
Bispham	Blackpool Council	£1,300,000	£350,000	-£950,000
Millom	Cumberland Council	£500,000	£500,000	£0
Sankey Brook Flood Risk Management Scheme	EA	£659,000	£161,000	-£498,000
Total		£5,023,999	£2,576,000	-£2,447,999

Expected Local Levy Balance – Re-profiled



The RFCC are asked to:

- Consent the Local Choices allocation for the 2025/26 Investment Programme
- Consent the Asset Resource Maintenance Programme Allocation for 2025/26
- Approve the updated Local Levy Allocation for 2025/26
- Note the return of £2,447,999 local levy into balances

Agenda Item 4

Any Other Business