

# North West Regional Flood and Coastal Committee Draft Business Plan Consultation

The North West Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC) is consulting on its draft Business Plan for 2019 to 2022. The Environment Agency is running this consultation on its behalf.

## About this consultation

The North West RFCC is one of 12 RFCCs in England. RFCCs were established under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, to bring together the authorities responsible for managing flood and coastal erosion risk (Environment Agency, Lead Local Flood Authorities and water and sewerage companies).

So that we are clear about what we want to achieve and how we will do it, we have produced a draft business plan for the RFCC, covering the three year period from 2019 to 2022. The business plan sets out who we are, how we operate, and our long terms goals. From these we have identified priorities and objectives for the period to 2022. We have produced the plan partly for ourselves but also to communicate and engage with those who will benefit from our work and those who we might work in partnership with.

## What the response will be used for

We will use the responses to help refine and finalise our initial draft business plan. This is to help us identify and take account of anything we may have missed or need to review prior to publication of the final business plan in April 2019.

## Key dates

The consultation opens on Friday 7 December 2018 and closes on Friday 8 February 2019.

## How to respond

You can view the consultation document and questions online at <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/gmmc/nwrfcc-draft-business-plan-2019-to-2022>. Here you can submit your response using our online tool which will enable you to manage your comments more effectively. It will also help us to gather and summarise responses quickly and accurately as well as reduce the costs of the consultation.

If you would prefer to submit your response by email or letter, or if you would like to ask for a printed version of the document to be posted to you, please contact 0203 025 0946, or email [NW-RFCC@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:NW-RFCC@environment-agency.gov.uk).

However, if you would like to send your response by post, please send your completed response form by Friday 8 February 2019 to:

Rachel Harmer, North West RFCC Secretariat, Environment Agency, Richard Fairclough House, Knutsford Road, Warrington, Cheshire, WA41HT.

## How we will use your information

The Environment Agency will look to make all responses publicly available after the consultation, unless you have specifically requested that we keep your response confidential.

We will not respond individually to responses. After the consultation has closed the North West RFCC will produce a summary of responses which will be published on the Environment Agency's online consultation tool. We will contact you to let you know when this is available.

We will not publish names of individuals who respond. We will publish the name of the organisation for those responses made on behalf of an organisation.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we may be required to publish your response to this consultation, but will not include any personal information. If you have requested your response to be kept confidential, we may still be required to provide a summary of it.

## Privacy Notice

On behalf of the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee the Environment Agency would like to keep you informed about the North West RFCC Business Plan. If you would like to receive the final version of the North West RFCC Business Plan and would like this to be emailed to you, please provide us with your email address.

By providing us with your email address you consent for us to email you for any further clarification of your feedback or with details on the North West RFCC Business Plan, until the final plan is published in April 2019.

We will not share your details with any other third party without your explicit consent unless required to by law.

You can withdraw your consent to receive these emails at any time by contacting us at [NW-RFCC@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:NW-RFCC@environment-agency.gov.uk).

The Environment Agency is the data controller for the personal data you provide. For further information on how we deal with your personal data please see our Personal Information Charter on gov.uk (search 'Environment Agency personal information charter') or contact our Data Protection Team.

Address: Data Protection Team, Environment Agency, Horizon House, Deanery Road, Bristol, BS1 5AH

## Consultation questions

1. Do you consider yourself or those you represent to be at risk of flooding or coastal erosion?
2. How familiar with the North West Regional Flood and Coastal Committee were you before reading this business plan?
3. Having read the business plan, do you have a better understanding of:
  - the role and purpose of the RFCC?
  - what we are aiming to achieve?
4. In the draft business plan (pages 18 - 23) there are 12 proposed objectives. Please rank the objectives in order of importance, with 1 being the most important to 12 being the least important.
5. Please tell us if you have any other comments on the priorities set out in the business plan.
6. Please tell us if you are a potential partner with similar objectives and provide details of any opportunities for us to work together.
7. Please tell us if you have any further comments that have not been covered by the previous questions and provide as much information as possible to support your answer.

## Consultation Principles

Government is improving the way it consults by adopting a more proportionate and targeted approach. We are running this consultation in accordance with their Consultation Principles.

If you have any queries or complaints about the way this consultation has been carried out, please contact:

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