Response form

North West Regional Flood and Coastal Committee Draft Business Plan 2019 - 2022

The Environment Agency is running this consultation on behalf of the North West Regional Flood and Coastal Committee.

We welcome your views on the North West Regional Flood and Coastal Committee Draft Business Plan 2019 - 2022. Please use this form if you are responding by email or post rather than online.

Please complete the questions and where there is a free text field, give as much information as possible to support your answer.

**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 publish names of individuals who respond.

We will also publish a summary of responses on our website in which we will publish the name of the organisation for those responses made on behalf of organisations.

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.

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 (<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency/about/personal-information-charter>) or contact our Data Protection team.

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

Email: dataprotection@environment-agency.gov.uk

Returning your response

The consultation will run for 9 weeks from Friday 7th December 2018.

The closing date for responses is Friday 8th February 2019. Any responses we receive after this date will not be included in the analysis.

We would like you to use this form if you are not submitting your response online. You can return it by email to NW-RFCC@environment-agency.gov.uk using the heading 'Consultation Response - North West RFCC Draft Business Plan 2019 - 2022'. Please use this email address if you have any questions regarding this consultation.

Or by post to:

Rachel Harmer, North West RFCC Secretariat

Environment Agency

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Section 1: About you

To help us analyse the responses we receive we’d like to understand more about you.

1. Please tell us if you are responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation or group.

Please select one answer only from the following options:

□ Responding as an individual

□ Responding on behalf of an organisation or group

□ Other

If you're responding on behalf of an organisation or group, please tell us who you are responding on behalf of.

If you selected other, please specify.

2. Keeping up to date

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.

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

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3. Can we publish your response? We will not publish any personal information or parts of your response that will reveal your identity.

 □ Yes

 □ No

If you do not want us to publish your response, you need to tell us why.

4. Please tell us how you found out about this consultation?

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| □ From the Environment Agency |
| □ From another organisation |
| □ Through an organisation/group you’re a member of |
| □ Social media e.g. Facebook, Twitter |
| □ Through a meeting you attended□ Other (please specify)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

Section 2: Your views

1. Do you consider yourself or those you represent to be at risk of flooding or coastal erosion?

Select:

□ Yes

□ No

□ Maybe

□ Don't know

2. How familiar with the North West Regional Flood and Coastal Committee were you before reading this Business Plan?

Select:

□ I was very familiar with what the Committee does

□ I was somewhat familiar with what the Committee does

□ I'd heard of the Committee but wasn't familiar with who they are or what they do

□ I'd never heard of them before

3. Having read the business plan, do you have a better understanding of:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Yes | No | Maybe  | Don't know |
| * the role of the RFCC?
 | □ | □ | □ | □ |
| * what we are aiming to achieve?
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Please provide further information to support your answer.

4. In the draft business plan (pages 18 - 23) there are 12 proposed objectives. Please would you rank the objectives in order of importance, with 1 being the most important to 12 being the least important.

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|  |  | Rank 1 to 12 |
| A1. | To measure, assess and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of risk management authorities’ collective engagement with communities on flood and coastal erosion risk management |  |
| A2.  | To better understand the increasing risks in the North West arising from our changing climate and develop means of communicating this in order to increase communities’ resilience |  |
| A3.  | To build an evidence base to demonstrate to coastal communities the likely scale of challenge faced in managing coastal erosion |  |
| A4.  | Using this evidence to begin discussing adaptation options with those communities |  |
| B1.  | To successfully deliver, build on and develop our natural flood management programme |  |
| B2.  | To develop and strengthen partners’ approach to engaging, planning and managing water at catchment scale |  |
| B3.  | To agree some waterbodies which could be operated to both maintain supply and help reduce flood risk, and to implement revised or trial operating protocol on at least one |  |
| B4.  | To increase the adoption of sustainable drainage systems (SuDS) and green infrastructure on new developments and its retrofitting on existing developments |  |
| B5.  | To find more ways to enhance the environment and recreational amenity through our flood risk management programme |  |
| B6.  | To influence the future system of environmental land management payments and to make best use of the existing payments. |  |
| C1.  | To increase understanding of the multiple benefits of flood and coastal erosion risk management schemes, how to value and promote them, and develop the skills pipeline in the North West to support the timely and effective development of place-based schemes and approaches. |  |
| C2.  | To attract new partners and funding for integrated schemes, particularly from the private sector, which will reduce flood or coastal erosion risk and provide multiple benefits |  |

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.