

NORTH WEST REGIONAL FLOOD AND COASTAL COMMITTEE

FRIDAY 11 JULY 2025, 10AM – 1PM

Friends Meeting House, 6 Mount Street, Manchester M2 5NS

AGENDA

<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda Number</u>	<u>Item</u>	
10:00	1.	Welcome Welcome, Chairman's Introduction, and Apologies for Absence	For information
10:05	2.	Minutes of RFCC meeting 25 April 2025 and matters arising (Papers) To approve the minutes of the last RFCC meeting and to receive an update on any actions and matters arising	For approval
10:10	3.	Report from the RFCC Finance & Business Assurance Sub-group (Papers + Information Item B) To discuss and consider the recommendations from the RFCC Finance and Business Assurance Sub-group. <i>Introduced by Adam Walsh, EA FCRM Programme Manager, Cumbria and Lancashire (C&L) and Sally Whiting, EA RFCC Senior Advisor (GMMC)</i>	For information and discussion and approval
10:50	4.	Investment Reform Consultation To provide the opportunity to discuss the consultation proposals and our responses. <i>Introduced by Adrian Lythgo, RFCC Chairman and Nick Pearson, EA Area Flood Risk Manager (GMMC)</i>	For information and discussion
11:25		BREAK	
11:35	5.	Peatland Restoration <i>Presented by Kate Morley, RFCC Member - Conservation, Dave Brown, EA Senior FCRM Advisor (GMMC) and Dewi Jackson, Project Manager, Moors for the Future</i>	For information and discussion
12:10	6.	North West NaFRA2 Update <i>Presented by Marina Powell Currie, EA Senior FCRM Advisor (C&L) and Katy Holt, EA FCRM PSO Team Leader (GMMC)</i>	For information and discussion
12:30	7.	Climate Change Impact Assessment <i>Presented by Carolyn Otley, RFCC Member - Communities</i>	For information and discussion
12:55	8.	Any Other Business	
13:00		CLOSE	

INFORMATION PAPERS

Info item A	Briefing paper for the Mayfield Park Site Visit	NW RFCC specific
Info item B	Papers from the RFCC Finance and Business Assurance Sub Group Meeting	NW RFCC specific
Info item C	Update from the North West and North Wales Coastal Group	NW RFCC specific
Info item D	Quarterly Update from United Utilities	NW RFCC specific
Info item E	FRMP2 Update Paper	NW RFCC specific
Info item F	National FCRM Update Paper	National EA
Info item G	Calendar of Meetings 2026 2027	NW RFCC Specific

Future RFCC meetings

24 October 2025 (Face to Face meeting)
23 January 2026 (Virtual Meeting)

Future RFCC Finance & Business Assurance Sub-group meetings

10 October 2025 (Virtual Meeting)
9 January 2026 (Virtual Meeting)

Afternoon site visit – Mayfield Park

Following the RFCC meeting, we invite Members and officers to join a visit to [Mayfield Park](#), the first new city-centre park to be created in Manchester for over 100 years and the centrepiece of a 24-acre development of residential, commercial and retail buildings.

While not primarily a flood risk project, it has transformed a previously derelict area of the city into a biodiverse expanse of green and blue infrastructure which delivers multiple benefits and the River Medlock, which was previously heavily culverted in the area, has been daylighted.

The design accommodates a one in 100-year+ climate change flood scenario. Nature-based systems to accommodate flooding have been favoured (e.g. rain gardens) and the wildscape areas allow for flooding, with the riverbed planted to ensure an instant impact.

In areas designed to accommodate flood water and high river flows, nature-based systems intercept and slow water discharge and encourage evapotranspiration. For example, rain gardens feature moisture-tolerant planting that absorbs excess surface runoff, instead of allowing rain to drain into the river and contribute to flood risks downstream.

After the 1pm buffet lunch following the RFCC meeting, visit attendees will be asked to wait in the RFCC meeting room and at 2pm will make their way over to St Peter's Square to get the Metrolink to Piccadilly. Once at Piccadilly the group will make its way to Mayfield Park, an approximate 5 minute walk.

The visit will be for approximately 1 hour in duration.