

Help protect communities across Yorkshire from flooding

Press release

The Environment Agency is looking for three new independent members to join a committee that plays a vital part in shaping local flood and coastal management plans across Yorkshire.



Committee members decide on the priorities for the funding and delivery of flood risk management projects as part of the Yorkshire Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC).

Applications are welcome from people actively interested in flood risk management, from different backgrounds and with an interest in, or experience of:

- local community flood forums or action groups
- engineering and construction
- spatial planning
- finance and accountancy
- asset management
- managing resilience and recovery
- conservation

- farming and land management
- the business community

Yorkshire RFCC chair, Professor Colin Mellors said:

There are 12 RFCCs in England and members of the committee play an important role in determining local priorities for investment in flood and coastal risk management, ensuring a joined-up approach among partners and raising local levies for flood alleviation schemes.

As a member of the Yorkshire RFCC you will help create partnerships that fund and deliver projects for local communities at risk of the devastating effects of flooding.

The region, consisting of over five million people and a diverse geography, makes a substantial contribution to the national economy. At the same time, it is vulnerable to the risk of flooding from many sources; rivers, surface water, groundwater and includes some of the fastest eroding coastline in Europe.

Mike Dugher, Environment Agency Yorkshire area director said:

We are looking for three enthusiastic and committed members to help us set the strategic priorities for managing flood risk throughout the Yorkshire area in the face of the challenge of our changing climate.

It is an exciting opportunity to make a practical difference to people's lives, businesses and to the environment in which we live.

Committee members do not receive a salary, but reasonable expenses are paid. RFCCs meet four times a year with potential additional work between meetings to help progress objectives set out in the RFCC's business plan.

The deadline for applications is Monday 19 September 2022.

For details on the roles and how to apply please contact Amer Bhatti on 07786 523779 or email YRFCC@environment-agency.gov.uk.

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