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Submitted to **Variation to the Composition of the Anglian (Central) Regional Flood and Coastal Committee**

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Yes

4 Please tell us how you found out about this consultation:

From the Environment Agency

If other, please specify.:

Your views

5 Which option is your preference for the composition of the Anglian (Central) Regional Flood and Coastal Committee?

Option 2 - Better reflecting spread of Tax Base across Lead Local Flood Authorities.

Please provide further information to support your answer, if required. If neither, please suggest an alternative with associated rationale.:

This option better represents the spread of the tax base which is something that the council's do regularly discuss. If additional EA appointees are made this may reduce the chance that the committee is negatively affected when vacancies arise (as has happened previously).

6 Within both Options 1 and 2, there is the ability for the Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFAs) involved to adjust their approach to the shared seats. Currently the voting seats rotate between LLFAs on an annual basis. A partnership approach, whereby one LLFA permanently represents multiple LLFAs, is employed successfully on other Regional Flood & Coastal Committees.

Other

Please provide further information to support your answer, if required.:

Our council is not currently affected by a shared seat so didn't want to put forward a strong view that might outbalance those that do and who should really be the ones to decide this. This approach should be left as optional to those with shared seats, rather than being adopted as the only approach for this committee. However if we were to ever have a shared seat on the Cental/Great Ouse Committee we are not sure that it would be our preference to go for what is being referred to as the 'partnership approach' at least without further information on how this works for other RFCCs. We imagine that the work needed behind the scenes to co-ordinate this approach would be quite time intensive if the LLFAs are not used to working together/agreeing on issues. Also it is the smaller LLFAs that have shared seats so if they effectively appear to give their seat to another council they may feel completely disconnected from the RFCC (e.g. never attending) which would reduce the value of the RFCC partnership when we discuss/agree any joint approaches. If the LLFAs with shared seats already work very closely together and they chose to go for a 'partnership approach' then that would work well and should be supported by the committee as their choice. i.e. it's not one size fits all.

If other, please specify.:

See response above.

7 Please let us know if you think there is anything else we should be considering?

Other considerations:

8 We would like your views on our proposal to change the name of the Regional Flood & Coastal Committee from Anglian (Central) Regional Flood & Coastal Committee to Anglian (Great Ouse) Regional Flood & Coastal Committee.

Yes

If other, please specify::

Please provide further information to support your answer, if required. :

We don't mind what is called (in practice people will probably still refer to the committee in the way they are most used to). However it makes perfect sense to name the committee after the catchment as our coverage is then very clear, not just to the Committee members, but to outside parties.

Other comments

9 We really value your feedback on our proposals. Please tell us if you have any further comments and provide as much information as possible to support your answer.

Further comments:

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