

# Minutes

## STRATEGIC WILDFIRE GROUP 12 December 2025

Microsoft Teams: 10.00-12.00pm

### Attendees:

█ (DAERA NIEA Chair)  
█ (NIFRS Vice Chair)  
█ (DAERA NIEA)  
█ (DAERA FFRAG)  
█ (DAERA Forest Service)  
█ (DoH)  
█ (NI Water)  
█ (PSNI)  
█ (PSNI)  
█ (NI Emergency Preparedness Group)

### Apologies:

█ (NI Water); █ (DAERA FFRAG); █ (NI Emergency Preparedness Group); █ (PSNI); █ (DoH).

### KEY POINTS DISCUSSED:

#### 1. Welcome and introduction

█ opened the meeting and provided an update on Wildfires in Northern Ireland Strategic Framework 2025-2030.

#### 2. Strategic Wildfire Group – Terms of Reference

A draft term of reference was discussed. █ noted that he can provide linkage to local government civil contingencies groups.

#### 3. Wildfires in Northern Ireland - A Strategic Framework: Action Plan

A draft Action Plan was discussed. Discussions included: information that Queens University are undertaking work in relation to air pollution and health; some issues such as the definition of wildfires is being considered at a UK level; communications such as with farmers will be important and NI Direct may play a role; examples of community support schemes exist such as for flooding; different parts of the PSNI would have to be involved in different aspects of the action plan; and some of the actions identified could be considered as ongoing BAU actions rather than timebound actions

#### 4. Any Other Business

There was no additional business raised.

#### 5. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 29 January.

### ISSUES AGREED:

#### Terms of reference

- DAERA representatives should be broken down by group.
- Membership of the Strategic Group should be at a level whereby members can make decisions on behalf of their organisations.

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- Meetings should take place quarterly until the Action Plan is agreed and then take place twice yearly after that.
- That it would be beneficial for the Strategic Group meetings to be arranged for after meetings of the Stakeholder Forum.

### ACTION POINTS:

- **Action 1: Members to provide any comments on the draft Terms of Reference by 09 January 2026.**
- **Action 2: Members to provide any comments on the draft Action Plan by 09 January 2026.**

### NOTE WRITTEN BY:

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(NIEA, DAERA)

Agreed Date: 10 February 2026