

# Minutes

## STRATEGIC WILDFIRE GROUP 20 June 2025

Microsoft Teams: 10.00-12.00pm

### Attendees:

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

### Apologies:

[REDACTED] (PSNI).

### KEY POINTS DISCUSSED:

#### 1. Welcome and introduction

[REDACTED] opened the meeting and provided an update on the development of Wildfires in Northern Ireland Strategic Framework 2025-2030.

#### 2. Wildfires in Northern Ireland - Strategic Framework

An updated version of the Way Forward / Strategic Framework was presented and discussed. Discussions included: NICS Civil Contingency Framework and Risk Register; front loading prevention and preparedness; need for collaborate delivery; inclusion of Public Health Agency; terminology/definitions (recommendations vrs areas for consideration; high risk; inter or multi agency; response plans).

#### 3. Next Steps

Options for next steps regarding seeking Ministerial and Executive engagement and approval and development of Action Plan were outlined.

#### 4. Any Other Business

There was no additional business raised.

#### 5. Date of Next Meeting

TBC to be informed by consideration of draft Strategic Framework by members and progress of approval process.

### ISSUES AGREED:

- Members to be given additional time to review and comment on the draft Strategic Framework

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### **ACTION POINTS:**

Members to provide comments regarding the draft Strategic Framework by Friday 27th June in particular:

- Whether you content with this document as the first step in this process (ie to help inform the development of an Action Plan over the next year) or are there any showstoppers that would prevent the document from progressing; and
- Any comments on specifics within the document.

### **NOTE WRITTEN BY:**

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(NIEA, DAERA)

**Date: 25 June 2025**