

DWMP NEWS

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INTRODUCTION

Hi everyone

Welcome to our latest DWMP Newsletter. We hope you still find these newsletters useful and welcome any feedback. Feel free to contact us by email at dwmp@nwl.co.uk with any suggestions or comments. This newsletter will also be posted on our website at: <https://www.nwl.co.uk/services/sewerage/drainage-and-wastewater-management-plans/>.

UPDATE SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

First off we welcome Richard Woodhouse to the team. Richard is taking over as Programme Manager from Linzie Pentleton who is moving to a different role. I am sure we can all agree that Linzie has done a great job so Richard has a lot to live up to! Richard brings a huge wealth of experience and we look forward to working with him.

In other news, we have continued to consult our customers on what they want to see on a DWMP portal. Headline feedback is that a geographical search is important as well as easy to understand information. We hope to be in a position to publish the first phase of the new customer portal in the next quarter.

STRATEGIC PLANNING GROUP

The DWMP Strategic Planning Group is made up of people from a range of organisations and varying roles, including Planners, Developers, CCW and the Environment Agency among others.

The aims of the group are to:

1. Bring together key external stakeholders to work together to provide strategic direction and external endorsement for the NE DWMP;
2. Provide support feedback and expert opinion on the development of the DWMP;
3. Provide a clear direction on how best to make the DWMP align with other partners priorities.

We are currently setting up the quarterly meetings for this year so look out for invites in your diary if you are a part of the group. If anyone is interested in joining the group, please get in touch.

NATIONAL PICTURE

The ODA and the task and finish group met with wider stakeholders on 31 March to share current thinking and learning from other programmes of work. This group included representatives from Ofwat, Environment Agency and ADEPT.

A Cycle 1 to Cycle 2 review group has also been established with specific outcomes of:

- Proposing modifications to the DWMP Framework capturing the lessons learned from Cycle 1 to enhance the process prior to Cycle 2
- Highlighting proposed enhancements to Governments (via the DWMPSPG) prior to their drafting of guidance for the statutory Cycle 2 delivery
- To identify a potential programme of Joint research areas for the coming five-year period where there may be a need for joint research

OPTION DEVELOPMENT & APPRAISAL

We have been finalising the approach to Option Development & Appraisal which is our next DWMP key milestone. The outputs from the BRAVA and problem characterisation provide an indication of the planning approach to be taken that is appropriate to the complexity and scale of the risk identified.

