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River Basin Management Plans 2021 – 2027

Working Together Consultation (June 2018)

Our vision

As Natural Resources Wales we are proud to be leading the way to a better future for Wales by managing the environment and natural resources of Wales sustainably.

Our Well-being Objectives are to:

- Champion the Welsh environment and the sustainable management of Wales' natural resources
- Ensure land and water in Wales is managed sustainably and in an integrated way
- Improve the resilience and quality of our ecosystems
- Reduce the risk to people and communities from environmental hazards such as flooding and pollution
- Help people live healthier and more fulfilled lives
- Promote successful and responsible business, using natural resources without damaging them
- Develop NRW into an excellent organisation, delivering first-class customer service

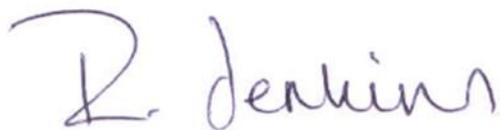
Foreword

Water is fundamental to people, animals and our natural environment. A healthy water environment provides clean water for our homes and communities, agriculture and industry. As individuals we use water every day to drink, to bathe in and to cook with. We use water through the goods we buy and the industrial processes that make them. We use water for recreation, agriculture, fishing and transport. Good water quality is essential for our health, our wellbeing, the economy and enabling a healthy functioning environment on whose services we all rely.

Through our actions however, the fragile relationship between soil, water and vegetation has been altered. Land management, urban development, drainage infrastructure and flood defences have further exacerbated those issues. All our activities place enormous pressure on water quality and quantity, and the ecosystems it supports and the services they provide to society.

The Water Framework Directive is a key tool to provide substantial benefits for the long term sustainable management of our waters delivered through River Basin Management Plans. Achieving this requires us to understand the issues and challenges across the whole system and to work together across public and private sectors in a more integrated way to achieve sustainable use of natural resources that can deal with future change.

The approach undertaken for the Water Framework Directive compliments the purpose and principles set out in the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 and the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. The development of Area Statements will enable Natural Resources Wales to further develop this approach and gather evidence to inform decision-making by ourselves, stakeholders and partners. By being involved you can take an active role to help deliver further improvements to ensure the sustainability, health and resilience of Wales' water environment.



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1. Background

Natural Resources Wales (NRW) recently published its Corporate Plan, “Managing today’s natural resources for tomorrow’s generations” which sets out what NRW will do up to 2022 and builds on our Well-Being Statement, published in 2017. This described our seven Well-Being Objectives (WBOs) which demonstrate how we want to contribute to the goals set out in the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015. We will do this by pursuing the sustainable management of natural resources (SMNR) and applying its principles – which is our prime purpose as set out in the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

One of our WBOs is to ensure land and water in Wales is managed sustainably and in an integrated way. Our Corporate Plan sets out the current situation in Wales and where we want to be long-term. This includes our vision that land and water in Wales will be managed in a fully integrated way to reap multiple benefits and that water catchments will be considered in their entirety, including surface and groundwater and from source to sea.

One of the actions we will take over the timespan of the Corporate Plan to make progress towards achieving the WBOs, is that we will work with our partners to bring water bodies into good ecological status as required by the European Union Water Framework Directive (WFD).

The WFD introduced a 6-yearly cycle of river basin planning. NRW is the competent authority to develop and communicate the approach in Wales to improve the quality and ecological health for Wales’ waters. It requires a River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) for each river basin district (RBD) to be produced. Wales has three RBDs (full or partial); Western Wales, and the cross-border Dee and the Severn (see Appendix 1). These plans describe what businesses, water users and others need to do to protect and restore the water environment. The first update to these plans was published in December 2015.

1.1 What’s this consultation about?

Planning for the third river basin planning cycle (2021-2027) begins with this Working Together consultation. Working with a wide range of public, private and voluntary organisations (including water companies, local authorities, eNGOs, business & industry) is at the heart of the WFD. This consultation sets the direction for how we will work with others and individuals whose interests are likely to be affected by the updated plans. It sets out the steps, consultations and timetable for preparing the RBMPs.

The purpose of this consultation is to set out the steps and timetable for reviewing and updating RBMPs and the ways that you can get involved. This is a public consultation and we welcome everyone’s views. Further rounds of consultation will take place in 2019 on significant water management issues and on the draft updated plans in 2020. RBMPs, and the respective consultations, are produced for each RBDs in Wales: Western Wales and Dee. As part of this Working Together consultation you will be required to identify which RBD(s) your response applies to. Two RBDs fall across the borders with England. NRW leads on the review and update of the RBMPs for the Dee RBD. The Environment Agency leads on the

review and update of the RBMP for the Severn RBD. For more information on the consultations for the Severn please follow the link below;

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/river-basin-planning-working-together>

The approach and timeline set out in this consultation represents NRW's current views. The responses to this consultation will inform our approach. We will also need to account for updated River Basin Planning Guidance from Defra and Welsh Government and identify opportunities for greater integration and simplification for the RBMPs including engagement around them, with other plans or processes.

1.2 We want your views

As a public consultation we welcome your views. We want your feedback on a range of key considerations related to the process of reviewing and updating the RBMPs in Wales.

To do this, we have outlined key consultation questions in section 4.1. Information on how to respond and how we will use your information is in section 4.2

If any of the terms in this document are unfamiliar, please refer to the glossary in the River Basin Management Planning [Overview Annex](#) for help.

2. Natural Resources Wales approach to updating the River Basin Management Plans

The RBMPs in Wales now sit within a wider context under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 and the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. The overarching aims of the Environment Act is to enable Wales' resources to be managed in a more proactive, sustainable and joined-up way. Its principles will underpin the way we all work and will help to focus on a more integrated approach to natural resource management.

The Environment (Wales) Act puts in place a delivery framework for the sustainable management of natural resources and introduces some simple principles to underpin the way we all work. It will help us to focus on a more integrated approach to natural resource management, looking at the root causes of problems and working with stakeholders to find solutions, which improve Wales' water environment and deliver multiple environmental benefits.

[The State of Natural Resources Report](#) (SoNaRR) is the first of its kind in Wales. SoNaRR looks at the pressures on our natural resources and links the resilience of Wales' natural resources to the well-being of the people of Wales. Drawing on this evidence, Welsh Government have published their [Natural Resources Policy](#) that sets out a national context for our work and shows a clear link between the sustainable management of natural resources and the Government's programme. Section 3 sets out some key strategic themes for the way that we manage our natural resources, including taking a place-based approach.

The new legislation requires Area Statements to be published to help facilitate the delivery of the Welsh Government's Natural Resources Policy at the local level. The Act requires the Area Statements to include information about the natural resources

in that place, the benefits they provide, and the priorities, risks and opportunities that need to be addressed, to achieve sustainable management of them. There will be seven Area Statements (see Appendix 4) - North West Wales, North East Wales, South East Wales, South West Wales, South Wales Central and Mid Wales, as well as one for the Marine area. They will bring together data, information and ways of engaging others to help us better understand the state and trends of natural resources in an area, the pressures on them and the benefits we receive. Working through Area Statements is important because it will help us to embed our new statutory purpose and ways of working. It provides an opportunity to gather information from other evidence sources that didn't exist for the previous cycle of the RBMPs.

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 sets out seven well-being goals that describe 'the kind of Wales we want to see'. National indicators have been set to measure progress in achieving these goals. The percentage of surface water bodies and groundwater bodies achieving WFD objectives is one of these indicators. The Act establishes statutory Public Services Boards which will replace the voluntary Local Service Boards in each local authority area. This will strengthen joint working across all public services in Wales. The well-being duty on NRW is to act jointly, via the Public Services Boards to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of the area and thereby contribute to the achievement of the well-being goals for Wales.

We hope that by continuing to work across a wide range of stakeholders in a more integrated way. This new way of working will also enable us to look at opportunities to improve our waters by working with individuals and organisations to find solutions that will improve Wales' water environment delivering wider benefits to people and the environment.

2.1 How River Basin Management Plans are linked to other plans and strategies

Other plans and strategies relevant to the water environment that affect, or are affected by, the RBMPs are listed in Appendix 3. These include the Flood Risk Management Plans, Water Resource Management Plans and Water Strategy for Wales. There are many dependencies between the RBMPs and these other plans and strategies which can be at a local or national level. Many of these run on different timetables to the RBMPs.

The Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMPs) do run on the same 6-year planning cycle as for WFD. These identify what is at risk of flooding alongside the objectives and measures that we propose to take to manage the risk of flooding to people, the environment and economic activity. We will continue to co-ordinate flood risk management and river basin management planning. This enables us and our stakeholders to take a wider view of opportunities for managing the water environment more effectively. Together, these help shape important decisions, direct considerable investment and deliver significant benefits to contribute to Wales' well-being goals and improve Wales' water environment. We will also seek to identify opportunities to integrate the RBMPs with other plans and programmes.

2.2 Statement of Steps

As part of the river basin planning¹ there are a number of consultation steps which are summarised in Appendix 2 together with the timetable for these. This timeframe may be affected by the Area Statements process in Wales, where we are proposing more fluid, ongoing dialogue with stakeholders around opportunities to work together to manage the water and wider natural environment. The steps will include:

(a) Working Together (this document)

This consultation includes the Statements of Steps and timetable to deliver the updated RBMPs. It will formally run by June 2018 for 6 months duration. The consultation for the Severn will be provided by the Environment Agency.

(b) A summary of the significant water management issues for the Western Wales and Dee River Basin Districts

This summary will detail the significant water management issues that we face in each RBD. It will describe some of the ways we are dealing with those issues. The consultation will run by June 2019 for 6 months duration.

The Severn summary of the significant water management issues will be made available by the Environment Agency.

(c) Draft plans for the updated Western Wales and the Dee River Basin Districts

The updated draft RBMPs will explain how the problems facing the water environment will be dealt with. Predictions of how this will improve the water environment will be made. The consultation will run by June 2020 for 6 months duration.

The Severn draft RBMPs will be made available by the Environment Agency.

(d) Final plans for the Western Wales and Dee River Basin District which are submitted to the Appropriate Authority (Welsh Minister and/or Secretary of State) for approval

The final plans will be submitted to the Appropriate Authority by September 2021. The final plans will be published in December 2021.

The Severn RBMP will be submitted and published by the Environment Agency.

2.3 Methods for Working Together

We will continue to work with our partners. We are currently considering establishing a new Wales Water Management Forum (WWMF) chaired by a NRW Board Member. The purpose of the WWMF will be to provide an opportunity to share evidence and explore opportunities for working together collaboratively to work towards the sustainable management of water in Wales. This would include actively collaborating for the planning and delivery of river basin management planning, including cross border considerations. The forum would seek to mirror, and be equivalent to, the Wales Land Management Forum. It is proposed that the two forums would meet as required and additional task and finish sub-groups may be

¹ The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive (England and Wales) Regulations 2017

established to discuss specific issues in more detail. To reduce the burden on our partners, we anticipate that the group will replace, but continue to build upon the good work of, the liaison panels in Wales.

NRW will also keep stakeholders informed about how the water environment is protected and improved and explain when and how to get involved. This includes work happening in different areas, ranging from local through to catchments, Area Statements, RBDs and all of Wales. We will make our data on the state of water accessible which will feed into the second State of the Environment Report, evidence to support Area Statements (e.g. risk and opportunity mapping) and Well-being Assessments.

Each Public Services Board has conducted an assessment of local well-being for their area. The assessments have been developed using data and evidence from a range of people and organisations. We have provided data and evidence that we hold or have access to on environmental and natural resource issues to inform these assessments. The Welsh Government Partnerships Team have published the [Assessments of Local Well-being](#) for all 19 Public Services Board.

The main public and private sector organisations whose activities and interests are likely to be affected by the updated RBMP are listed in Appendix 5. We will engage with them using various methods including via the WWMF , public consultations and through the Area Statement process.

As part of the WFD consultations we will:

- actively gather views from the public, communities, organisations and statutory consultees;
- make use of existing networks and identify wider engagement opportunities to support the delivery of the updated RBMPs;
- listen to all views and take them into account for the next steps;
- coordinate our findings with ongoing discussions for Area Statements and through this work seek further opportunities for integration and delivering wider benefits;
- make sure that those who want to take part are aware of the RBMP steps;
- make information accessible on our web site;
- be open and clear;
- gather and assess fairly all consultation responses received;

Methods to **inform** could include:

- NRW website, NRW partner websites, social media and any other mechanisms that emerge through the Area Statement process;

Methods we may use to **consult** could include:

- Infographics
- Meetings
- Online consultations
- Social media

Working and solving problems together will allow:

- a focus on outcomes – working with others to understand the outcomes they want to achieve;
- open and honest discussions about what can and cannot be done;
- planning together before taking any action, involving those with an interest when planning work;
- sharing information among those involved (as far as possible).

Methods we may use to **work together with others** could include:

- Using existing internal and external networks and other partners;
- Developing Well-being Assessments and Area Statements;
- Developing wider engagement opportunities e.g. by linking with the development of the Flood Risk Management Plans and the Wales Marine Plan when published.

3. What has changed since the River Basin Management Plans were updated in 2015 and learning from previous cycles

3.1 New and revised legislation

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 are two new legislations in Wales that are changing the way we work.

The WFD came into force in 2000. The European Commission is due to review the Directive by the end of 2019 to check that it is still fit for purpose and identify any possible improvements. The Regulations which transposes the WFD into legislation in England and Wales was updated in 2017².

3.2 Discussions on the UK's withdrawal from the European Union (EU)

The challenges and opportunities post Brexit are particularly significant for the sustainable management of natural resources with WFD being one of the EU Directives that set the standards and guide much of our work in the water environment. As cited in our Corporate Plan, we are working closely with the Welsh Government to address the challenges and make the most of the opportunities, influencing and helping to develop the best options for managing natural resources in Wales sustainably.

3.3 What we've learned

It is important that we learn and adapt from previous cycles of river basin management planning, building on this to ensure that we continue to engage with all interested parties. This consultation provides further opportunity so that we can share knowledge, expertise and resources to inform this next update. Combining resources and effort will deliver better results to ensure that Wales' water environment continues to be protected and improved for everyone to enjoy.

From the previous Working Together consultation you told us:

- You wanted to be involved in your local area and on specific issues that are important to you.

² The Water Environment (Water Framework Directive (England and Wales) Regulations 2017

- We needed to engage with a wider audience – not just the usual organisations.
- You wanted to be more active in the planning process.
- We needed to make it easier for people to be involved – by using language appropriate to the audience we are talking to and improving our information and making it more accessible.

Following a review of the responses, the following actions have been undertaken and formed a key part of updating the RBMPs:

Data & Evidence:

- Water Watch Wales has continued to be updated, providing the latest classification results, objectives and programme of measures <http://waterwatchwales.naturalresourceswales.gov.uk/en/>
- A Progress Report was published for the first cycle of the RBMPs (2009-2015).
- The River Basin District Liaison Panels were involved in the development of a delivery plan which sets the direction for implementing the updated RBMPs together with helping us to manage risks to delivery. The Liaison Panels have also supported NRW in planning and delivery of the programme of measures
- Publication of the State of Natural Resources Report which included WFD data.

Communications:

- The Terms of Reference for Liaison Panels were reviewed to put more emphasis on joint decision-making and catchment working.
- The '[Challenges & Choices](#)' Consultation (October 2014 to April 2015) was an opportunity to discuss the big issues that affect Wales' water environment. This work has helped to improve our collective understanding of the options for improving our waters and directly influenced the RBMPs.
- We have made information more accessible and in plain language e.g. publication of the infographics for [Wales](#) and the [Dee RBD](#) on our website and [Water Watch Wales](#). The infographics show the scale of the improvements to Wales' water environment. This was achieved with the help of partners from all sectors to address the issues impacting on the water environment. We cannot achieve the objectives alone.

Catchment Delivery:

- Better use has been made of existing networks; we held a series of 14 Catchment Workshops to develop the second RBMPs. The information gathered was used in the [Catchment Summaries](#) that supported the updated RBMPs.
- Funds made available to tackle reasons for not achieving good status which includes remedial work for some metal mines, large scale wetland restoration and local projects (e.g. tackling diffuse pollution). This included the WFD Liaison Panel Implementation Fund which was available to contribute to our objectives to improve our waters.
- Making links with new initiatives and groups to deliver nationally and locally, e.g. the Wales Land Management Forum sub group looking at diffuse pollution in rural areas.

Cross Border Working:

- Continuing to work with the Environment Agency in the cross-border catchments for the Dee and Severn.
- As the Severn River Basin District Liaison Panel was no longer in place, we made provision to support the Welsh stakeholders for the Severn through the existing Dee and Western Wales Liaison Panels.

4.0 Consultation arrangements

4.1 Consultation questions

Question 1	Does the programme set out include all of the significant steps necessary to review and update the river basin management plans?
Question 2	How do you want to work with us in updating the River Basin Management Plans? Please include what level of involvement (inform, consult or working together to solve problems) you want and specify what methods of working you would prefer.
Question 3	Do you have suggestions on how we can improve our communication with you for updating the River Basin Management Plans? Have we identified the right organisations that need to be involved in reviewing and updating the river basin management plans (See Appendix 5)?
Question 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have we identified all the plans and strategies that affect, or are affected by the River Basin Management Plans? (See Appendix 3). If not, please tell us what other plans and strategies we need to be aware of?• Can you identify any opportunities to integrate the River Basin Management Plans with other plans and strategies?• How do you think the consultation on the updated River Basin Management Plans and Flood Risk Management Plans can best be co-ordinated?
Question 5	What opportunities can you identify in developing Area Statements that would join up with the River Basin Management Plans?
Question 6	Do you have any comments on how we can get the best out of our new Wales Water Management Forum, as it continues to deliver the role of the Liaison Panels, but takes on a greater role mirroring the work of the Wales Land Management Forum?
Question 7	We propose to explain how we have considered your response to this consultation when we consult on the significant water management issues in 2019. Are you satisfied that this is a reasonable approach?

4.2 How to respond

Responses are needed by 22nd of December 2018 on the form provided to let us know what you think. The form should be sent to;

wfd@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

or, by post to:

Jill Brown,
Natural Resources Wales,
Tŷ Cambria,
29 Newport Road,
Cardiff, CF24 0T

4.3 How will the responses be used

We will use the responses of this consultation to shape how we work with others when we review and update the RBMPs. Any response you send us will be seen in full by NRW staff dealing with this consultation. It may also be seen by other NRW staff to help them plan future consultations and may be shared with staff from, Welsh Government, the Environment Agency and Defra.

4.4 How we will use your information

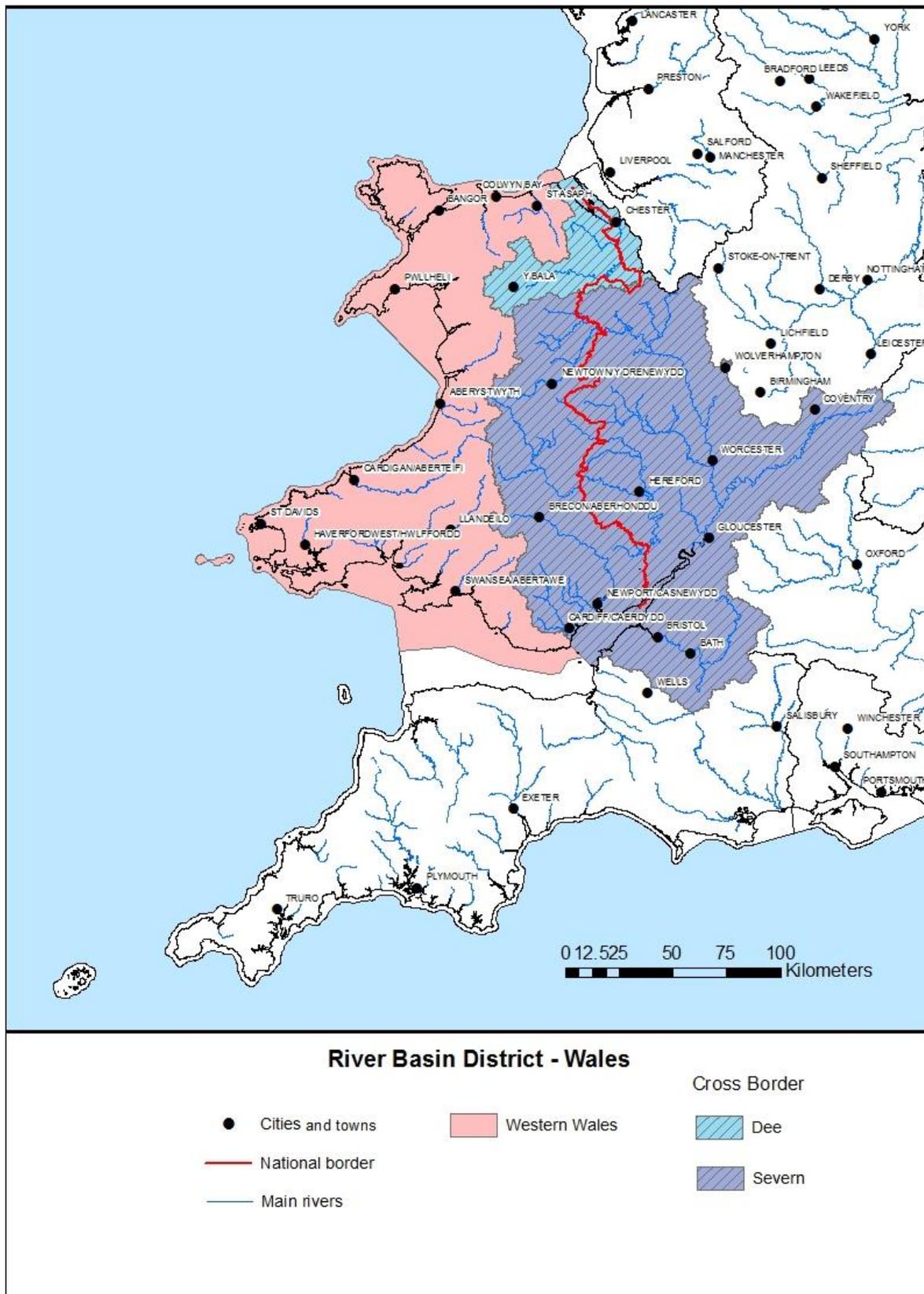
NRW will make all comments (excluding personal information) available on request. This includes comments received, unless you have specifically requested that we keep your response confidential. We will not make available names of individuals who respond; we will include the name of the organisation for those responses made on behalf of organisations.

If you respond to the consultation with an email address, we will acknowledge your response. We will also notify you of any forthcoming consultations, unless you tell us you do not want to receive this information.

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 will allow the public to ask to see information held by many public bodies, including NRW. This includes information which has not been published. However, the law also allows us to withhold information in some circumstances. If anyone asks to see information we have withheld, we will have to decide whether to release it or not. If someone has asked for their name and address not to be published, that is an important fact we would take into account. However, there might sometimes be important reasons why we would have to reveal someone's name and address, even though they have asked for them not to be published. We would get in touch with the person and ask their views before we finally decided to reveal the information.

If you have any questions or complaints about the way this consultation has been carried out, please email wfd@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

Appendix 1: Map of Wales' River Basin Districts



Appendix 2: Statement of Steps - Timetable for updating the River Basin Management Plans (2015-2021)

Stage	Date and Duration	Purpose
<p>Working Together Statutory consultation</p>	<p>Consultation: by June 2018 for 6 months duration</p>	<p>‘How should we all work together to update the river basin management plans?’</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asking how you want to be involved. • Explaining the key steps in the river basin management planning process for cycle 3. • Establishing a network of contacts for cycle 3 planning.
<p>Significant Water Management Issues (SWMIs) Statutory consultation</p>	<p>Consultation: by June 2019 for 6 months duration</p>	<p>‘What are the significant water environment issues and what can be done about them?’</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving and sharing evidence collected through the 3rd cycle of river basin planning. • Seeking views on solutions. • Developing who we should be working with to achieve environmental outcomes.
<p>Draft updated River Basin Management Plan Statutory consultation</p>	<p>Consultation: by June 2020 for 6 months duration</p>	<p>‘Does the draft plan set out the right level of ambition for the water environment and a commitment to deliver?’</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Predicting water body status in 2027 • Draft water body objectives • Measures to deliver including ownership of local and strategic actions • How we deliver at a local scale
<p>Published updated River Basin Management Plans</p>	<p>Publish date by December 2021</p>	<p>‘The plan will address the issues’</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved by Government as statutory plans • Measures prioritised based on realistic application of measures and affordability principles • Provide a framework for significant environmental improvement to 2027

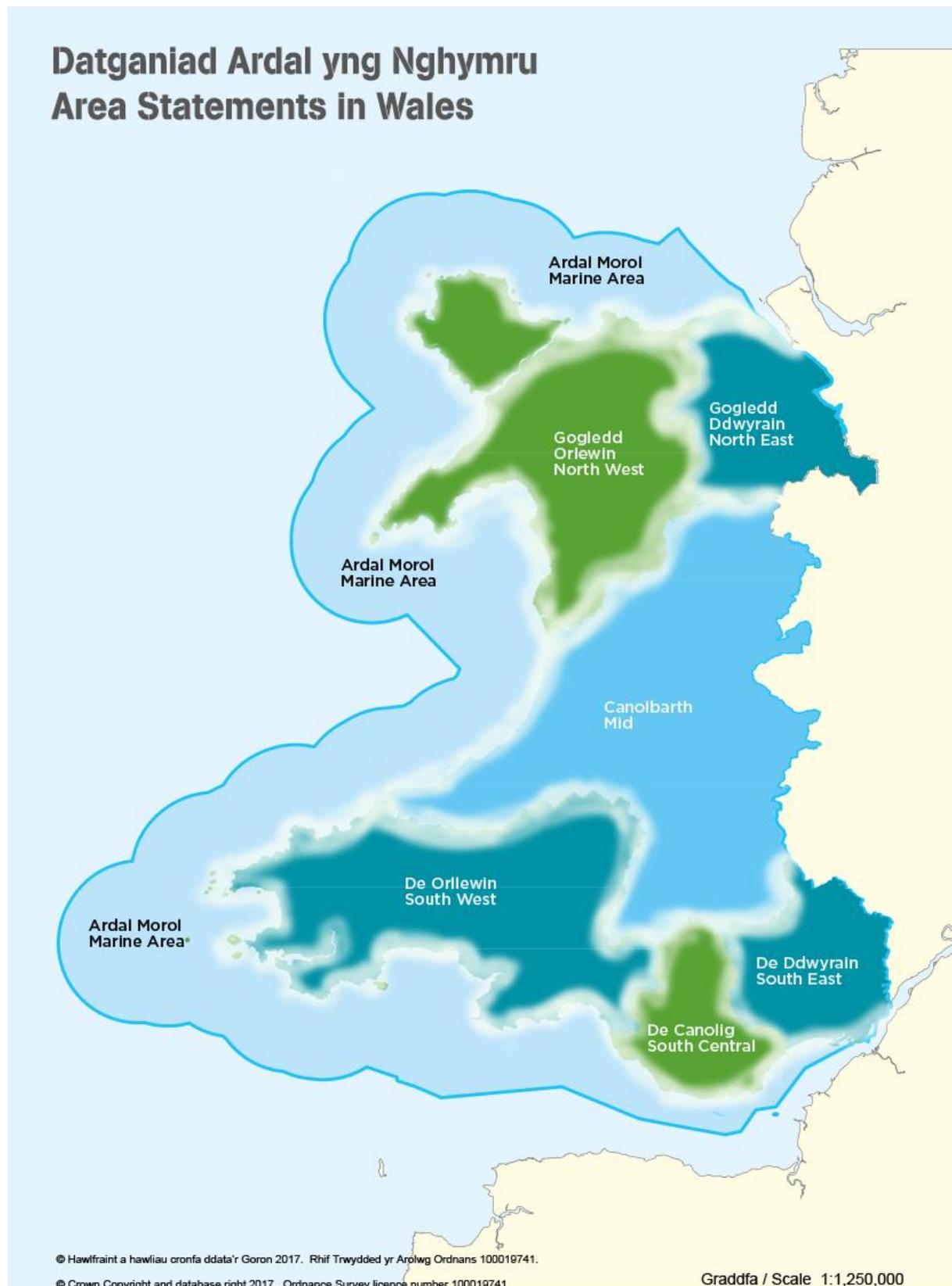
Appendix 3: Other plans and strategies related to water management

Issue	Plan/strategy title	Lead body
Flooding and coastal erosion	Flood Risk Management Plans	Natural Resources Wales
	National Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy	Welsh Government
	Shoreline Management Plans	Coastal Groups, which are local authority led
	Catchment Flood Management Plans	Natural Resources Wales
	Local Flood Risk Management Strategies	Natural Resources Wales and local authorities
	National Habitat Creation Programme	Natural Resources Wales
Climate change adaptation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate Change Strategy for Wales (2010) The UK Climate Change Risk Assessment 2017 Evidence Report The UK Climate Change Risk Assessment 2017 Government Report The UK National Adaptation Programme 2013 Plans prepared by public bodies (including water companies and the Environment Agency) as designated "Reporting Authorities" under the UK Climate Change Act 2008. 	<p>Welsh Government</p> <p>UK Committee on Climate Change Adaptation Subgroup</p> <p>UK Government</p> <p>UK Government*</p> <p>Public bodies</p>
	UK National Climate Adaptation Strategy and Adaptation Plan	Government's Committee on Climate Change, Public bodies and utility companies
Water policy	Water Strategy for Wales and associated Action Plan	Welsh Government
Water supply	Water Resource Management Plans	Water Companies
	Drought Plans	Water Companies
	Water Company Business Plans	Water Companies

Biodiversity	Nature Recovery Plan	Welsh Government
	Special Areas of Conservation/Special Protection Area core management plans	Natural Resources Wales
	LIFE + Natura 2000 Project Thematic Plans Natura 2000 Prioritised Improvement Plans (PIPs)	Natural Resources Wales
	Local Nature Partnership Nature Recovery Action Plans / Local Biodiversity Partnership Action Plans Section 6 Biodiversity & Ecosystem Resilience Forward Plans	Local Authorities/National Park Authorities/ Local partnerships
Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS)	The INNS Framework Strategy for Great Britain	Great Britain Non-Native Invasive Species Programme Board
Agriculture	Rural Development Plan	Welsh Government
Forestry	Forest Resource Plan	Natural Resources Wales
Recreation	Rights of Way Improvement Plans	Local authority
National Parks & Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)	National Park Management Plans	National Park Authority
	AONB Management Plans	Local authorities
Air quality	Air Quality action plans	Local authorities
Marine	Welsh National Marine Plan (proposed)	Welsh Government
	Bathing Water Priorities	Natural Resources Wales
	Marine Strategy Framework Directive Programme of Measures	Welsh Government
Chemicals	UK National Action Plan for the Sustainable Use of Pesticides (Plant Protection Products) 2013	Defra, Welsh Government, Scottish Government, DARDNI, HSE
	National Implementation Plan for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants 2017	Defra, Welsh Government, Scottish Government, DOENI

* This applies primarily to England but also covers non-devolved issues for Wales. Defra will publish a new programme in 2018.

Appendix 4: Map of Area Statements in Wales



Appendix 5: Main public and private sector organisations whose activities and interests are likely to be affected by the updated RBMP

Sector	Name	Examples of type of organisation	Main Interests
Agriculture and Rural Land Management	Farming Unions	Members' organisations representing the interests of farmers	Looking after and improving the quality of the rural environment
	Forestry and Woodland Groups	Confor, Coed Cymru	Looking after and improving the quality of the rural environment.
	Stakeholder Advisory Groups for Internal Drainage Districts (where they exist)	14 Internal Drainage Districts in Wales each with a Stakeholder Advisory Group.	Managed by NRW in accordance with the Land Drainage Act to provide effective land drainage in low lying areas to promote agricultural productivity.
Angling	eNGOs	National Groups e.g. Welsh Fishermens' Association Ltd and Angling Cymru, Local Angling Groups e.g. Bangor Mussel Producers, Teifi Trout Association, Wye and Usk Foundation	Engage with communities and individuals, building on their skills, experience and local knowledge and actively involves them in making environmental improvements.
Business & Industry	Heavy Industry and Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)	All types of industry e.g. Airbus UK, Chemical Industries Association, Pembroke Power Station, First Milk and local SMEs	Comply with regulations such as Environmental Permitting, Environmental Damage and Groundwater, to limit environmental damage and help prevent land contamination, pollution and deterioration of waters.
Conservation	eNGOs	E.g. Wildlife Trusts, RSPB Keep Wales Tidy, Canal River Trust, Woodland Trust	Engage with communities and individuals, building on their skills, experience and local knowledge and actively involves them in making environmental improvements.
General public	Individuals	Individuals and community groups	Everyone can help protect and improve the water environment.
Local & Regional Government	Local Authorities, Planning Authorities	Every Local Authority in Wales, every local planning authority in Wales. Pembrokeshire	Local Authorities duties relate to planning, waste and minerals,

	and National Parks	Coast National Park, Brecon Beacon Beacons National Park, and Snowdonia National Park of the RBD.	regeneration and land contamination, highways, transportation, emergency planning, countryside management, bathing waters, potable drinking water for private water supplies and other activities. National Parks have a duty to conserve, enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage
	Welsh Local Government Association (support Local Government interests)	Welsh Local Government Association	The Welsh Local Government Association represents the interests of Local Authorities in Wales.
	Food Standards Agency	Independent Government department to protect public health and consumers' wider interests in food.	The Food Standards Agency is responsible for protecting public health and consumers; wider interests in food. It works with local authorities to enforce food safety regulations
	Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authority	Ministerial Government Department	They contribute significantly to sectors of our economy such as tourism, ports, shipping and alternative energy production.
Mining & Quarrying	Mining organisations	Coal Authority Mineral Products Association	The Coal Authority runs a minewater preventative and remediation programme.
Navigation	Port Authorities and Harbour Authorities	E.g. Cardiff Harbour Authority, Port of Mostyn	Ports, harbours and marinas are essential for economic prosperity
Recreation	Individuals, Community Groups and eNGOs.	E.g. Welsh Yachting Association, Snowdonia Active	Recreational water refers to rivers, lakes and coastal waters. People use recreational water for activities like swimming, surfing, water skiing, white water sports, underwater diving, sailing and boating.
Urban & Transport	Local Authorities	Local Authorities and Business and Industry	Looking after urban and transport infrastructure

	and Business & Industry		
Water	Ofwat	Non-ministerial government department	Economic regulator for the water and sewerage sectors.
	Water Companies	Private providers of water and sewerage to customers	High drinking water quality, positive environmental outcomes and fair charging for customers
	Consumer Council for Water	Statutory consumer body for the water industry	Provides independent advice about water companies

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