

# Board Assurance Statement: Draft DWMP

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Anglian Water

May 2022

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## **This Board Assurance Statement is in relation to the Anglian Water Services Limited draft Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan (“DWMP”)**

We, the Board of Directors for Anglian Water Services Limited (“the Board”) confirm that the following have been explained to us:

- The 6 guiding principles which apply to the DWMP;
- The DWMP technical framework which applies to the production of the DWMP;
- The six common BRAVA planning objectives for national level outputs; and
- The bespoke planning objectives specific to Anglian Water’s priorities as developed through extensive consultation with stakeholders.

The Board understands that the draft DWMP is one of four options which were developed based on the metrics set out below:

1. Costs
2. Number of catchments
3. Green solutions
4. Modelled flooding (m3)
5. Modelled pollutions
6. Scalability
7. Benefits (higher better)
8. Benefits (lower better)

The Board, considers that the option selected (and which forms the basis of the draft DWMP) presents the best value for ensuring long-term resilient provision of drainage and wastewater services for the economy, society and the environment. The selected plan is the least regret adaptive plan with medium risk.

The Board is reassured that the draft DWMP has had stakeholder input from various stages of engagement which commenced in 2020 and will be subject to further consultation in summer 2022 before being finalised in early 2023.

The Board also places reliance on a report prepared by the Company’s external assurance provider, Jacobs, who were appointed to review the development of the draft DWMP and to provide an external audit and test adherence of the draft DWMP to the required standards through a sample-based approach. Jacobs report of its findings to the Board was considered at a Board meeting on 26 May 2022.

Jacobs completed a risk-based approach driven by our assurance framework following the recognised three stage approach that is used for the technical assurance of other submissions:

- Stage 1 - Documentation (desktop review)
- Stage 2 - Process (meeting)
- Stage 3 - Data (audit)

They also provided assurance on the DWMP alignment against the Guiding Principles.

The draft DWMP has 575 catchments and Jacobs tested the application of Anglian’s documented methodology to nine catchments randomly selected from a list of catchments.

For each catchment reviewed Jacobs carried out a number of tests focusing on:

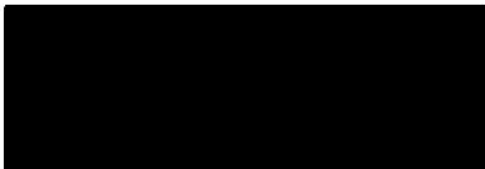
1. Risk-based catchment screening
2. Baseline Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (BRAVA)
3. Options development
4. Options selection
5. Extent, timing and quality of engagement with stakeholders
6. Development and implementation of plans

The Board understands that further assurance will be undertaken before publication of the final DWMP in early 2023; that assurance will also assure the integration of the objectives established within the Government’s Storm Overflows Discharge Reduction Plan when published.

The Board is therefore confident that Anglian Water’s draft DWMP:

- Follows and applies the guiding principles and DWMP technical framework<sup>1</sup>;
- Utilises the six common BRAVA planning objectives for national level outputs and the bespoke planning objectives specific to Anglian Water’s priorities as developed through extensive consultation with stakeholders;
- Clearly establishes the processes for ensuring the interventions outlined within the DWMP will be put forward for investment in our PR24 business plan. Similarly, we are satisfied that the necessary consideration has been given to how the risks and solutions identified within the DWMP aligns with other strategic planning frameworks and will subsequently shape our LTDS; and
- Is based on robust evidence and costing processes and presents in our judgement the best value plan for ensuring the long-term resilient provision of drainage and wastewater services for our customers and the environment.

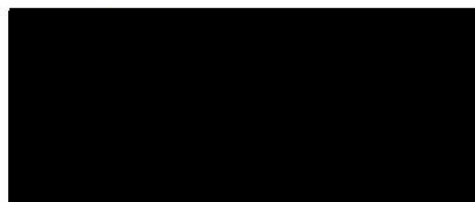
Signed by members of the Board of Directors for Anglian Water Services Ltd on 26 May 2022



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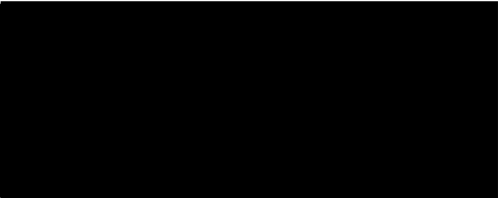
<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/drainage-and-wastewater-management-plans-guiding-principles-for-the-water-industry/guiding-principles-for-drainage-and-wastewater-management-plans>



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