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Glossary

For the glossary, refer to document C003.

1. Introduction to DWMP

The Drainage and Wastewater Management plan (DWMP) is a long-term plan setting out how we intend to maintain robust and resilient drainage and wastewater systems, now and in the future. Whilst long term planning for wastewater has always been undertaken, this is the first time that we are developing a region wide plan in this format, and we have taken a comprehensive approach as we recognise the importance of long-term planning and the increasing need for partnership solutions.

The heart of the plan will be built around collaborative and innovative working, while encompassing all activities relating to drainage, flooding and delivering a wastewater service that protects the environment. We have led on this plan, but have developed it in consultation with our partners as we will be delivering the DWMP in partnership with other organisations such as the Environment Agency and local councils.

By developing the DWMP, we have an opportunity to:

- Provide a basis for more collaborative and integrated planning alongside stakeholders across the region to tackle shared and interrelated risks relating to drainage, flooding and protecting the environment;
- Strengthen partnership working with all key stakeholders to drive integrated investment in the environment and communities;
- Develop a plan that will help address the increasing environmental expectations from customers and stakeholders and work towards the ambitions set out in Defra's 25-year plan;
- Collectively explore innovative solutions such as Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) and nature-based solutions to understand what is best for the North West; and
- Embed Systems Thinking to better understand drainage and environmental interactions, and to maximise the potential for integrated solutions.

Throughout the DWMP process, we have engaged with stakeholders to share our data and findings, to ensure that the solutions delivered are co-created, drive efficiencies and will benefit the communities and environment that we live and work in.

The plan will be set out at three levels (Figure 1) to maximise the potential for partnership working and for effective engagement between regulators and stakeholders at both company-wide level and more locally.

Figure 1 Geographical scales applied for planning and collaboration within DWMP



The plan is made up of five main stages (Figure 2) which each contribute to developing the most sustainable and effective future for the North West. These stages include setting out the long-term ambition for the region, identifying risk and understanding the possible interventions and solutions that could be developed.

Figure 2 Five stages of the DWMP



Across the North West, there are 14 Strategic Planning Areas (SPAs) and the purpose of this document is to share local, place-based information.

We will share the results from the different stages of the DWMP and how the DWMP plans to make a difference in the South West Lakes SPA.

2. Background to the South West Lakes catchment

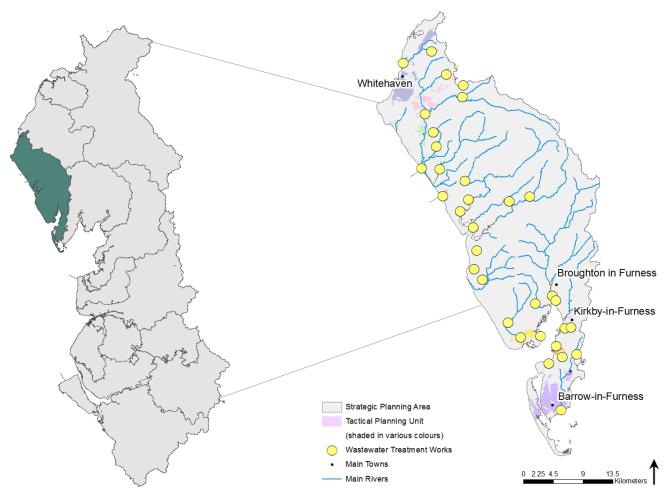
The South West Lakes catchment area is approximately 891.5km2 and is located to the west of the Lake District National Park. This catchment includes Wastewater which is England's deepest lake, and Ennerdale Water which is one of the most remote. The landscape is heavily dominated by a sheep and beef farming industry, with the presence of dairy farms and managed forestry included in the upper areas of the catchment [1].

There are three main sub catchments:

- Duddon Located in the southern area of the catchment, Duddon is an area dominated by sheep and beef
 farming, there are parts of this sub catchment that are situated within the Lake District National Park with a
 small tourist industry [2].
- Ehen-Calder Located at the north of the catchment, the River Ehen is a Special Area of Conservation due to its support of the largest population of freshwater mussels in England. It is an area that is dominated by sheep and beef farming [3].
- Irt, Mite, Esk and Annas Located central in the catchment, this sub catchment also is dominated by sheep and beef farming, it is here in which Wastewater is found [4].

There are 32 wastewater tactical planning units (TPU, also known as wastewater treatment work (WwTW) drainage catchments) within the South West Lakes SPA. A TPU is the drainage area including all the sewers and wastewater assets e.g. pumping stations, which drain to the associated wastewater treatment works. The TPUs within the SPA vary in size from larger catchments such as Barrow to smaller, rural catchments such as Roanhead. The TPUs are highlighted in Figure 3.

Figure 3 Map of the South West Lakes SPA



There are numerous strategic management plans within the South West Lakes that are owned by various other organisations. Within the South West Lakes catchment, there are active management plans such as:

- The Environment Agency River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) and Flood Risk Management Plan (FRMP);
- Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) Surface Water Management Plans (SWMP);
- · North West and North Wales Coastal Group Shoreline Management Plan (SMP); and
- · Local council plans.

Each of these strategic plans focuses on managing particular risks and links to programmes of work. A high-level summary of these management plans is shown in Table 1.

The DWMP aims to collaborate, share best practice and to align with other strategic plans throughout the catchment. This will help to highlight common challenges, ambitions and goals where there are shared or interconnected risks and opportunities.

Table 1 Summary of stakeholder management plans

Management plan	Overview	Key aspects for the South West Lakes catchment
River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) [5] Owner: Environment Agency	A river basin district covers an entire river system, including river, lake, groundwater, estuarine and coastal water bodies. The RBMP aim is to improve the quality of our water environment to best support wildlife, agriculture, and businesses, and to boost regeneration and recreation.	The main reasons for not achieving good ecological status are physical modifications and pollution from rural areas, towns, cities and transport. Future challenges predicted by the Environment Agency include changes in natural flow and water levels, physical modifications, invasive non-native species and pollution from agriculture and rural areas. Future challenges predicted by partnerships include changes to the natural flow and water levels, invasive non-native species (e.g. New Zealand pigmyweed) and pollution from wastewater.
Flood Risk Management Plan (FRMP) [6] Owner: Environment Agency	The FRMP is a strategic plan, which reviews and develops measures to manage the risk of flooding from rivers, the sea, surface water, groundwater and reservoirs. The plan outlines flood risk areas, hazards, and sets out measures and objectives to manage flood risk.	The catchment is within the North West River Basin District (RBD). The area covers approximately 13,200km2 and is occupied by close to seven million people. More than 370,000 of these people being at risk from flooding by rivers and the sea with a further 600,000 people at risk of surface water flooding. Around 35,000 people are thought to be living in areas that are deemed high risk of flooding from surface water with a further 97,500 at a moderate risk. 31,000 people are living in areas at are high risk of flooding due to rivers and the sea with a further 46,500 at a moderate risk. Areas of significant flood risk across the North West RBD include Ambleside, Ashton under Lyne, Atherton, Blackburn, Burnley, Ellesmere Port, Formby, High Folds, Kendal and Liverpool. The North West RBD has a total of 800km of highly dynamic coastline demonstrated through areas such as Sefton which coastline is eroding by up to 4m per year. There are a large amount of reservoirs credited to its industrial history. There are currently approximately 290 in the region that are classed as large raised reservoirs. 300,000 people are at risk of flooding from reservoirs in the North West RBD.

Management plan	Overview	Key aspects for the South West Lakes catchment
Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) [7] Owner: North West and North Wales Coastal Group	The SMP is a non-statutory, high level policy document for coastal flood and erosion risk management planning that was formally adopted in August 2016. It provides a large-scale assessment of the risks associated with coastal processes and helps to reduce these risks to people and the environment by identifying the most sustainable policies for managing flood and coastal erosion risks in the short term (0–20 years), medium term (20–50 years) and long term (50–100 years).	The long term plan between Havering and Seascape is to allow natural processes to continue along the majority of the frontage. Natural accretion of the dunes will provide protection to much of Havering; however, the continued provision of formal defences will also be required to address flood risk issues in this location. The short term plan at St. Bees is to continue to maintain the frontage for amenity/recreational/tourism value, but in the long term options will need to be investigated to allow the coast to realign to a more natural and affordable position to enable the beach to remain in the future.
Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP) [8] Owner: Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA)	in collaboration with other drainage owners, water companies incl Partners work together to understand the surface water flood risk a cost-effective way, and where appropriate, in partnership. A SWI The decision on whether a SWMP is appropriate is down to the LLF	in an area and agree an approach to address these issues innovatively and in

Management plan	Overview	Key aspects for the South West Lakes catchment
Catchment Based Approach (CaBA) Catchment Plan [5] [9] [10] Owner: West Cumbria Catchment Partnership and the Beck to Bay South Cumbria Catchment Partnership	The aim of the partnership is to bring together stakeholders to create and deliver a focussed, sustainable and collaborative action plan to deliver benefits within the catchment.	The South West Lakes catchment is covered by two catchment partnerships: The West Cumbria Catchment Partnership and the Beck to Bay South Cumbria Catchment Partnership. The aim of the West Cumbria Catchment Partnership is to: Improve water quality of the catchment by reducing diffuse pollution and wastewater inputs Reduce the impacts due to flooding, droughts and coastal erosion Increase resilience to climate change Provide high quality, diverse and connected habitats, and to control invasive species Increase opportunities for communities Reverse redundant modifications and to allow for more natural flow Help farm businesses to adopt more sustainable practices. Current challenges identified in the catchment include physical modifications and pollution from rural areas and wastewater. Potential future challenges include invasive non-native species, pollution from wastewater and changes to the natural flow and water levels. The vision of the Becks to Bay Catchment Partnership is to support a healthy, sustainable and diverse catchment system, which provides a wide range of benefits. The catchment plan focusses on strategic aims such as: High water quality Resilience to flood and drought conditions Sustainable development Widespread biosecurity and invasive species control Diverse habitats that are rich in wildlife Currently, 57% of waterbodies are failing to meet the required status. The main current and future challenges identified by the partnership include physical modifications, changes in natural flow and water levels, and pollution from agriculture and rural areas.

2.1 Strategic Planning Group (SPG)

We appreciate that there are many organisations with formal roles and responsibilities relating to drainage, flooding and protection of the environment. By participating in the creation of a DWMP much more can be achieved compared to working on our plans in isolation.

Within DWMP, SPGs have been a key form of engagement with stakeholders across the region. SPGs have operated at a local, catchment scale to allow stakeholders to input into the identification of priority and shared risk locations, and develop an understanding of potential collaborative solutions to tackle shared risks. The SPGs have covered a wide range of issues including reducing flooding and improving water quality. A key driver is understanding where there may be potential to achieve multiple benefit through solutions.

Through the SPGs, we have been able to consult with strategic partners on the various stages of the DWMP (Figure 4) and share outputs as and when they become available. This has been a two-way process and stakeholders have had the opportunity to share information with us such as action plans, confirmed projects, priority areas and ambitions for the future which could be developed and delivered in partnership. We have been able to review and incorporate the information shared during the different stages of the DWMP process.

Within the South West Lakes catchment we have engaged with stakeholders such as:

- The Environment Agency;
- Cumbria County Council;
- South Lakeland District Council;
- Barrow Borough Council;
- · Copeland Borough Council; and
- West Cumbria Rivers Trust and the South Cumbria Rivers Trust (host of the West Cumbria and South Cumbria Catchment Based Approach (CaBA) partnerships).

More information on co-creation activity undertaken with the SPG can be found in Technical Appendix 2 - Stakeholder Engagement (TA2). The outputs from this activity in the South West Lakes catchment are outlined in section 4.1.

Figure 4 DWMP framework for engagement

A framework for engagement in the North West

October 2019	0	Long term ambitions for the North West Consultation on long term targets 'planning objectives'
Jan-Mar 2021	2	Share modelled risk results Through workshops with strategic partners in each catchment
Spring 2021	3	Identify opportunities for collaboration • Where do risks identified intersect with risks managed by other partners? • What local strategies are being developed?
Summer 2021	4	Develop partnership opportunities for plan
Autumn 2021	5	Share feasible options and endorsement of plan
	Draf	t DWMP published June 2022
June-Sept 2022	6	Draft DWMP Consultation
Autumn 2022	7	Further Development of the DWMP partnership opportunities pipeline
Winter 2023	8	Finalisation of the DWMP

3. Risk identification

A key component of the DWMP has been around risk identification. This has been a mixture of both historical risk and forecast risk. Activities to understand this were completed through the Risk Based Catchment Screening (RBCS) and Baseline Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (BRAVA) stages. We have also undertaken numerous additional assessments to understand wider resilience and catchment risks.

Further detail on the approaches can be found in Technical Appendix 4 - Risk Based Catchment Screening (TA4) and Technical Appendix 5 - Understanding Future Risk (TA5).

3.1 Risk Based Catchment Screening (RBCS) and Horizon Scan

The RBCS stage is a series of high-level assessments that are used to review and screen each TPU to determine whether a more detailed assessment is required during the Baseline Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (BRAVA) stage.

The assessments are designed to span the key aspects of a wastewater company's responsibilities: from the network, to the treatment works, to its interaction with the environment. Examples of the assessments considered are internal sewer flooding, storm overflow performance, and pollution incidents. The assessments typically used three to five years of historical data.

Additional assessments termed 'horizon scanning' were undertaken to understand wider exogenous factors and opportunities that could inform future investment e.g. major infrastructure projects, private septic tank locations and potential major infrastructure projects (HS2 etc). Areas with potential future developments were also considered and further information on projected growth areas can be found within the associated Local Plans.

Within the South West Lakes catchment, the RBCS stage identified 22 out of 32 TPUs that required further investigation and therefore passed onto the BRAVA stage (outlined in section 3.2).

Figure 5 indicates which of the RBCS categories (environmental, flooding and wastewater treatment works capacity) have triggered within each TPU. There are numerous TPUs which did not trigger for RBCS across any of the categories and are therefore not shown in Figure 5. A list of these TPU's can be found in Table A.1 in the Appendix.

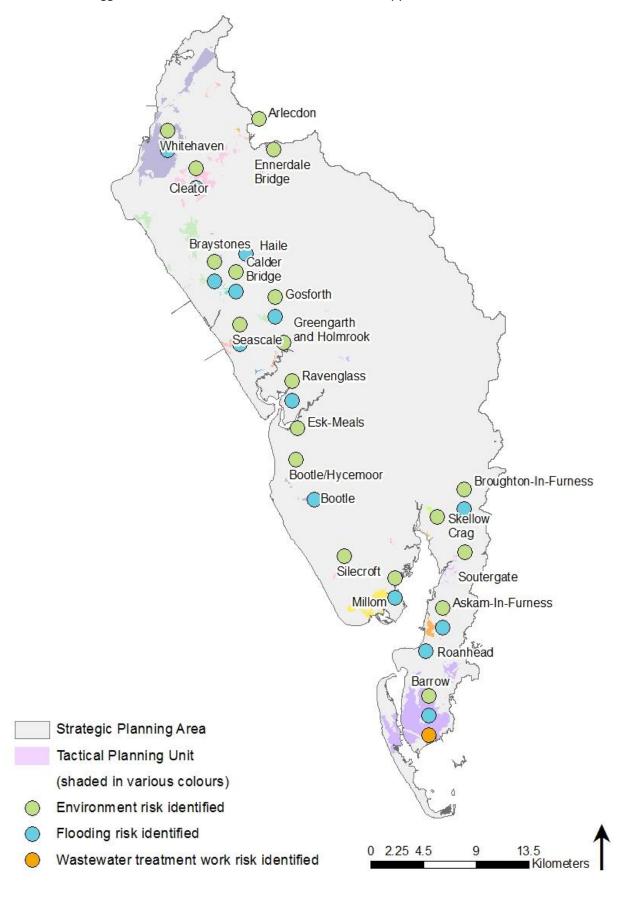
Environmental and flooding categories are the most common within the South West Lakes (Figure 5), which is supported by the highest triggered RBCS assessments which are:

- Storm Overflow Assessment Framework (19/32) Environment; and
- External Sewer Flooding (14/32) Flooding.

Further detail on the approaches and assessment results can be found in Technical Appendix 4 (Risk Based Catchment Screening).

Figure 5 Map of the Risk Based Catchment Screening (RBCS) results for the South West Lakes. Risk categories indicate areas triggering further investigation following Risk Based Catchment Screening.

TPUs that were not triggered in RBCS can be found in table A.1 of the appendix



3.2 Baseline Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (BRAVA) and Resilience

The TPUs that were identified during RBCS were then taken forward into BRAVA, which aims to assess the baseline and future position of system performance against the DWMP planning objectives, to understand where there may be issues. It is also to understand wider resilience issues that could also impact upon the DWMP planning objectives. This stage considers risk at 2020, 2030 and 2050 design horizons.

In addition to BRAVA, a range of resilience assessments were undertaken and will have been incorporated throughout the plan to allow us to expand our understanding of wider core risks, such as how the water quality of rivers may change as a result of climate change. We have also assessed risks such as fluvial and/or coastal flooding and fluvial and/or coastal erosion and land stability.

Further detail on the approaches and assessment results can be found in TA5 and Technical Appendix 6 – Resilience (TA6).

The BRAVA and resilience results for the South West Lakes catchment are outlined in Table 2 to Table 5.

Table 2 Environmental BRAVA results

	Environmental								
Tactical Planning Unit	Pollution Assessment		verflow mance	Bathing and Shellfish Spill Assessment					
	2020	2020	2050	2020	2030	2050			
Arlecdon									
Askam-In-Furness									
Barrow									
Bootle									
Bootle/Hycemoor									
Braystones									
Broughton-In-Furness									
Calder Bridge									
Cleator									
Ennerdale Bridge									
Esk-Meals									
Gosforth									
Greengarth and Holmrook									
Haile									
Millom									
Ravenglass									
Roanhead									
Seascale									
Silecroft									
Skellow Crag									
Soutergate									
Whitehaven									

	BRAVA								
No concern (forecast)									
	Potential area of focus (forecast)								
	Area of focus (forecast)								
	Not assessed / Not applicable								

Table 3 Flooding BRAVA results

Key

	No concern (forecast)		Potential area of focus (forecast)		Area of focus (forecast)		Not assessed
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	Flooding												
Tactical Planning Unit	Internal Flooding Risk		External Flooding Risk			Sewer Collapse Risk	Risk of flooding in a storm (1:50yr)		Flooding of open spaces			Blockage Assessment	
	2020	2030	2050	2020	2030	2050	2020	2020	2050	2020	2030	2050	2020
Arlecdon													
Askam-In-Furness													
Barrow													
Bootle													
Bootle/Hycemoor													
Braystones													
Broughton-In-													
Furness													
Calder Bridge													
Cleator													
Ennerdale Bridge													
Esk-Meals													
Gosforth													
Greengarth and Holmrook													
Haile													
Kirkland													
Millom													

		Flooding											
Tactical Planning Unit	Internal Flooding Risk		External Flooding Risk		Sewer Collapse Risk	Risk of flooding in a storm (1:50yr)		Flooding of open spaces			Blockage Assessment		
	2020	2030	2050	2020	2030	2050	2020	2020	2050	2020	2030	2050	2020
Ravenglass													
Roanhead													
Seascale													
Silecroft													
Skellow Crag													
Soutergate													
Whitehaven													

Table 4 Wastewater treatment works BRAVA results

	Wastewater Treatment Works						
Tactical Planning Unit	Risk of wastewater treatment works (WwTW) Capacity						
	2020	2030	2050				
Askam-In-Furness							
Barrow							
Braystones							
Broughton-In-Furness							
Calder Bridge							
Cleator							
Esk-Meals							
Gosforth							
Greengarth and Holmrook							
Haile							
Millom							
Ravenglass							
Roanhead							
Seascale							
Silecroft							
Soutergate							
Whitehaven							

BRAVA			
	No concern (forecast)		
	Potential area of focus (forecast)		
	Area of focus (forecast)		
	Not assessed		

Table 5 Environmental and flooding resilience results

	Resilience Assessment			
	Enviro	Flooding		
Tactical Planning Unit	Potential for changes in the water quality of rivers as a result of climate change 2050	Potential for changes in catchment contributions as a result of climate change 2050	Outfall locking	
Arlecdon				
Barrow				
Bootle				
Braystones				
Calder Bridge				
Cleator				
Ennerdale Bridge				
Eskdale Green				
Gosforth				
Greengarth and Holmrook				
Haile				
Kirkland				
Millom				
Pica				
The Green				
Waingate Bridge				
Whitehaven				

Resilience			
	More resilient		
	Less resilient		
	Not assessed		

3.3 Problem characterisation

3.3.1 Complex catchment

Complex catchments were determined using problem characterisation using a combination of a complex and strategic catchment scores based on strategic need (largely derived from growth and climate forecast models) and modelled risks in each of the TPU (largely based on BRAVA). Within the South West Lakes catchment, no TPUs were identified to be 'complex' based on problem characterisation.

3.3.2 Strategic growth catchments

Through the various risk identification assessments, a number of locations were identified through opportunity workshops that require more strategic analysis. These are areas with high growth, a high number of risks and multiple potential scenarios. Different bespoke scenarios are applied to strategic catchments based on the needs and drivers of the catchments to understand the variability of risk as a first step for optioneering, so that the range of options developed can mitigate a different range of scenarios.

As a result of this assessment the following TPUs in the South West Lakes have been identified as having 'strategic growth':

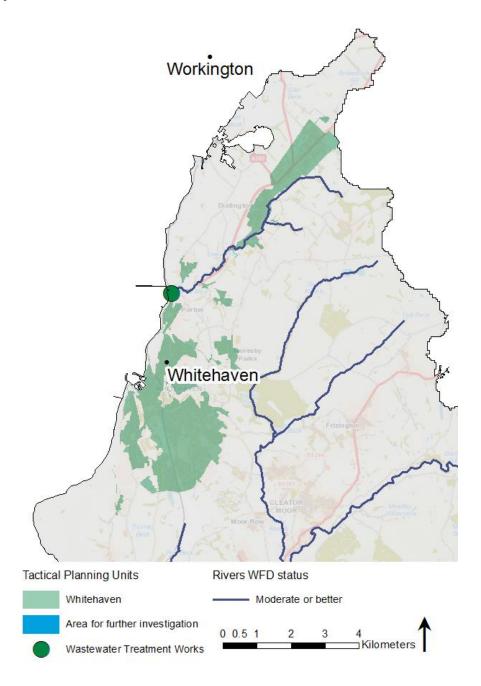
· Whitehaven.

3.3.3 Whitehaven

The Whitehaven TPU is to the north west of the South West Lakes catchment (Figure 6). The area consists of approximately 380km of sewer network, which serves a residential population of just under 30,000 people and over 14,000 properties. The residential population is projected to increase 12% by 2050. The main watercourse is the Lowca Beck, which is classed as 'moderate' under the Water Framework Directive (WFD) 2019.

Whitehaven is a complex catchment, with a number of storm overflows within the area, and uncertainty around medium and long term performance particularly with regards to meeting future new targets. The BRAVA process also identified risks for internal flooding, external flooding, flooding of open spaces, flooding in 1-in-50-year storm events, pollution, sewer collapse and blockages by 2050.

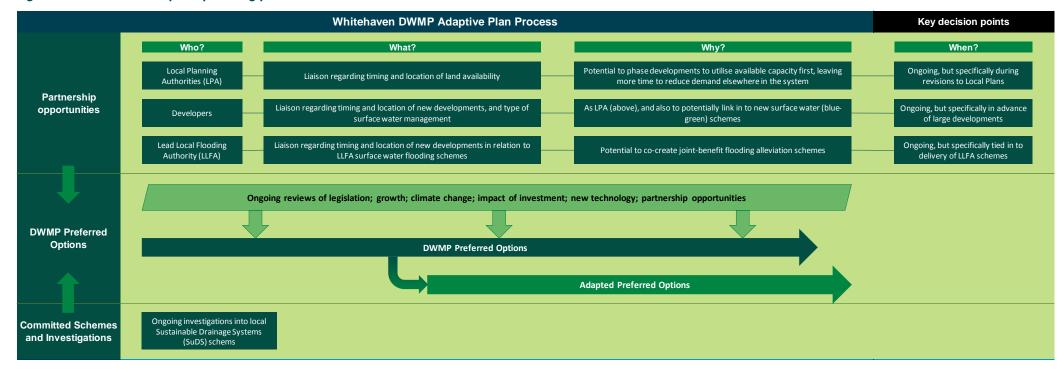
Figure 6 Map of the Whitehaven TPU



3.3.3.1 Whitehaven adaptive plan

The first part of the adaptive plan process (Figure 7) highlights the importance of partnership working and regular data reviews.

Figure 7 Whitehaven adaptive planning process



In a catchment where growth is a significant factor in future performance, it is key to maintain regular conversations with those stakeholders that have knowledge about future developments and can potentially influence their impact. Key organisations include:

- · Local Planning Authority;
- The Environment Agency;
- · Lead Local Flood Authorities; and
- · Housing developers.

The DWMP plan for each TPU is developed based on a number of data sources. Some of these are prone to change over time, which means that original assessments can become out of date. As data from these sources change, it makes sense to re-evaluate the DWMP plan to check the impact on the plan. Examples of data that change over time are shown in Table 6.

Table 6 Examples of data that change over time and can impact upon the plan

Type of data or information	Possible impacts of changes
Government legislation	More or less stringent requirements or regulations, which may require different levels of investment, and policy changes that may drive better or worse incentives on demand.
Development growth projections	These will vary with time in line with economic conditions, changing demographics, or government policy. This can result in the number of new houses and businesses growing at a different rate than originally forecast.
Climate change projections	As more climate data becomes available, climate projections are modified, which may indicate changes to temperature and rainfall patterns.
Impact of investment	As new drainage schemes or new strategies are implemented, we will continue to evaluate their performance. If they turn out to be more or less successful than anticipated, this may allow the extent of another option type to be reduced or increased accordingly.
Development of new technology	Over time, new technology provides opportunities to address and resolve risks differently, or more efficiently.
Partnership opportunities	We will work closely with key stakeholders to address risks jointly. Over time, these stakeholders may see changes in their own risks and funding levels, which may present opportunities for greater collaboration.

Figure 8 shows the second part of the Whitehaven adaptive plan, reflecting the different option types identified as being appropriate for Whitehaven. Each line represents a different option type – e.g. schools education programme. The plan shows that each option type will be regularly reviewed in line with the method described in part one. This allows new information and opportunities to be used to adapt the plan by either increasing or reducing the extent of some option types.

Within Whitehaven, there are opportunities to carry out investigations before making final decisions on the final strategy. This means that we can properly evaluate options before committing to significant investment. These investigations will take into account things such as:

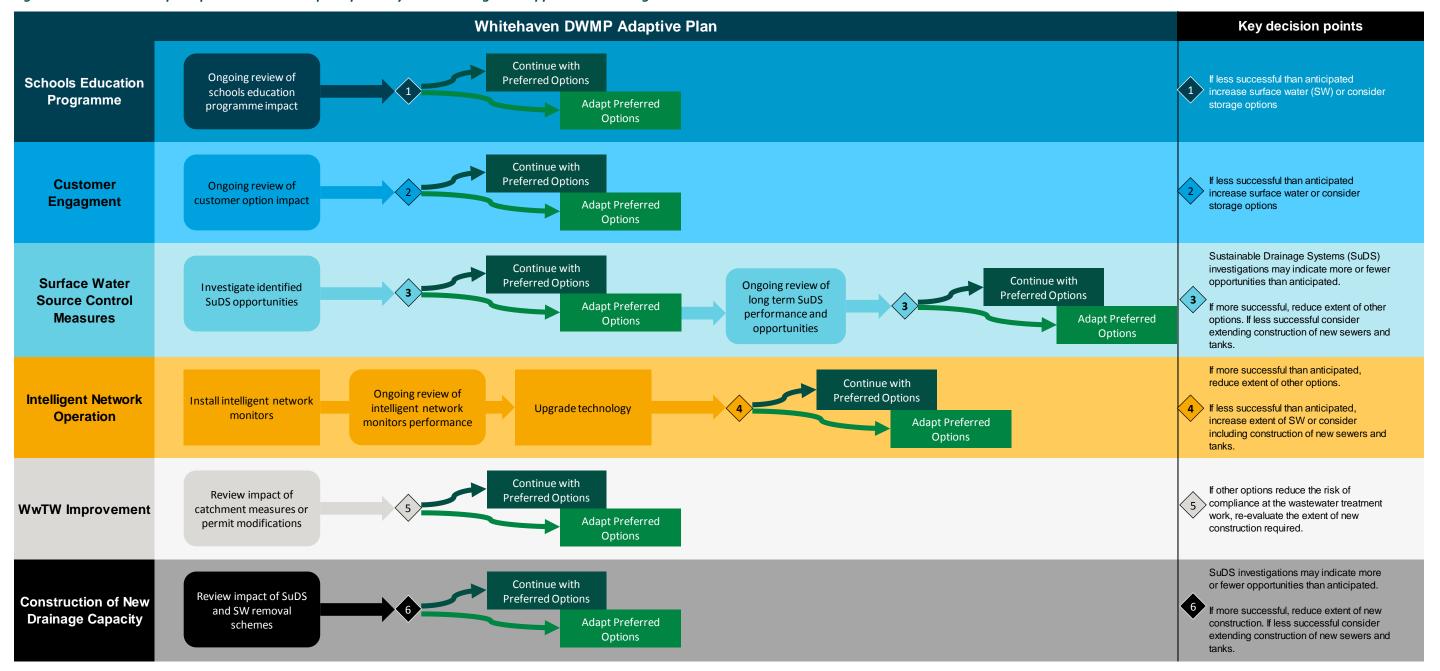
- · Technical feasibility;
- Benefit of the work;
- Customer impact;

- · Environmental impact; and
- Cost

The adaptive plan below demonstrates multiple potential scenarios and pathways, and should be read in conjunction with the optimised DWMP plan for the relevant TPU (refer to section 5.2).

The adaptive plan should be reviewed regularly in order to incorporate potential changes in key factors such as legislation, population growth and climate change, which could impact standards or targets, as highlighted in Figure 7. The adaptive plan may contain potential investigations which are currently excluded from the optimised DWMP plan (refer to section 5.2) until there is more certainty. It is therefore important that both the adaptive plan and the optimised plan are developed together.

Figure 8 Whitehaven adaptive plan – Possible adaptive pathways as knowledge and opportunities change over time



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4. Options development

The approach for options development is an iterative screening process to identify most appropriate solutions for issues in each TPU. These solutions were taken forward for a best value assessment which will select the preferred option (Figure 9).

An options hierarchy was then used which has been endorsed by customers and stakeholders from across the North West to select preferred solutions (Figure 10). The hierarchy covers a range of option types from behavioural, to blue-green solutions e.g. SuDS and traditional grey solutions e.g. storage tanks across benefits such as reducing demand, better system management and creating capacity.

A key element to this has been built around codevelopment, co-funding and co-delivery through partnerships and third parties (for instances where a specific skill set is required).

Figure 9 Options development process

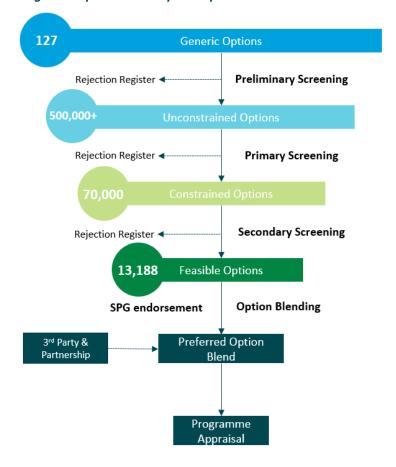
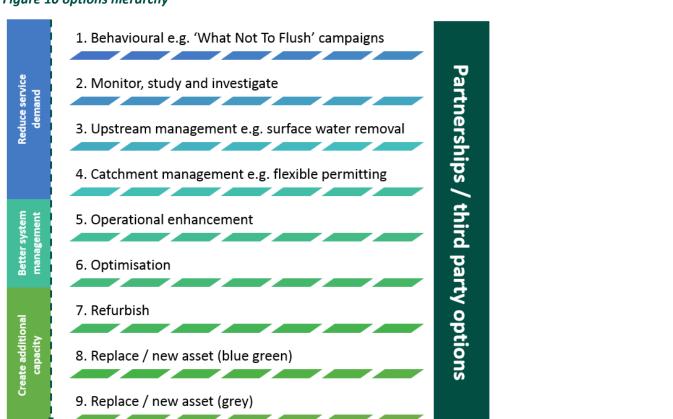


Figure 10 options hierarchy



4.1 South West Lakes partnership opportunities

In order to identify and develop potential partnership options in the South West Lakes, through the SPG we have shared the results from the risk identification stages such as BRAVA. This was done through a series of workshops and the purpose was to identify areas of shared risk and partnership opportunities.

The DWMP Partnership Opportunities Pipeline (PoP) was consequently created using the outputs of this engagement. The pipeline includes opportunities at a range of different levels of maturity and confidence in development, as such these are not confirmed or funded schemes at this time. However, they provide an indication of areas where we may be able to work collaboratively with stakeholders in the future when more certainty is available on need and funding.

From the initial suggestions made during the SPG workshops, the DWMP PoP has undergone various refinements as summarised below:

- Where possible, the potential partnership opportunities were mapped and this created over 1,000
 opportunities for further investigation. The suggestions were screened depending on the opportunities
 timescales, proximity to UUW assets and the level of detail. This allowed UUW to refine the opportunities,
 which were believed to have the most potential;
- This refined list was presented back to the SPGs for updates, review and discussion. This further discussion allowed additional benefits to be identified and better mapping. This was particularly important for potential integrated drainage partnership opportunities as it helps to understand the holistic picture of the flooding mechanism. This refined the list further to approximately 500 potential partnership opportunities;
- Following the SPG events, we mapped the updated DWMP partnership opportunities against asset locations
 and UUW areas of interest e.g. flooding clusters and mutual natural flood management, to identify those
 most suited to the DWMP. This produced the list of key DWMP partnership opportunities; and
- The key list of opportunities have been reviewed against the wider DWMP options development process.

The remaining opportunities that did not make it into the key DWMP PoP, for example in areas with no wastewater assets, were captured in our organisation-wide partnership opportunity pipeline where they are considered alongside all other partnership opportunities. Another key reasons for opportunities not being included in the DWMP PoP is where projects may be more imminent as the DWMP is a longer-term plan.

Examples of potential partnership opportunities that were shared during the South West Lakes SPG workshops are shown in Figure 11 and Table 7.

We are further developing the organisation-wide partnership opportunity pipeline and are developing a central partnership prioritisation process which comprises of two elements; the partnership solution identification stage and a specific partnership assessment activity which aims to support decision making for partnership schemes against a set of specific criteria. This will allow UUW to harness scheme specific collaboration opportunities as we recognise the need for more strategic partnerships, and we will build on successes from historic partnerships in the North West.

For further information on our approach to partnership working, refer to TA2.

Figure 11 Overview of partnership opportunities in the South West Lakes

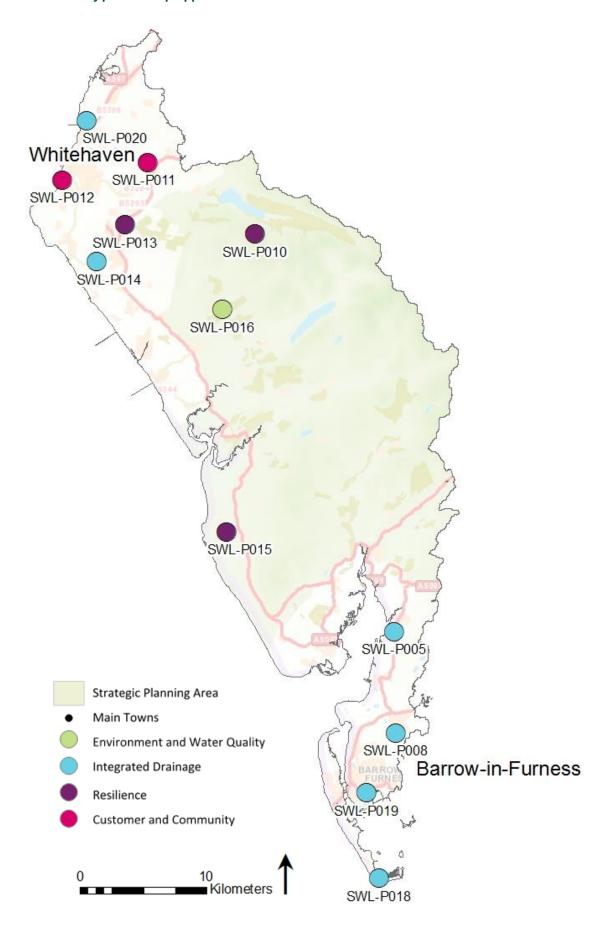


Table 7 Partnership opportunities identified in the South West Lakes

ID	Partnership Opportunity	Theme	Organisation Type
SWL-P005	Flood risk management project	Integrated Drainage	Private Sector
SWL-P008	Flood risk management project	Integrated Drainage	Undisclosed
SWL-P010	Natural flood management opportunities project	Resilience	Public Bodies
SWL-P011	Community engagement on water quality project	Customer and Community	Non-Governmental Organisations
SWL-P012	Sustainable drainage solutions opportunities within the community project	Customer and Community	Non-Governmental Organisations
SWL-P013	Natural flood management opportunities project	Resilience	Non-Governmental Organisations
SWL-P014	Flood risk management project	Integrated Drainage	Public Bodies
SWL-P015	Natural flood management project	Resilience	Non-Governmental Organisations
SWL-P016	Habitat restoration project	Environment and Water Quality	Non-Governmental Organisations
SWL-P018	Sustainable drainage solutions project	Integrated Drainage	Local Councils and Planning Authorities
SWL-P019	Sustainable drainage solutions project	Integrated Drainage	Local Councils and Planning Authorities
SWL-P020	Sustainable drainage solutions project	Integrated Drainage	Local Councils and Planning Authorities

Note: The above are suggestions made by stakeholders but not all of them meet DWMP criteria for potential partnership working. Suggestions made that do not meet DWMP criteria have been added to UUW companywide partnership pipeline for further consideration.

5. Options for the South West Lakes

The DWMP's purpose is to provide a long-term view of potential interventions and opportunities up to 2050. We acknowledge that planning this far in the future can be uncertain. This is why it is important that the DWMP is also aligned with nearer term activities which could influence and change the trajectory of future risks and opportunities.

The success of the DWMP through investment across the North West will depend on continued and new partnership working which is at the heart of both the DWMP, and the development of the business plan for investment cycle 2025 – 2030 (also known as AMP8). We are aligned to ensure that decisions made support the continued growth of the North West for customers and communities, and allow the environment to thrive for future generations.

This section provides a high level overview of the potential benefits and investment that can be delivered across the North West through key activities such as the Water Industry National Environment Programme (WINEP) for investment cycle 2025 – 2030, longer-term measures identified through the DWMP, and other projects such as Better Rivers: Better North West which is our commitment to improving river health.

5.1 WINEP development

Note: At the time of DWMP publication, the WINEP was not confirmed by regulators so is likely to change. The WINEP data presented below aligns to the formal submission from UUW in January 2023.

The WINEP is a programme of works that is jointly developed between water companies and regulators to meet statutory requirements and deliver environmental improvements to customers and communities. It sets out how the water industry will contribute to improving the natural environment.

The water industry has undertaken significant investment in the last three decades to improve the water environment and thus aquatic life. The WINEP drives the largest investment programme in the water environment nationally. For investment cycle 2020 to 2025, it includes activities such as asset improvements, investigations, monitoring and catchment interventions.

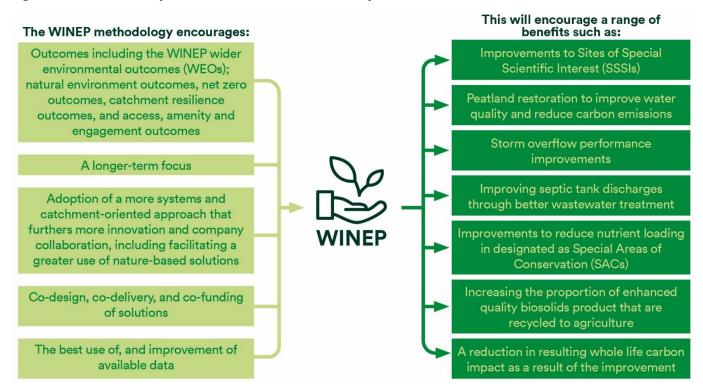
The next WINEP for investment cycle 2025 – 2030 (AMP8) is still to be confirmed (after the publication of the DWMP) and you will be able to find out more about what this means for the South West Lakes when we publish our AMP8 submission in autumn 2023.

Moving forwards, there is a collective ambition for the WINEP to deliver even more for the environment, for customers and for communities. This reflects society's high expectations and the UK government's ambition to leave the environment in a better state for the next generation.

As part of this, a large portion of the WINEP for the next investment cycle (2025 – 2030) aims to improve storm overflow performance. The programme has been designed to meet the Government's Storm Overflow Discharge Reduction Plan (SODRP) trajectory targets, address proven harm where we have been able to identify the best value solution and then the remainder includes action at the most cost effective overflows to achieve a reduction in spill frequency to around 20 spills per annum average by 2030. Subsequent investment periods will see further reductions in line with the Government requirements. The scale of transition required to meet the SODRP targets means that UUW will be delivering substantial WINEP investment programmes for the next 25 years.

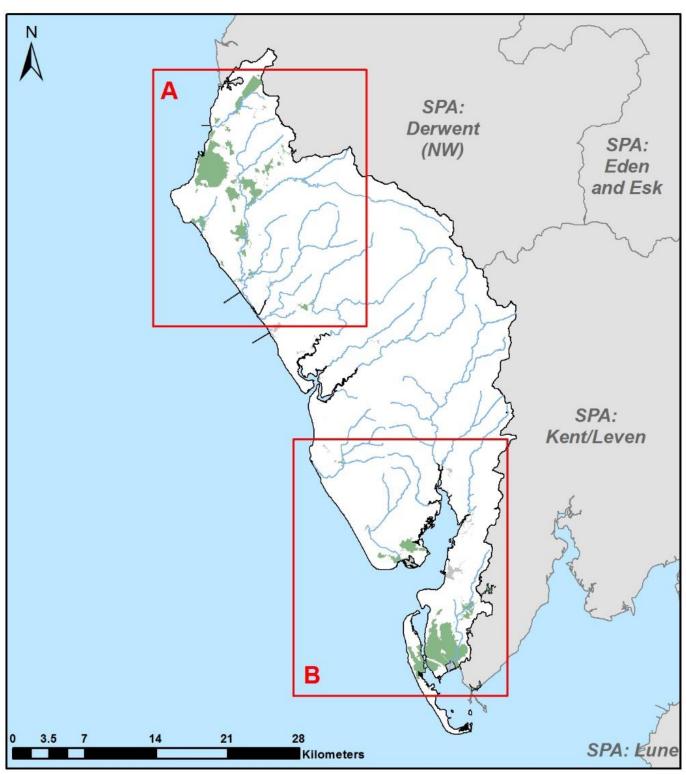
Figure 12 highlights some of the potential benefits as a result of the WINEP.

Figure 12 Potential benefits to the North West as a result of the WINEP



The WINEP will provide great opportunities to drive and deliver benefits across the North West region, and Figure 13 shows which locations within the South West Lakes have the potential for investment cycle 2025 – 2030 WINEP schemes, based on the January 2023 WINEP submission.

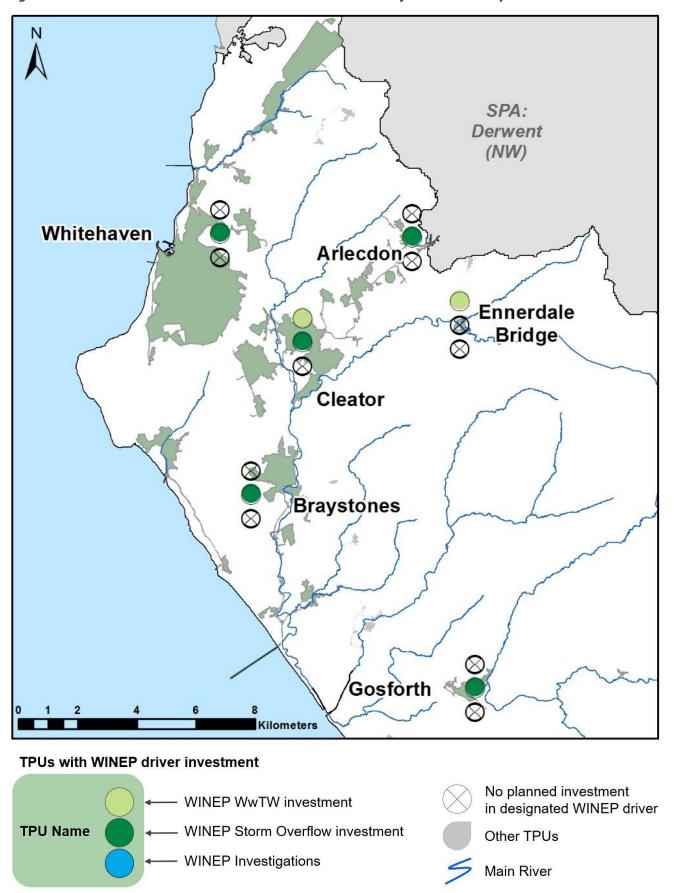
Figure 13 Potential WINEP investment in the South West Lakes for investment cycle 2025-2030



All potential WINEP interventions are subject to a regulatory decision making process that is ongoing at time of DWMP publication.

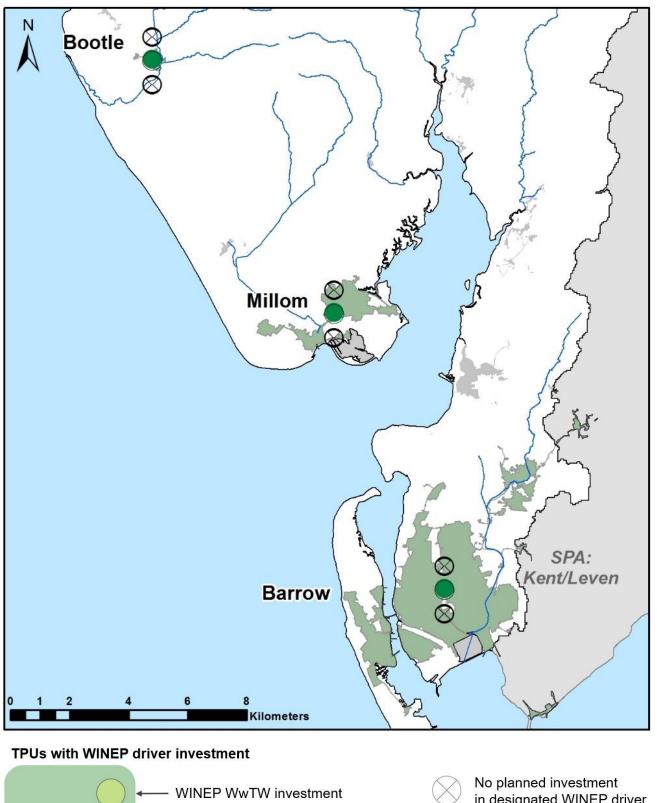
The inset box references in Figure 13 above refer to Figures 13A to 13B on the following pages

Figure 13A Potential WINEP investment in the South West Lakes for investment cycle 2025-2030



All potential WINEP interventions are subject to a regulatory decision making process that is ongoing at time of DWMP publication.

Figure 13B Potential WINEP investment in the South West Lakes for investment cycle 2025-2030





All potential WINEP interventions are subject to a regulatory decision making process that is ongoing at time of DWMP publication.

5.2 Options considered within the DWMP

As highlighted above, the delivery of the WINEP will drive improvements and deliver benefits across the North West in the nearer-term. The DWMP is closely aligned with the ambitions and targets included within the WINEP, and included below are potential further enhancement schemes to be delivered over the next 25-years as part of the DWMP.

The development of the DWMP has utilised various data sources across the different stages of the plan, such as risk identification and BRAVA, partnership opportunities, and option development. This has allowed us to understand what options and interventions could be introduced to mitigate shared risks and harness opportunities for collaboration. This aspect of the DWMP is known as preferred options and has been developed using a decision support tool and by following the option hierarchy. The preferred options are high-level potential interventions up to 2050.

The development of the DWMP preferred options followed an iterative screening processes (outlined in section 4) which have been grouped into option types as shown in Figure 14. There are three main categories which are:

- 'Reducing Service Demand' which focusses on either reducing the amount of wastewater that is produced, or preventing it from reaching the sewer network;
- 'Better System Management' which focusses on managing and operating the existing assets in a more efficient or effective manner; and
- 'Create Additional Capacity' which focusses on building new assets, for example storage tanks or new treatment work process units, where it is not possible or economical to reduce demand or improve operations any further.

Schools Education Programme Reduce Customer Engagement Service Surface Water Source Control Measures Demand Modification of Permits Intelligent Network Operation Better **Enhanced Operational Maintenance** System Management Repair and Rehabilitation New 'Green' WwTW Capacity (e.g. Reedbed) New 'Green' Overflow Treatment (e.g. Reedbed) Create Separation of Combined Sewers Additional **WwTW Transfers** Capacity **WwTW Improvement** Construction of New Drainage Capacity

Figure 14 Option types

Potential opportunities for investment as part of the DWMP can be summarised as:

- Level 1: Regional measures (section 5.2.1);
- Level 2: Options for the South West Lakes (section 5.2.2); and
- Level 3: Options for each location within the South West Lakes (section 5.2.3).

Across these three levels, there are numerous opportunities over the next 25 years for continued and new partnerships in addition to new innovative technology.

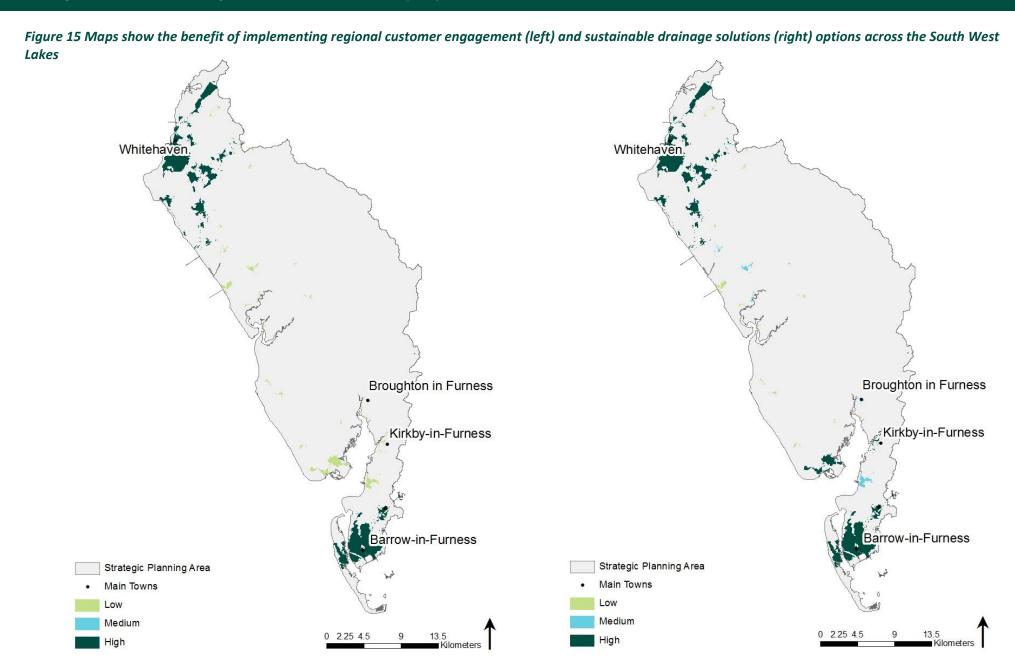
The following sections provides an overview of the outputs from the DWMP. This includes all potential interventions that could be undertaken over the next 25-years to deliver benefit to the North West under the assumption of unconstrained funding. Therefore, it is likely that the interventions implemented will vary.

5.2.1 Level 1: Regional measures

Across the option types, a number can be considered regional options – those which could be implemented across the North West but may bring tangible benefits in some areas more than others. These can be investigated further ahead of investment cycle 2025 – 2030 where viable.

Across the South West Lakes catchment customer engagement options (Figure 15) comprising of options to work with customers to reduce demand and increase awareness of 'what not to flush' have been identified as having the potential to deliver the highest benefit in Whitehaven and Barrow TPUs.

Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) options have been assessed, these form a key part of the strategy to manage rainwater from entering the sewer system in Whitehaven, Barrow and Cleator TPUs (Figure 15).



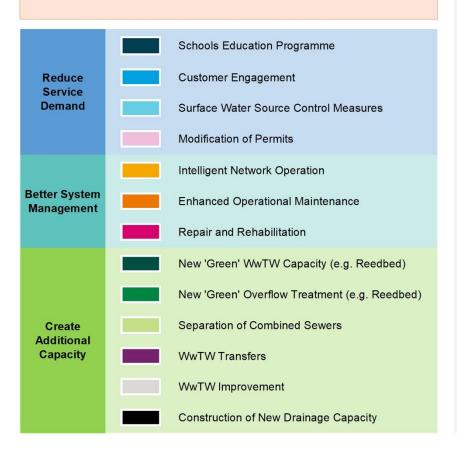
5.2.2 Level 2: Options for the South West Lakes

The DWMP preferred options can also be summarised as the potential investment and associated benefits across the South West Lakes. These can be demonstrated by:

- The potential options to address environmental planning objectives as shown in Figure 16. This incorporates
 elements such as wastewater treatment work permit compliance, WINEP compliance and pollution of
 watercourses;
- The potential options to address flooding planning objectives as shown in Figure 17. This incorporates
 elements such as internal flooding, external flooding, highway and open space flooding and 1 in 50-year
 flooding; and
- The distribution of the potential options that could contribute to addressing the above planning objectives as shown in Figure 18.

Figure 16 Distribution of environmental investment by option type within the South West Lakes

This is an example of how investment in different options types may be used to address the environmental planning objectives. The vast majority of potential investment could be through surface water source control measures (e.g. SUDS), improvements in wastewater treatment works, and construction of new drainage capacity.



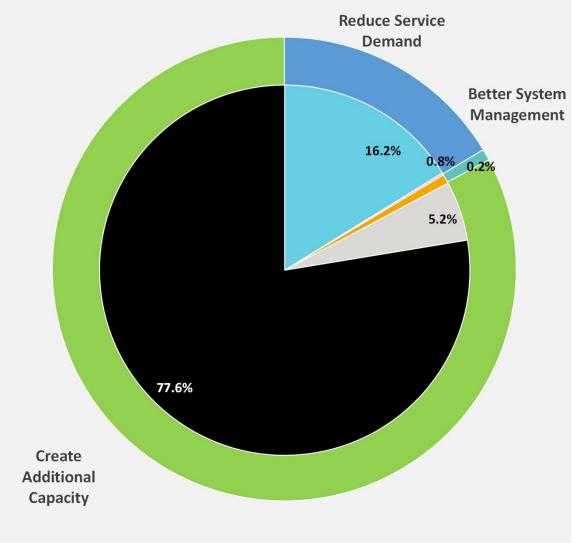
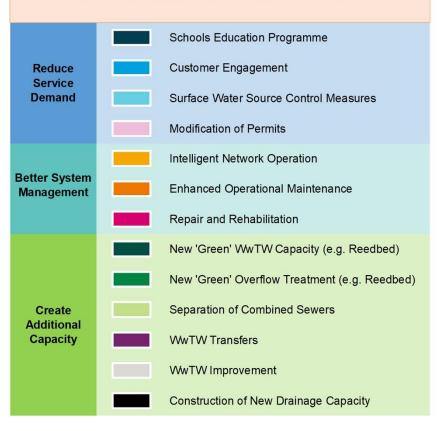


Figure 17 Distribution of flooding investment by option type within the South West Lakes

This is an example of how different options types may be used to address flooding planning objectives. Almost half of the investment could be through a strategy to reduce demand on the sewer systems, seen here through surface water source control measures such as SuDS and schools and customer engagement programmes.

Around 54% of the investment could be in construction of new stormwater storage tanks, with around 7% in improving existing system management, with options such as intelligent network operation and repair and rehabilitation.



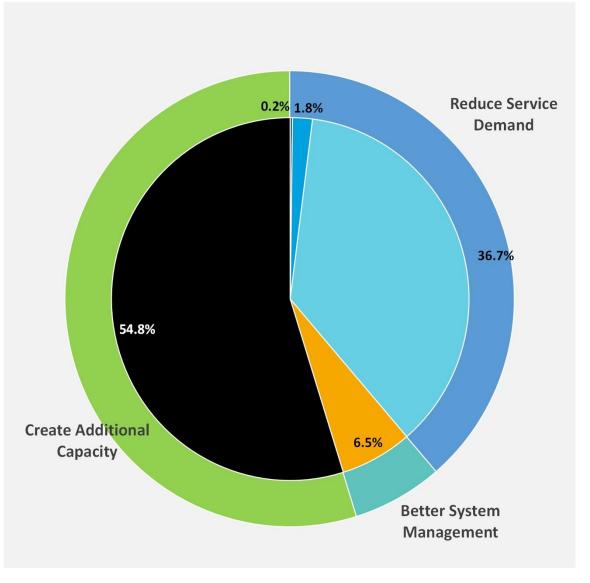
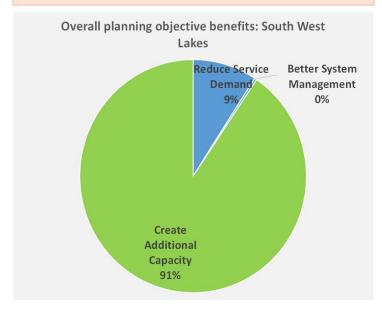


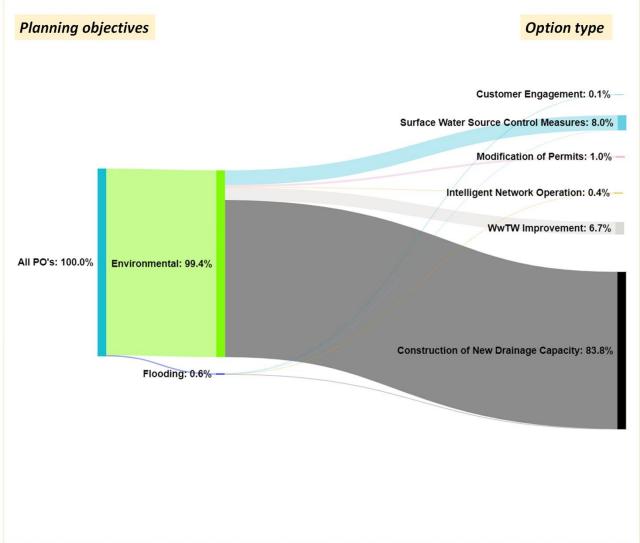
Figure 18 Distribution of benefit by option type within the South West Lakes

This is an example of how different option types may be used to demonstrate potential benefits against different planning objectives within the South West Lakes SPA.

United Utilities Water (UUW) commitments to improving flooding performance could be met through the reduction of surface water flows, construction of new stormwater drainage capacity, installation of intelligent network operation systems, and schools and customer engagement programmes.

Environmental planning objectives could be met mainly through the provision of wastewater treatment works improvements, new green overflow treatment and stormwater storage capacity, including the modification of permits, supported by improved operational maintenance.



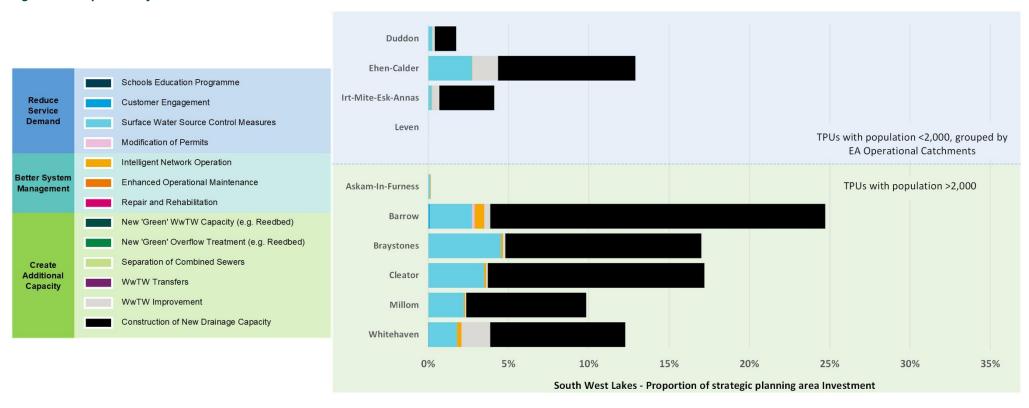


5.2.3 Level 3: Local options for each TPU within the South West Lakes

The proportion of the South West Lakes' potential investment in each TPU, split up by option type, is shown in Figure 19. Note that the smaller TPUs within the catchment (those with less than 2,000 population) have been reported together at the top of the chart, grouped by sub catchment (Environment Agency Operational Catchment boundaries).

It can be seen that in the South West Lakes catchment, the largest TPUs see the largest potential investment, which is split predominantly between surface water control, improved system management, and construction of new storm water storage tanks.

Figure 19 Proportion of investment seen in each TPU within the South West Lakes



The following sub-sections show how investment will be split between different types of options to bring benefits to each TPU over the short, medium and long term. Some options, such as construction of new storm water storage tanks, occur at a single point in time; however the benefit of reduced flooding may be seen long into the future. Other options such as school education, are continual programmes that could help to encourage long-term sustainable behaviours, such as reduction in water use.

69%

Askam-In-Furness

DWMP Investment

31%

SPA:

Derwent

Askam-In-Furnes

SPA: Eden

and Esk

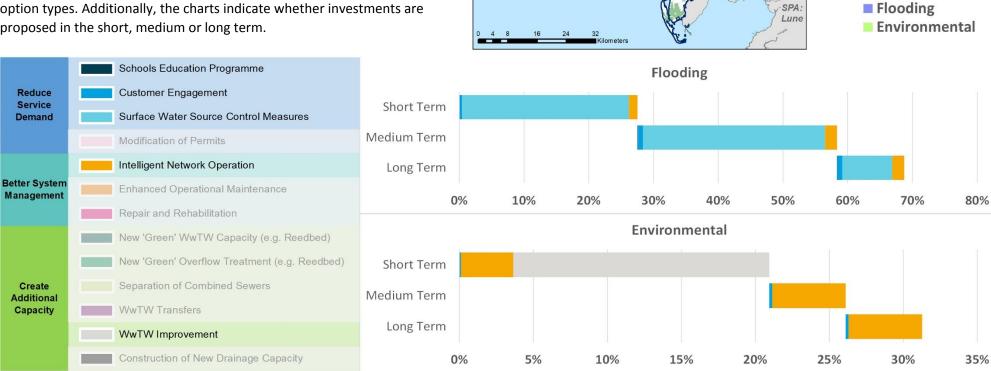
SPA: Kent/Leven

5.2.3.1 Askam-in-Furness

Figure 20 Details of the DWMP investment plan for Askam-in-Furness

The data on this page gives details of the investment plan for Askam-in-Furness TPU. The plan shows the geographic location of Askam-in-Furness within the South West Lakes catchment.

The pie chart to the right of the plan indicates the percentage spilt of proposed flooding and environmental investment. Environmental investment includes work to address storm overflows, wastewater treatment works and pollution of watercourses.



Barrow DWMP

Investment

3%

97%

SPA:

Derwent

SPA: Eden

and Esk

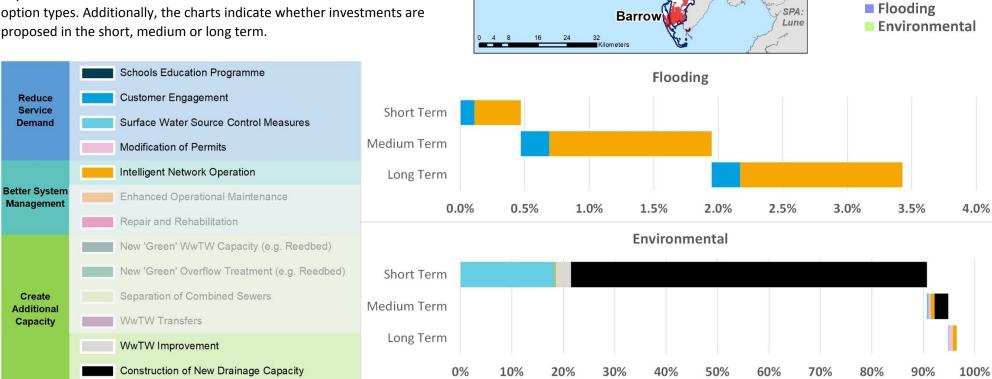
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5.2.3.2 Barrow

Figure 21 Details of the DWMP investment plan for Barrow

The data on this page gives details of the investment plan for Barrow TPU. The plan shows the geographic location of Barrow within the South West Lakes catchment.

The pie chart to the right of the plan indicates the percentage spilt of proposed flooding and environmental investment. Environmental investment includes work to address storm overflows, wastewater treatment works and pollution of watercourses.



Braystones DWMP

Investment

4%

5.2.3.3 Braystones

Reduce Service

Demand

Better System

Management

Create

Additional

Capacity

Figure 22 Details of the DWMP investment plan for Braystones

The data on this page gives details of the investment plan for Braystones TPU. The plan shows the geographic location of Braystones within the South West Lakes catchment.

The pie chart to the right of the plan indicates the percentage spilt of proposed flooding and environmental investment. Environmental investment includes work to address storm overflows, wastewater treatment works and pollution of watercourses.

The bar charts below show a more detailed breakdown of the potential option types that make up the flooding and environmental investment. The key to the left of the bar charts show the colours used for the 13 different option types. Additionally, the charts indicate whether investments are proposed in the short, medium or long term.

Schools Education Programme

Surface Water Source Control Measures

Customer Engagement

Modification of Permits

Repair and Rehabilitation

WwTW Transfers

WwTW Improvement

Intelligent Network Operation

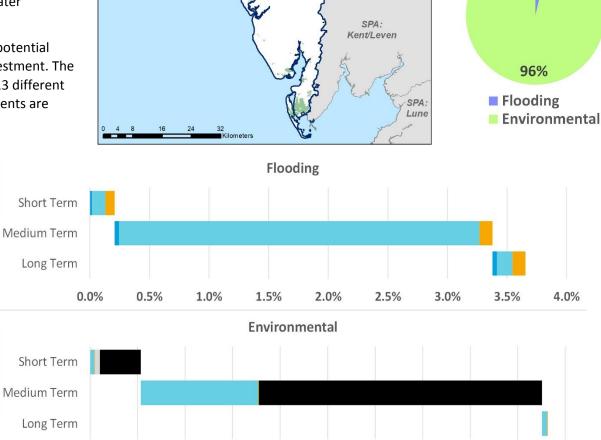
Enhanced Operational Maintenance

Separation of Combined Sewers

Construction of New Drainage Capacity

New 'Green' WwTW Capacity (e.g. Reedbed)

New 'Green' Overflow Treatment (e.g. Reedbed)



SPA:

Derwent

Braystones

10%

20%

SPA: Eden

and Esk

70%

80%

100%

90%

Cleator DWMP

Investment

90%

Flooding

10%

SPA:

Derwent

Cleator

SPA: Eden

and Esk

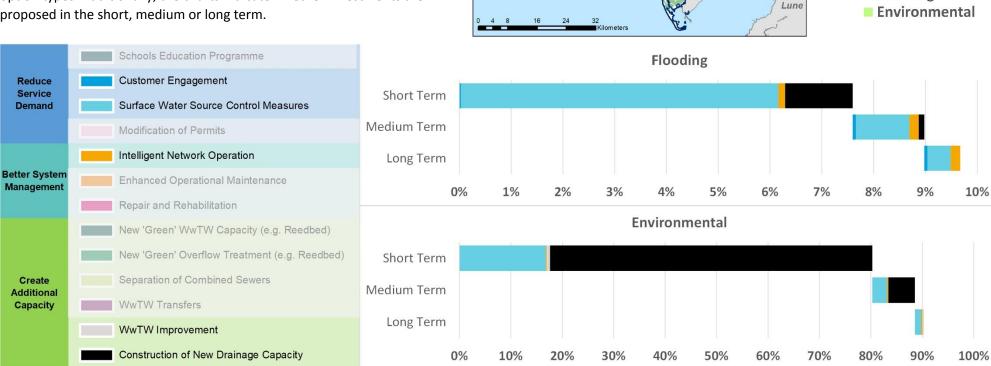
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5.2.3.4 Cleator

Figure 23 Details of the DWMP investment plan for Cleator

The data on this page gives details of the investment plan for Cleator TPU. The plan shows the geographic location of Cleator within the South West Lakes catchment.

The pie chart to the right of the plan indicates the percentage spilt of proposed flooding and environmental investment. Environmental investment includes work to address storm overflows, wastewater treatment works and pollution of watercourses.



Millom DWMP

Investment

93%

■ Flooding

SPA:

Derwent

SPA: Eden

and Esk

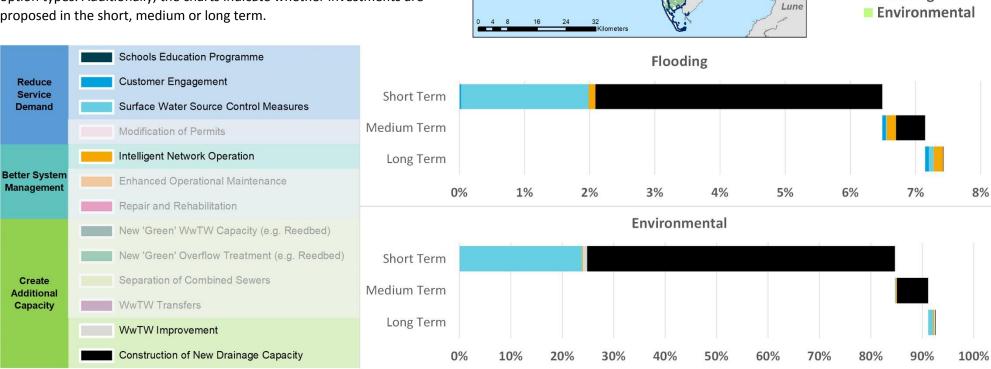
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5.2.3.5 Millom

Figure 24 Details of the DWMP investment plan for Millom

The data on this page gives details of the investment plan for Millom TPU. The plan shows the geographic location of Millom within the South West Lakes catchment.

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Whitehaven DWMP

Investment

66%

34%

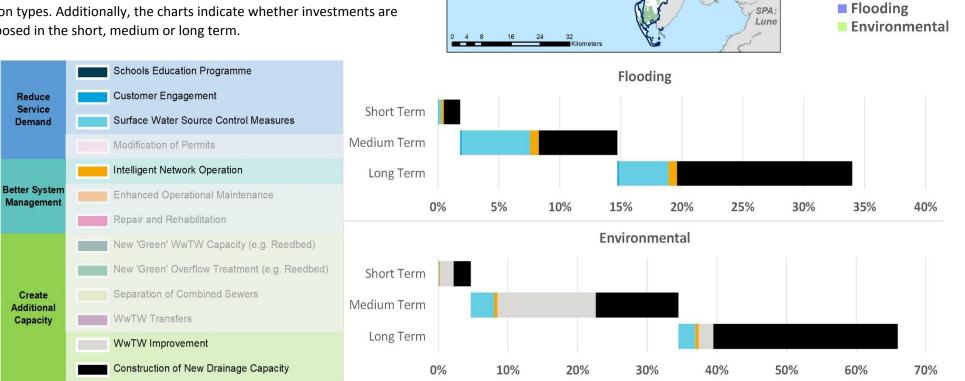
5.2.3.6 Whitehaven

Figure 25 Details of the DWMP investment plan for Whitehaven

The data on this page gives details of the investment plan for Whitehaven TPU. The plan shows the geographic location of Whitehaven within the South West Lakes catchment.

The pie chart to the right of the plan indicates the percentage spilt of proposed flooding and environmental investment. Environmental investment includes work to address storm overflows, wastewater treatment works and pollution of watercourses.

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SPA:

Derwent

Whitehaven

SPA: Eden

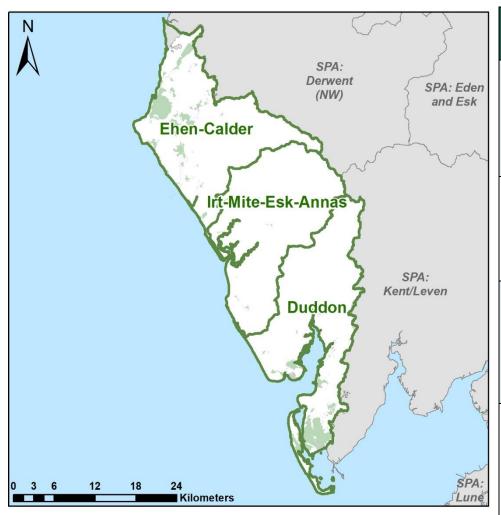
and Esk

SPA: Kent/Leven

5.2.4 TPUs with population less than 2,000

Within the South West Lakes catchment, there are a number of small TPUs, each with a population of less than 2,000. For the purpose of reporting, these have been grouped together within Environment Agency operational catchment (OC) boundaries, which are sub-divisions of the overall SPA, aligned to local river systems. Within the South West Lakes, there are four Environment Agency operational catchment areas, which can be seen in Figure 26.

Figure 26 Location of Environment Agency operational catchments within the South West Lakes SPA



Environment Agency Operational Catchment	TPUs	
Duddon	Waingate, Bridge The Green, Soutergate, Skellow Crag, Silecroft Roanhead, Greenscoe, Broughton-In-Furness, Bank House Kirky	
Ehen-Calder	Ullcoats, Seascales, Pica, Kirkland, Haile, Ennerdale Bridge, Calder Bridge, Arlecdon	
Ire-Mite-Esk-Annas	Ravenglass, Greengarth and Holmrook, Gosforth, Esk-Meals, Eskdale Green, Drigg Tanks, Bootle/Hycemoor, Bootle	
Leven	Maton (Ulverston)	

5.2.4.1 TPUs with population less than 2,000: Duddon Operational Catchment (OC)

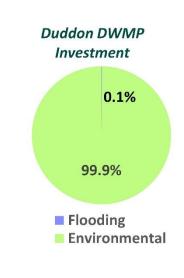
Figure 27 Details of the DWMP investment plan for the Duddon OC

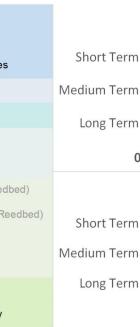
The data on this page gives details of the investment plan for the TPUs within the Duddon OC. The plan shows the geographic location of these TPUs within the Duddon OC.

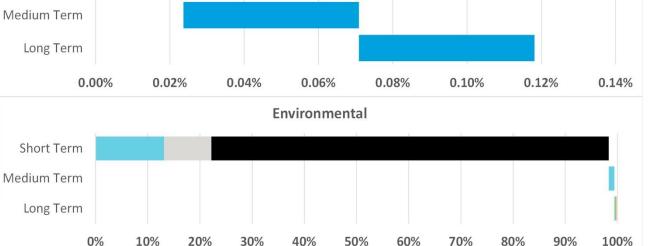
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Ehen-Calder DWMP

Investment

99.7%

0.3%

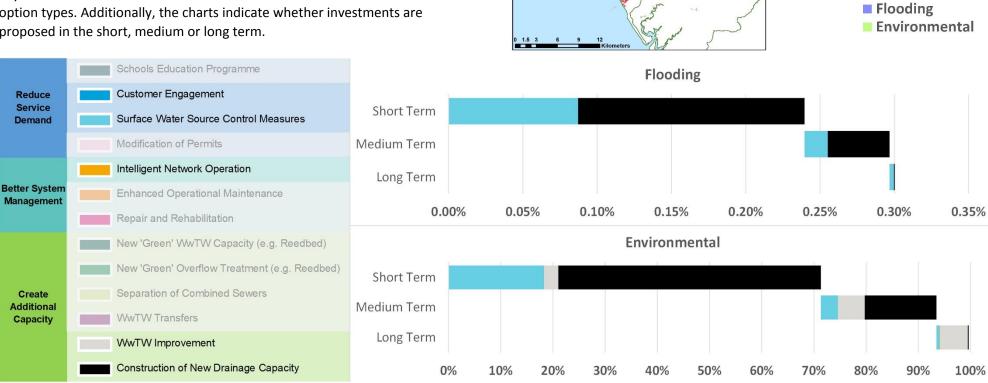
5.2.4.2 TPUs with population less than 2,000: Ehen-Calder Operational Catchment (OC)

Figure 28 Details of the DWMP investment plan for Ehen-Calder OC

The data on this page gives details of the investment plan for the TPUs within the Ehen-Calder OC. The plan shows the geographic location of these TPUs within the Ehen-Calder OC.

The pie chart to the right of the plan indicates the percentage spilt of proposed flooding and environmental investment. Environmental investment includes work to address storm overflows, wastewater treatment works and pollution of watercourses.

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Ennerdale

Bridge #

Ulicoats Haile

Irt-Mite-Esk-Annas

DWMP Investment

99.9%

0.1%

SPA.

Eskdale Green

Gosforth Greengarth

Drigg Tanks

and Holmrook

Ravenglass

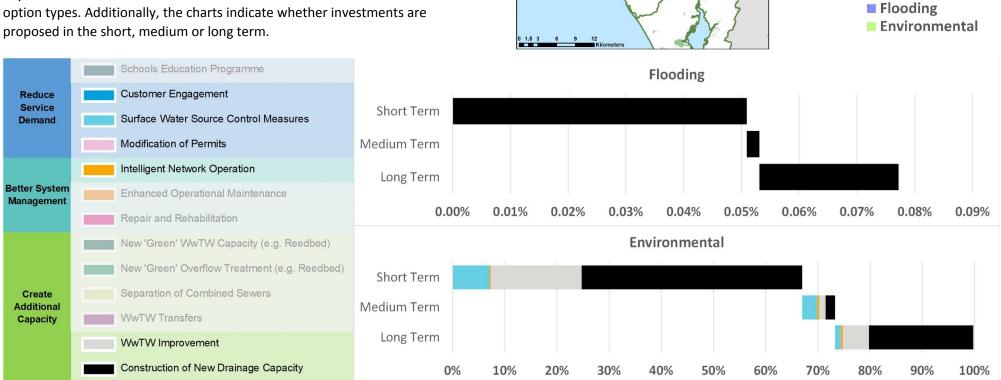
Bootle/Hycemoor

5.2.4.3 TPUs with population less than 2,000: Irt-Mite-Esk-Annas Operational Catchment (OC)

Figure 29 Details of the DWMP investment plan for the Irt-Mite-Esk-Annas OC

The data on this page gives details of the investment plan for the TPUs within the Irt-Mite-Esk-Annas OC. The plan shows the geographic location of these TPUs within the Irt-Mite-Esk-Annas OC.

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Leven DWMP

Investment

0%

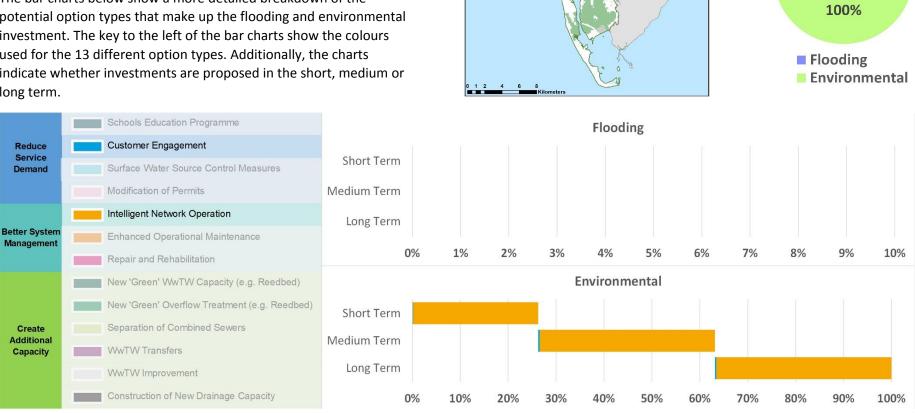
5.2.4.4 TPUs with population less than 2,000: Leven Operational Catchment (OC)

Figure 30 Details of the DWMP investment plan for the Leven OC

The data on this page gives details of the investment plan for the Tactical Planning Units (TPU) within the Leven OC. The plan shows the geographic location of these TPUs within the Leven OC.

The pie chart to the right of the plan indicates the percentage spilt of proposed flooding and environmental investment. Environmental investment includes work to address storm overflows, wastewater treatment works and pollution of watercourses.

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(Ulverston)

5.3 Other projects and investment

In addition to the improvements and benefits that the WINEP and the DWMP will drive in the years to come, there are also other projects that will help to achieve our ambitions. One of which is our Better Rivers: Better North West project which aims to improve the region's river water quality.

5.3.1 Better Rivers: Better North West

The North West is home to some of the most beautiful natural landscapes. We take our role in protecting them very seriously so they can be enjoyed by all. We are investing significantly to reduce the impact that wastewater has on the natural environment and our long-term ambition is to eliminate pollution incidents.

We want to demonstrate how we are addressing concerns regarding storm overflows and making our contribution to improving river health. Through our Better Rivers: Better North West plan, we have made four pledges which will include improving our wastewater network and treatment assets, collecting more data and sharing it, greater innovation and more use of nature-based solutions (Figure 31).

We are determined to build a coalition of the willing to improve the region's river water quality and catalyse action from many parties. At the heart of this will be addressing surface water management at scale and securing continued investment in effective end-to-end wastewater management is necessary to improve river water quality. This programme sets out our ambitions for the next three years and beyond.

You can find out more about the Better Rivers: Better North West plan on our website (https://www.unitedutilities.com/corporate/responsibility/environment/reducing-pollution/storm-overflows/our-commitments-to-river-health/).

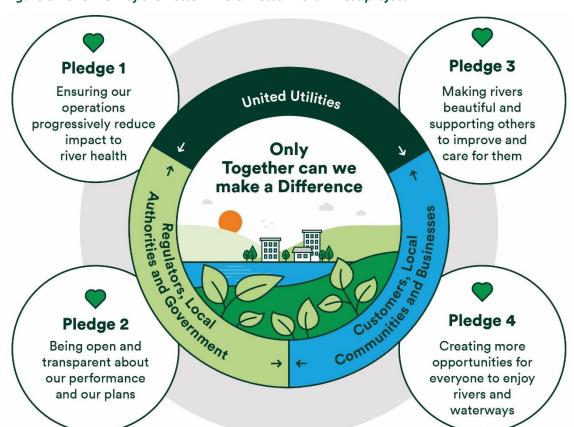


Figure 31 Overview of the Better Rivers: Better North West project

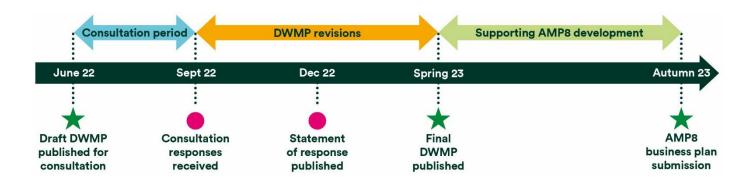
6. Embedding the DWMP

Since we began our DWMP journey when the framework was published in 2018, we have now produced our first ever plan. We have done this with the support from customers and stakeholders where we have listened to, reflected upon and made changes to different views, priorities and ambitions that we have for the North West, now and in the future.

The DWMP encompasses a host of documents covering different topic areas from assessing risks to identifying opportunities, and the SPA documents like this one for the South West Lakes catchment. The DWMP is not a static programme and will continue to work with stakeholders to develop partnership options and strategies, which will make a difference within the South West Lakes ctchment.

Moving forwards, the DWMP will be a key component in the development of our business plan for investment cycle 2025 – 2030 (AMP8, Figure 32). Here, we will be able to continue to work in partnership to identify joint opportunities to mitigate risk, to improve the environment and create spaces for communities to enjoy.

Figure 32 Timeline of key milestones



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Appendix A

Table A.1 List of TPUs which did not trigger for RBCS across environment, flooding or wastewater treatment works categories

TPU Name	Environment	Flooding	Wastewater Treatment Works
Bank House Kirkby	Not triggered in RBCS	Not triggered in RBCS	Not triggered in RBCS
Drigg Tanks	Not triggered in RBCS	Not triggered in RBCS	Not triggered in RBCS
Eskdale Green	Not triggered in RBCS	Not triggered in RBCS	Not triggered in RBCS
Greenscoe	Not triggered in RBCS	Not triggered in RBCS	Not triggered in RBCS
Kirkland	Not triggered in RBCS	Not triggered in RBCS	Not triggered in RBCS
Marton (Ulverston)	Not triggered in RBCS	Not triggered in RBCS	Not triggered in RBCS
Pica	Not triggered in RBCS	Not triggered in RBCS	Not triggered in RBCS
The Green	Not triggered in RBCS	Not triggered in RBCS	Not triggered in RBCS
Ullcoats	Not triggered in RBCS	Not triggered in RBCS	Not triggered in RBCS
Waingate Bridge	Not triggered in RBCS	Not triggered in RBCS	Not triggered in RBCS

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