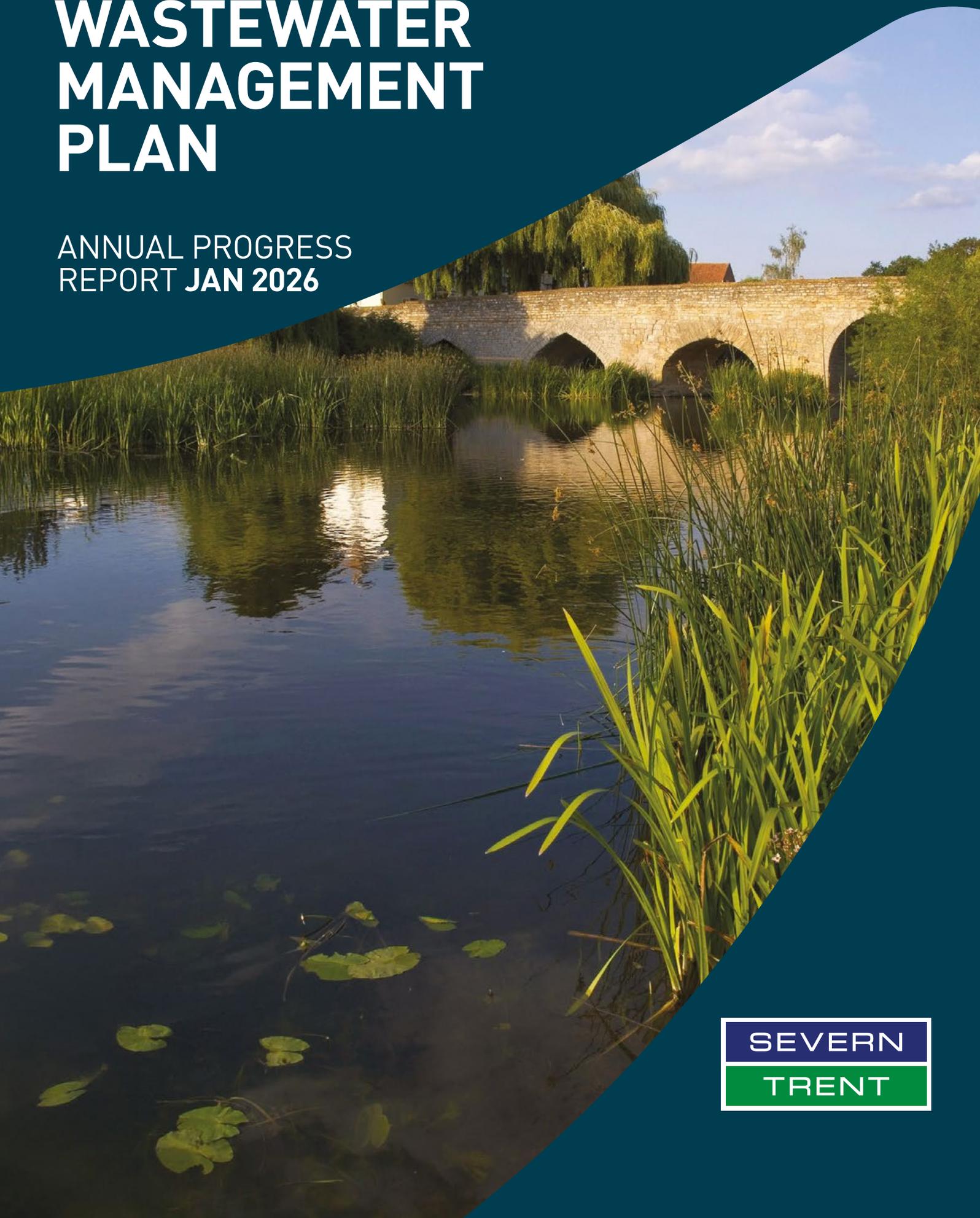


# DRAINAGE AND WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**Welcome to our first Annual Progress Report for our Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan (DWMP). This report explains what we're aiming to do, how we're doing it, and the progress we've made so far. As one of Britain's largest water companies, we provide services to millions of people across the Midlands.**

We supply fresh, clean drinking water to over eight million people—that's about two billion litres of water every day. And we also take away more than 3.3 billion litres of wastewater from homes, businesses, roads and public spaces. This water travels through thousands of kilometres of pipes and pumping stations and almost 1,000 treatment works, where we clean it and safely return it to the environment. Our DWMP explains how we look after these systems and how we plan to improve them for both people and the environment, now and in the future.

In May 2025, the Government updated the guidance for creating DWMPs. Our plan follows this new guidance and forms an important part of developing our long term 25-year strategy as well as our shorter-term business plan for 2030–2035.

Accompanying this report, we provide our Annual Progress Report Data Table, which sets out where we are up to in the development of our DWMP for each of our 943 Wastewater Treatment Works catchments. Each year until we have published our Draft DWMP28 we will provide an annual update on how we are progressing through the different stages of developing our plan.

In autumn 2025, we ran online sessions to involve our partners and local groups in the early development of our next plan, DWMP28, which will be published in 2028. Before these sessions, we shared a draft of our Strategic Context document and a short questionnaire to ask for feedback. We received helpful comments and these have been incorporated into an updated Strategic Context document published alongside this report.

As we move through 2026, we're holding planning sessions to make sure the development of DWMP28 gets off to a strong start.

For the latest updates you can visit our [website](#) or email us at [dwmp@severntrent.co.uk](mailto:dwmp@severntrent.co.uk)



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# 1 Introduction

**Our 2026 Annual Progress Report explains what we've been doing to look after the pipes and systems that take away and clean the water you use at home. Every water company has to make a plan for how they will keep these systems working well and protect the environment now and in the future.**

In this report, we share what we've done so far and how we're working with local people and organisations to make good decisions for the future. You'll also see how this work fits into our bigger plans for the years ahead.

If you want more detail, you can look at our annual progress report data table, which shows the full set of information behind this report.

# 2 Our region and commitment for 2026 and beyond

**We're proud to look after communities across the Midlands. Every day, we work hard to provide great services while also protecting people, wildlife, and the environment. Our Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan (DWMP) has one main aim: to make sure wastewater is collected and cleaned safely – now and in the future. This is important for our customers, local communities, and the natural places we all enjoy.**

## What we're focusing on

We have three key priorities:

- **Protecting the environment** – We're working to make our rivers and natural areas healthier and stronger for the future
- **Keeping everything working well** – From pipes to pumping stations, we check and maintain our systems so they work reliably
- **Planning ahead** – As our region grows and we face additional challenges like climate change, we're investing to make sure our sewers and treatment works can cope with future flows

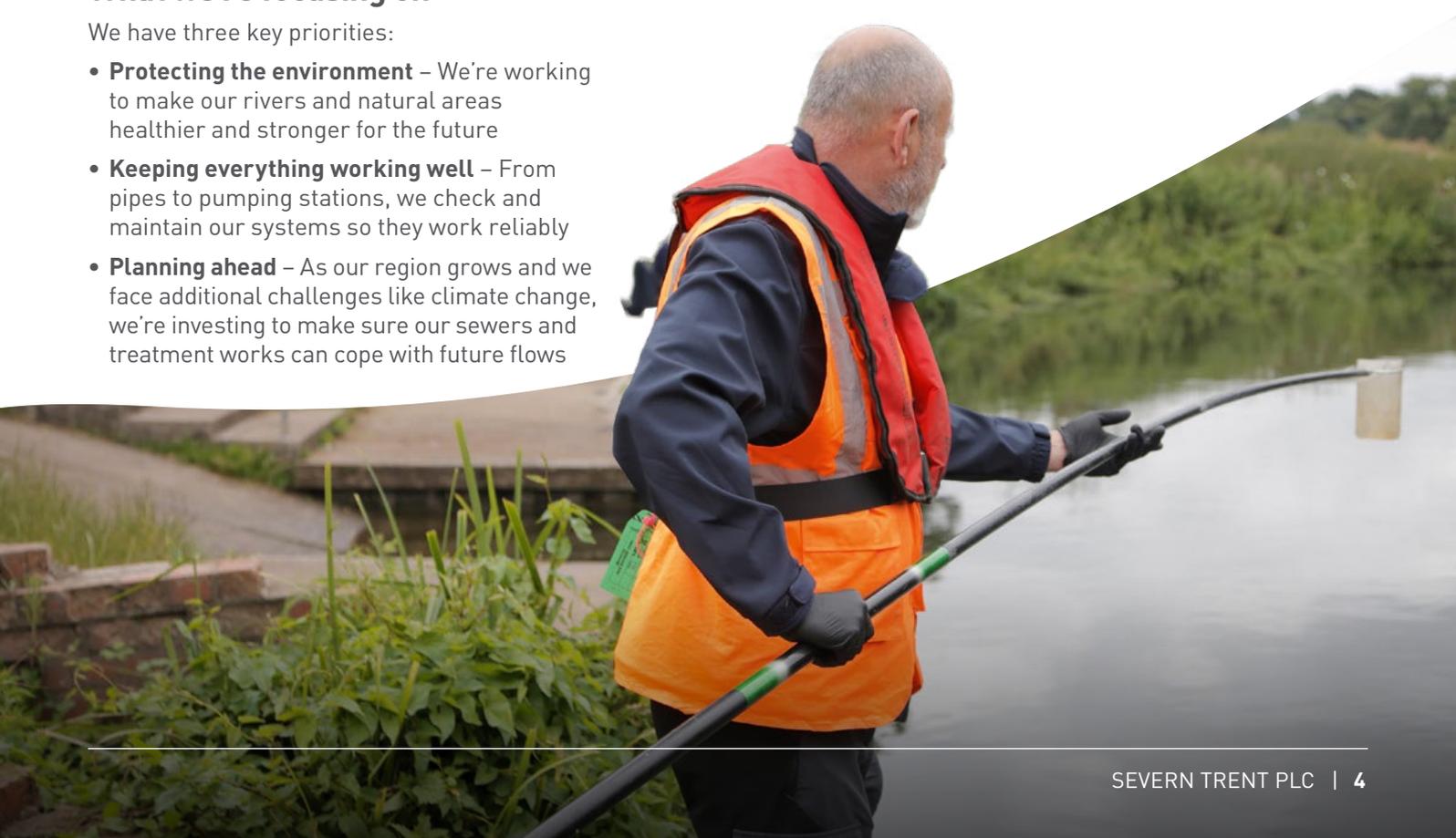
## How we're doing

In 2025 the Environment Agency awarded us the top-rated four-star rating in their Environmental Performance Assessment (EPA) for the sixth consecutive year – a record-breaking milestone. We were the only company to receive the top four-star rating for industry leading EPA performance. This reflects our long-term commitment to protecting the environment and supporting the communities we serve as we deliver our biggest ever investment programme across the region.

Some of the work we carried out in the 2024 assessment period – which will have gone towards our EPA rating – involved improvements to our wastewater system, including the following:

- Completed 580 environmental improvement schemes, meaning in the five years of AMP7 we have delivered 1,691 Water Industry National Environment Programme (WINEP) schemes.
- Achieved 99% compliance with discharge permits across 648 wastewater sites.
- Delivered the joint best total pollutions reduction performance and the best pollutions performance across the past five years.

Criteria have been regularly tightened over the years to reflect rising expectations for water company performance, so the bar was higher than ever.



### 3 What is our DWMP?

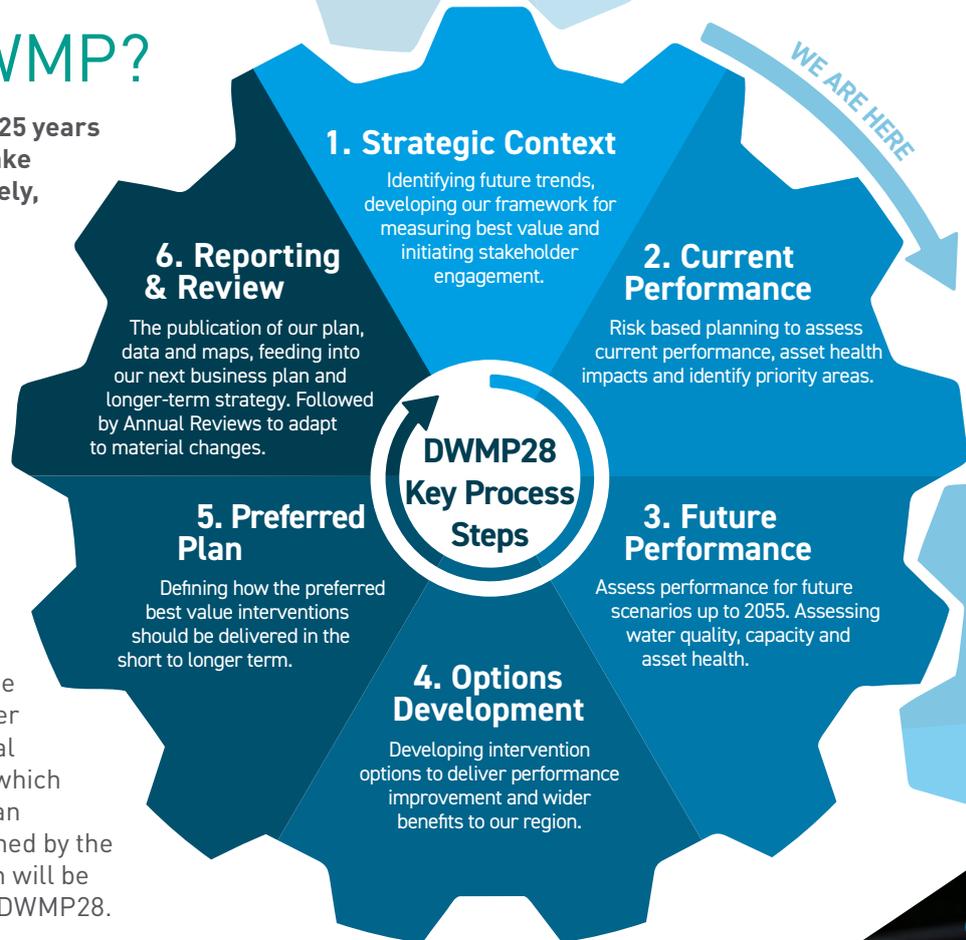
Our DWMP is a long-term plan that looks 25 years into the future. It explains how we will make sure we collect and clean wastewater safely, now and as our communities grow. This work is important for our customers, local communities, and the environment.

To make this happen, we need to look after the key parts of our network. This includes the pipes, pumps and treatment works that keep everything moving. We also need to make sure the system has enough space to cope with more homes and more people in the years ahead. At the same time, we want to protect – and wherever we can, improve – our rivers and natural habitats.

We published our first DWMP in 2023. This helped shape the plans we use to guide our work in the years to come. In September 2024, the Government made DWMPs a legal requirement for all sewerage companies, which means everyone must now update their plan every five years. New guidance was published by the Government in May 2025. Our next full plan will be published in August 2028, and we call this DWMP28.

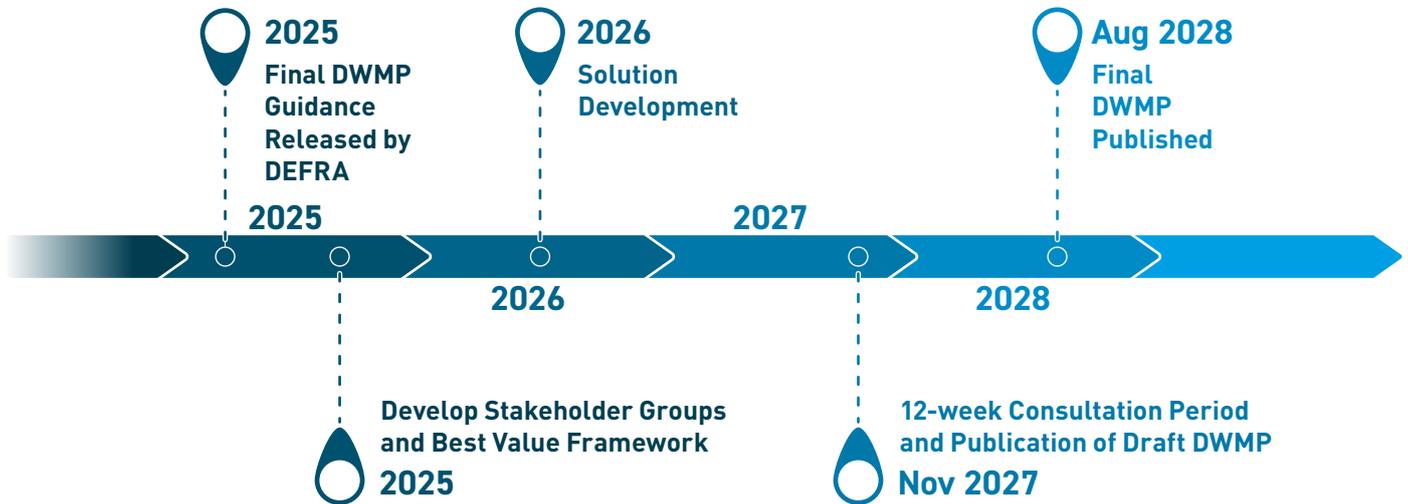
Our DWMP is built around six key stages. Right now, we're at the Strategic Context stage, and alongside this report you can read our Strategic Context document. There we focus on understanding the future trends likely to affect how our network performs and how we will ensure our investment decisions are the best value.

To progress through the six stages, we're developing clear approaches and assessment methods that will guide our decisions and help us plan effectively. As we move through 2026, we will assess current performance, future performance and develop our options.



# 4 DWMP28 Timeline

DWMP28 provides the evidence base to inform our 2030-2035 business planning process (known as PR29) which we expect to submit in Autumn 2028. To get there we will follow the timeline and Action Plan set out below.



**2025**

- Stakeholder Engagement - Setting up Strategic Planning Groups
- Develop Best-Value Framework
- Developing Tools and Approach

**2026**

- Publish our Strategic Context
- Risks and Scenario Modelling
- Option Development
- Solution Development

**2027**

- Best Value and Adaptive Scenario
- Plan Development
- Publish Draft DWMP28
- 12 Week Stakeholder Consultation

**2028**

- Final Plan Development
- Publish DWMP 28



## 5 Shaping our plans together

We want to make sure that everyone has the chance to be involved in shaping DWMP28. To do this we're setting up different stakeholder groups, each focussing on a different level of detail, so the right people can feed into the right parts of the plan. You can also access our mapping portal on our DWMP28 website to see the catchment boundary maps to identify the areas that interest you.

### Level 1 – Company Level Strategic Planning Group (x1)

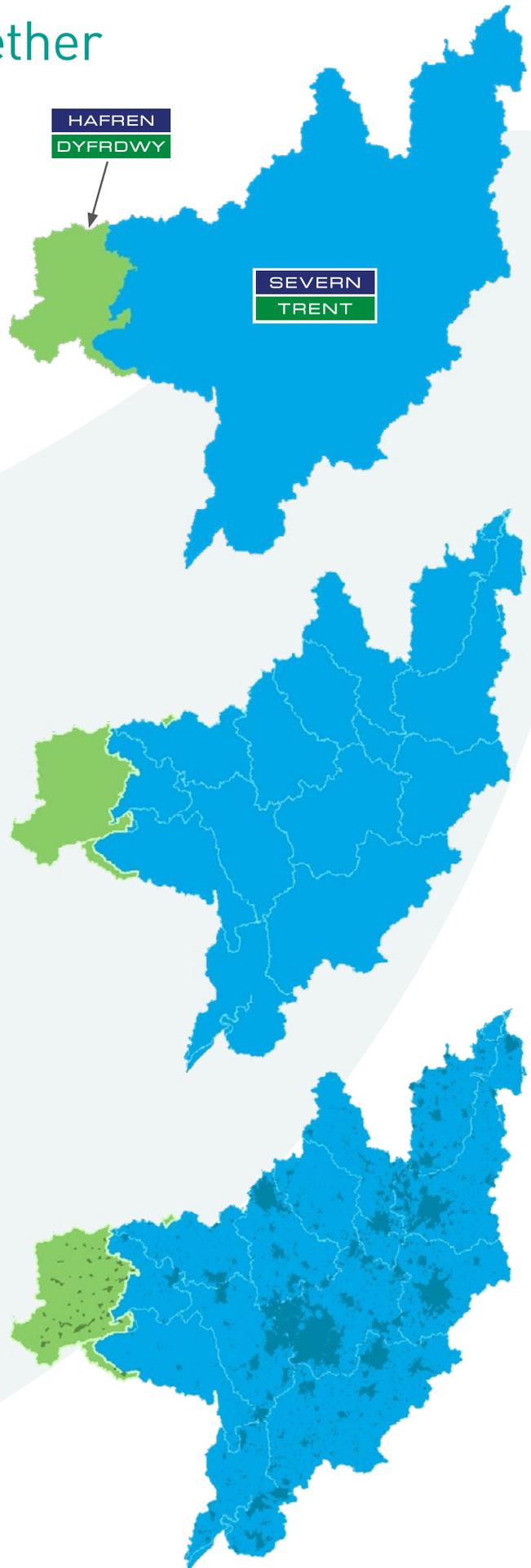
This group looks at the big picture. They help us think about what really matters for the whole Severn Trent area and guide the overall strategic direction of our plan. We held our first meeting of this group at the end of 2025 and are planning on meeting every three months going forward.

### Level 2 – Regional Planning Groups (x14)

These groups focus on smaller areas, such as river basin management catchments or local council boundaries. They bring together Severn Trent, local councils, environmental groups and others who help manage flooding and drainage. By working closer to each community, these groups help us understand what each area needs and build on the partnerships we already have. Within these groups we can focus in on more localised risks and options within our Level 3 Wastewater Treatment Works catchments. We have a series of webinars and workshops planned throughout 2026 with these groups.

### Level 3 – Wastewater Treatment Works catchments (x943)

These catchments include the area of our sewered network that drains into each Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW). Whilst there won't be formal groups at this level, you will be able to find more detailed information on progress against understanding risks and options at a catchment level in our supporting Annual progress report data table. As we progress through the development of our plan, we will publish our results for each WwTW.



## 6 Annual progress report data table

Alongside this report we have a data table which sets out for each of the 943 Level 3 wastewater treatment catchments how we are progressing in our assessments. It matches the Level 3 catchment boundaries to the associated Level 2 regional planning group and county area.

For each catchment, we share the estimated population served by each wastewater treatment works (WwTW) in 2025 and the estimated population increase to 2055 based on Office for National Statistics Sub National Population Projections (SNPP). These statistical values are distributed across the Level 3 catchments within each Local Planning Authority area. This gives an indication of the population increase we may expect. However, alongside this we are working directly with Local Councils to obtain the latest data on where new development is planned to support us in more detailed assessments of the potential impact of growth.

We are planning to undertake a detailed study for all our Level 3 catchments. This will include a combination of hydraulic modelling to understand the capacity of our system and statistical performance modelling. We have identified which catchments have planned detailed water quality investigations over the next few years, and we will continue to review our other catchments to progress water quality investigations where required.

Over the coming months we are working through the assessment of current and future performance for each of our Level 3 catchments. We will assess each catchment against a range of Performance Indicators (see our Strategic Context document for more detail on these). As we move into summer 2026, we will use the outputs from our assessments to work with our partners to develop options to address current and future risks.

## 7 What's next?

**As we move into 2026, we'll be taking a close look at our information to help us spot any problems early. This will help us plan for different future situations and make good decisions about how to look after our wastewater systems.**

While we do this, we'll keep working closely with our partners and local groups. We'll listen to their ideas and make sure their views help shape our plans for the future.



## 8 Where to find out more?

Keep up to date by visiting our [DWMP28 website](#). Our website will be your go-to place for updates as we progress through the DWMP28 journey. You'll find:

- Regular newsletters
- Annual reports
- Draft and final plans
- An interactive GIS web map so you can explore DWMP outputs for the areas that matter most to you

Thank you for taking the time to read our report. If you have any comments or questions about our Annual Report or our DWMP approach, we'd love to hear from you at [dwmp@severntrent.co.uk](mailto:dwmp@severntrent.co.uk).

