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Welcome to the third DWMP E-Newsletter. In this edition we have some exciting announcements, including the publication of our Strategic Context document and the launch of the Collaboration Portal and the DWMP webpage. We also bring you an update on ‘Options Development & Appraisal’.

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From October—December we will be holding a series of workshops to share the DWMP’s preferred options with our Strategic Planning Groups. Please find the dates for these below.

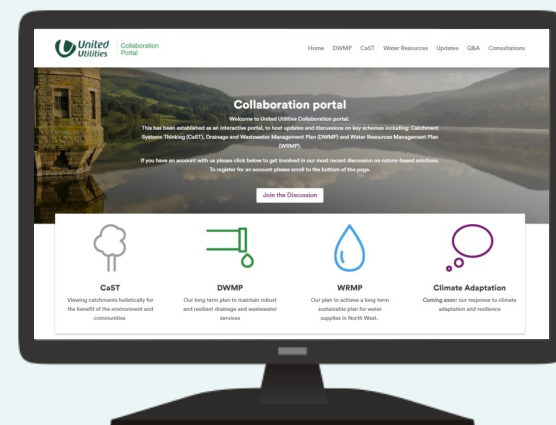


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1. The Collaboration Portal

We are excited to announce that the United Utilities Collaboration Portal was launched earlier in July. This interactive portal has been developed to host key updates and discussions with stakeholders. We’d love to hear your thoughts, so please follow the link [here](#) to register for an account and get involved in our first consultation!



2. DWMP Website Go-Live

The DWMP customer webpage is officially live! Please click [here](#) to check it out.

We will be posting updates as we get closer to the publication of our draft plan.

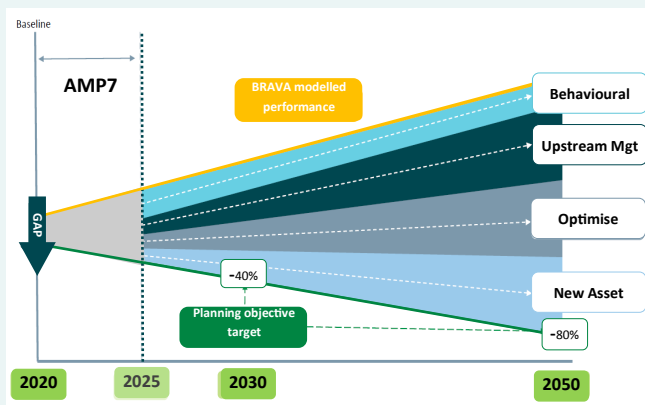
Strategic Context Publication

We recently published our Strategic Context document [here](#). This document sets out our long term vision for the North West.



The DWMP Strategic Context Document.

3. Options Development & Appraisal



Option blends should close the gap between modelled performance

The aim of DWMP optioneering is to develop options that will close the gap between our targets and modelled exceedances identified through the baseline risk and vulnerability assessments (BRAVA). Two blends of feasible options will be developed for each BRAVA exceedance in an area. We are looking to develop a blend of regional, catchment and drainage area scale options.

We are currently working to understand the costs, performance and wider benefits / impacts of each option (e.g. carbon, natural capital).

In order to prioritise the right strategic solutions we have developed an options hierarchy. Options will be weighted according to which category within the hierarchy they fall in. Options which reduce service demand and have multi-capital benefits, will be given the highest weighting. Catchment Systems Thinking (CaST) and partnership driven solutions will be encouraged throughout the process.

- 1. Reduce Service Demand
- 2. Better System Management
- 3. Create Additional Capacity

CaST & Partnerships

The UU DWMP Options Hierarchy.

In addition we are undertaking market engagement to identify potential **third party options**. This activity will commence mid-September. Keep an eye out on the Collaboration Portal and LinkedIn for details!

4. Autumn SPG Workshops

Invitations to our next series of Strategic Planning Groups have now been circulated. During these workshops we will be sharing our feasible option blends with you for endorsement. The workshops will be 3 hours with a substantial break in the middle. For now we plan to hold these remotely via MS Teams, however we will review this in October and confirm. If you have not received an invite but would like to be involved please get in touch.

We are currently working on options development and identifying opportunities for partnership driven solutions. If you have any project pipelines or other data (e.g. opportunity maps), which you would like to feed into this process please get in touch via dwmp@uuplc.co.uk.

Dates for your diary:

- Irwell—19th Oct
- Kent Leven—21st Oct
- Lune—27th Oct
- Mersey Estuary—2nd Nov
- Ribble—4th Nov
- South West Lakes—10th Nov
- Upper Mersey—16th Nov
- Waver Wampool & Derwent—18th Nov
- Weaver Goway —24th Nov
- Wyre—30th Nov
- Alt Crossens—2nd Dec
- Douglas—7th Dec
- Eden and Esk—9th Dec

5. What Next?

Sept-Oct 2021	Continued development of options
Sept-Oct 2021	Market engagement to identify third party options
Oct—Dec 2021	Share preferred options with SPG’s, L2 plan
Dec—Feb 2022	Optimisation of the DWMP Programme - applying cost constraints
Summer 2022	Publication of draft DWMP

If you’d like to find out more please see the Water UK DWMP Overview [here](#).