

## Summary

This update details:

- The publication of the second river basin management plans;
- Engagement to deliver the river basin management plans.

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## The Second River Basin Management Plans

We have published the second river basin management plans for the Scotland and Solway Tweed river basin districts.

The river basin management plans are supported by a new water environment hub, which is an online tool providing all relevant supporting data. The plans and water environment hub are available here:

- [The river basin management plan for the Scotland river basin district 2015 – 2027](#)
- [Appendices to the river basin management plan for the Scotland river basin district 2015 - 2027](#)
- [The river basin management plan for the Solway Tweed river basin district: 2015 update](#)
- [Appendices to the river basin management plan for the Solway Tweed river basin district 2015 – 2027](#)
- [Water environment hub](#)

The [Water environment hub](#) is a comprehensive online data tool that provides information on current condition and future targets for rivers, lochs, estuaries, coastal waters and groundwaters. The system has been designed to be user friendly with easy filtering options and the ability to export data, maps and charts.

Please contact us if you have any questions or queries about how to use the application, or to arrange a quick telephone training session, via [rbmp@sepa.org.uk](mailto:rbmp@sepa.org.uk)

The plans outline a strengthened programme of measures that will protect and progressively improve the condition of the water environment. They build on the first river basin management plans, published in 2009, and contain revised objectives for the next 12 years.

The plans will require Scottish Government, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), the Department for the Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), the Environment Agency other public bodies, water users and land managers to work in partnership.

## **Delivery of objectives for river basin management planning**

SEPA and responsible authority staff are currently assessing the objectives set within the plans to create a properly managed, efficient and effective plan to deliver measures based on the current resource available. Lessons learned from the first cycle have informed the development of existing, and introduction of new, measures to expand and achieve the “step change” in delivery needed to meet the objectives.

Further information about the delivery mechanisms are available on the SEPA web pages; <http://www.sepa.org.uk/environment/water/river-basin-management-planning/actions-to-deliver-rbmp/>

## **Engagement to support delivery of objectives**

The development of the second plans has provided an opportunity to review how we work with partners, using feedback from the advisory group network and consultation responses. As we move into the next implementation phase we aim to:

- Build a partnership model focussed on delivery of actions in catchments with a concentration of pressures;
- Where appropriate support and coordinate small localised delivery groups to deliver measures;
- Support this with a wider communication network to share information on river basin planning – including examples of good practice, funding opportunities, links to other planning processes and delivery of multiple benefits;
- Continue to coordinate our engagement work with the implementation of the flood risk management strategies.

We'll be in touch soon to talk further about our proposals. In the meantime, if you have any queries please get in touch via: [rbmp@sepa.org.uk](mailto:rbmp@sepa.org.uk)

