

**Fifteenth Diffuse Pollution Management Advisory Group Meeting  
25 September 2013  
SEPA office, Edinburgh**

Present	Organisation
David Harley (DH)	SEPA (Chair)
Jannette MacDonald (JMacD)	SEPA
Morgane Gillet (MG)	SEPA (Coordinator)
Stephen Field (SF)	SEPA
Katie Harper (KH)	SEPA
Anne Gray (AG)	Scottish Land and Estate
Callum Sinclair	RAFTS
Andrew Bauer (AB)	NFUS
Sarah Hutcheon (SH)	SNH
Andy Vinten (AV)	The James Hutton Institute
Brian Shaw (FW)	Scottish Tenants Farmers Association
Ian Speirs (IS)	Scottish Government
Joyce Carr (JC)	Scottish Government
Zoë Frogbrook (ZG)	Scottish Water
Lisa Webb (LW)	RSPB
Neil Henderson (NH)	SGRPID
Graham Kerr (GK)	SAC Consulting
Rebecca Audsley (RA)	SAC Consulting
Jenny Mulgrew (JM)	CONFOR
Olivia Burns	Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park / Cairngorms National Park
Alan Wells (AW)	Association of Salmon Fishery Boards
Apologies	
Julia Garritt (JG)	Forestry Commission Scotland
Carolyn Hedley (CH)	Scottish Golf Environment Group

Item	Discussion
<b>1.</b>	<b>Introduction - David Harley (DH)</b> DH welcomed the group to the fifteenth meeting of the Diffuse Pollution Management Advisory Group.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Diffuse pollution action plan – Morgane Gillet (MG)</b> (see DPMAG 2013 09 25 _03 DP action plan update -September 2013) The group discussed update on the restoration plan, the ADAS report and SSSIs.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Priority catchments update Stephen Field (SF)</b> Stephen Field gave the group an outline of the work done in each priority catchments. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Current one to one visits: <i>River Doon catchment, River Garnock catchment, Galloway Coastal catchment, River Deveron catchment, Buchan Coastal catchment, River Dee catchment</i></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- First one to one visits completed but revisits not started: <i>North Ayrshire Coastal catchment</i>.</li> <li>- Currently doing revisit: <i>River Ayr catchment, Eye Water catchment, River South Esk catchment, River Ugie catchment</i>,</li> <li>- One to one visits have not started in the River Irvine catchment and Stewartry Coastal catchment.</li> </ul> <p>More details on each catchment can be found on DPMAG webpages.</p> <p>The group discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lack of contractors to conduct work on the ground</li> <li>• Structure problems found in the River Garnock catchment. This is a new issue that officers are facing as they now have to convince people to invest before a structure is no longer fit for purpose. BS raised the problem that tenants will face with this kind of issue.</li> <li>• Pesticide problem in the River Ugie catchment. Scottish Water provided an update on the recent events.</li> <li>• Responsibility issues when work is done by a contractor as there is often no writing contract. This highlights the need to raise contractor's awareness of the diffuse pollution general bindings rules</li> </ul> <p>SF highlighted the resources issues over the next couples of months and the lack of available officers to carry out site visits. However, diffuse pollution has been highlighted as one of the three environmental priorities for SEPA.</p> <p><b>Action 15.1: SF to update the group on resources and implication that will have on the priority catchment work.</b></p>
4.	<p><b>Communications update – Rebecca Audsley ( RA)</b></p> <p>RA provided an update on the development of the guidance, the DPMAG conference and the website.</p> <p>The group discussed the need to send a copy of the guidance to contractors.</p>
5.	<p><b>SRDP update –Jannette MacDonald (JMacD)</b></p> <p>JMacD gave the group an update on the development of the new SRDP programme, explaining that the first phase of the consultation introduced some key concepts and the second consultation (likely to be late November) will be a key influencing time.</p> <p>She thanked members for their help in developing the options for the new programme. The new options pack is more focus on soil, fields and drainage issues and she added that it will be key to ensure that it is made practical for implementation on the ground.</p> <p>She mentioned that CREW is working on the targeting aspect of the new programme and that the issues with the development of the advisory services are to ensure that the advice given is tailored to the problems.</p>
6.	<p><b>Planning for the second cycle- Katie Harper (KH)</b></p> <p>KH gave the group an update on the planning for the second RBMP cycle.</p> <p>She explained how the current condition and Challenges for the future reports have been developed. She highlighted that rural diffuse pollution has been highlighted as a management challenges for the second plans. A lot of progress have been made in the first cycle with the priority</p>

	<p>catchments work however we are still facing a lot of challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pressures more numerous and widespread than originally thought</li> <li>- Many improvements to do over the next cycles</li> <li>- Engagement process taking time</li> <li>- Need to establish baseline compliance and consider additional targeted measures.</li> </ul> <p>The group discussed the options proposed to face these challenges, especially the option to eliminate phosphorus in livestock feed. The importance to consider what livestock needs in this work was raised.</p> <p>She also explained how the second plans will be developed and how SEPA will engage through the development of the plans.</p> <p>She, then presented how objectives for diffuse pollution will be set for the second plans, including the review of the priority catchment prioritisation.</p>																				
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