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Reflections on Cycle 1 of DWMP and thoughts ahead of Cycle 2



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What is a DWMP, what isn't it, and what should it be?



#### What is a DWMP?

(Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan)

- Framework published in September 2018 by Water UK
- Aims for sewerage companies to set out how they intend to extend, improve, and maintain robust and resilient drainage and wastewater systems
- Built on the supply/demand approach from Water Resource Management Plans (WRMP)

The Drainage and
Wastewater Management
Plan (DWMP) is a long-term
plan to ensure that we
continue to provide robust
and resilient drainage and
wastewater services now
and in the future.





#### What is a DWMP?

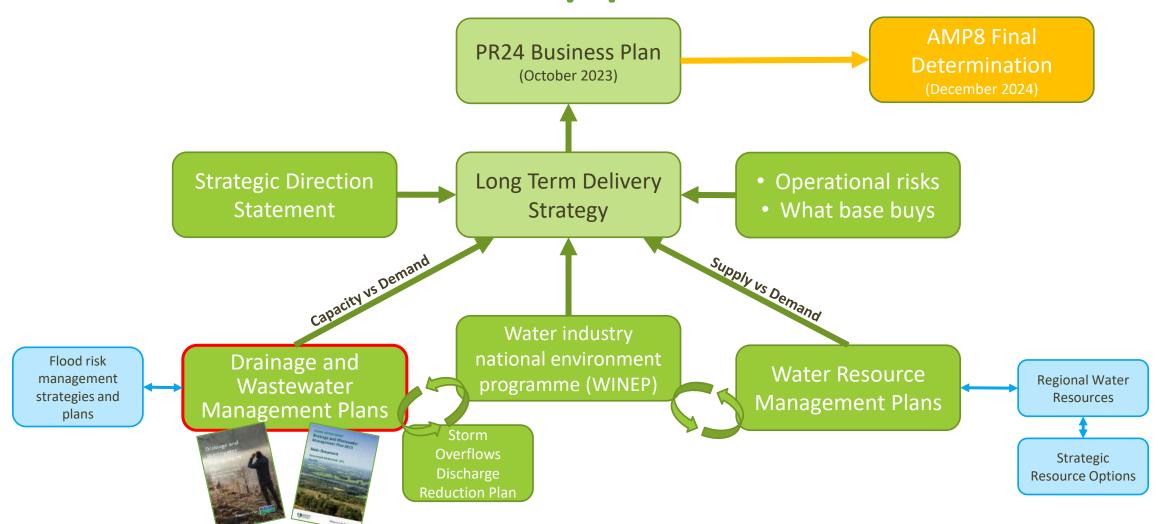
- Intention was to provide visibility of long term pressures on wastewater sewerage systems
- Focus on 'working together' with other organisations
- Provide a robust evidence base to support Business Plans, complementing and integrating with existing strategies and plans



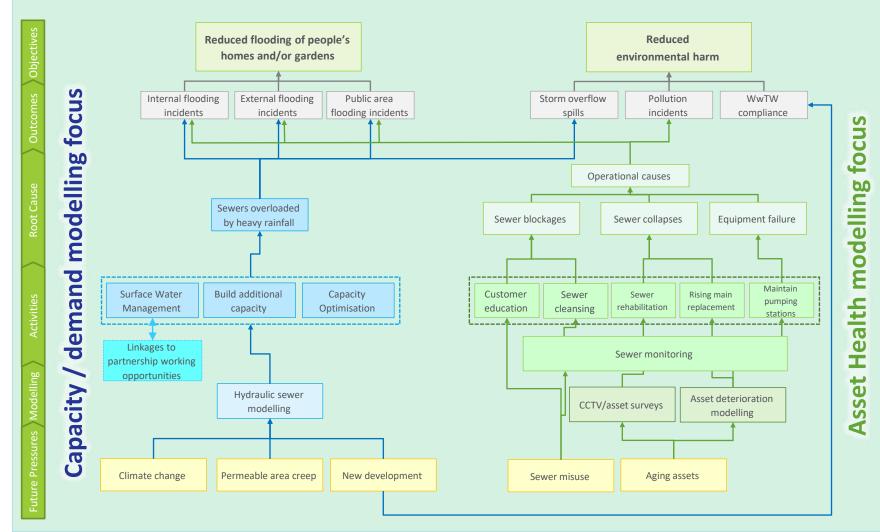




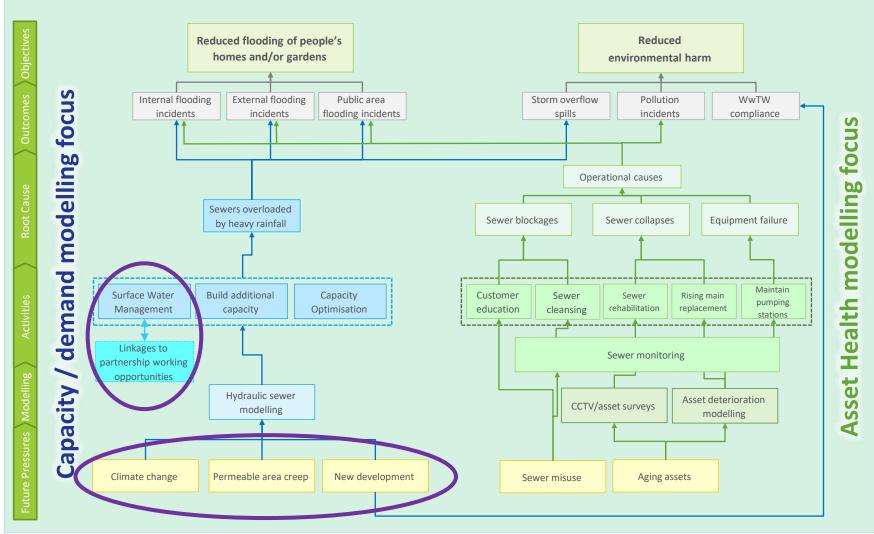
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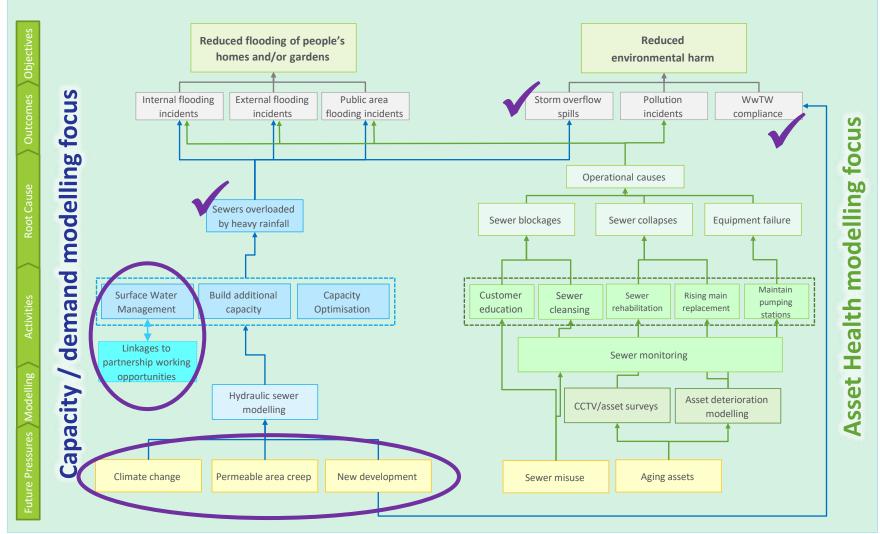




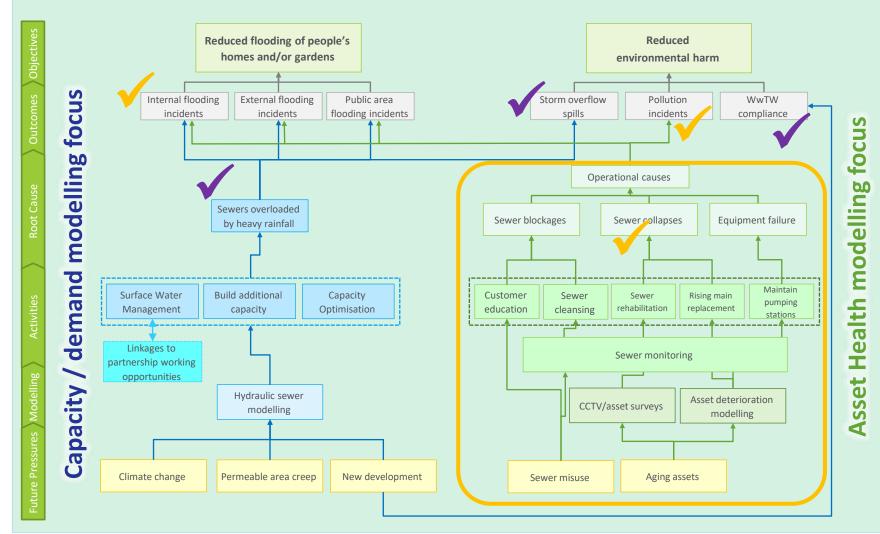










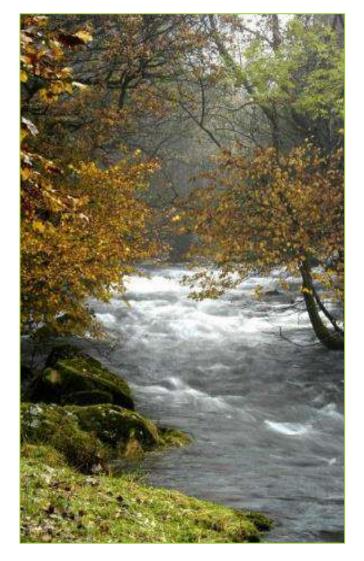


### What a DWMP isn't / shouldn't be





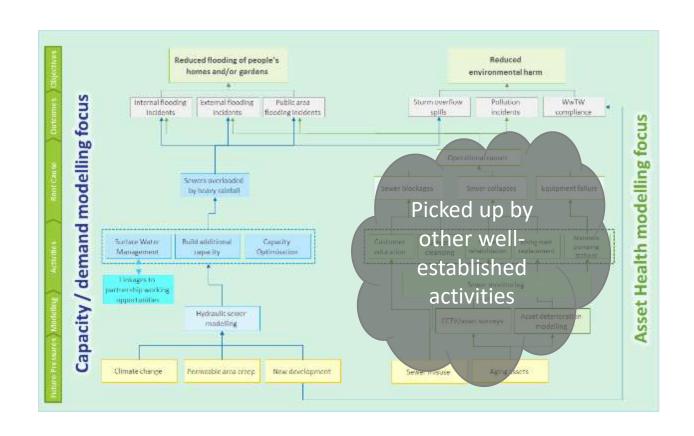
- > A Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP)
- A Business Plan
- Duplication of other well-established activities
- The process was never intended to solve the world... (e.g. highway drainage pollution...)





#### What a DWMP should be?...

- High level assessment of current and future risk
- > 25 year plan line of sight
- Focus of reducing flood risk
- Reduce environmental harm
- Evidence base to inform Business Plan process





# Summary

- > DWMP is not the only plan and so does not need to cover everything
- Needs to provide a robust evidence base to inform business plans...but not be one
- The biggest challenge we face is climate change, so DWMP can provide visibility to complement and integrate with existing strategies
- Feedback from our DWMP focussed on blue-green ambition and stakeholder engagement



# Using our experiences of Cycle 1 to inform Cycle 2





# Implementing the framework

- The framework was intentionally 'woolly'
- DWMP was an evolution of existing processes
- DWMP framework set out to avoid creating "a cottage industry around modelling"...



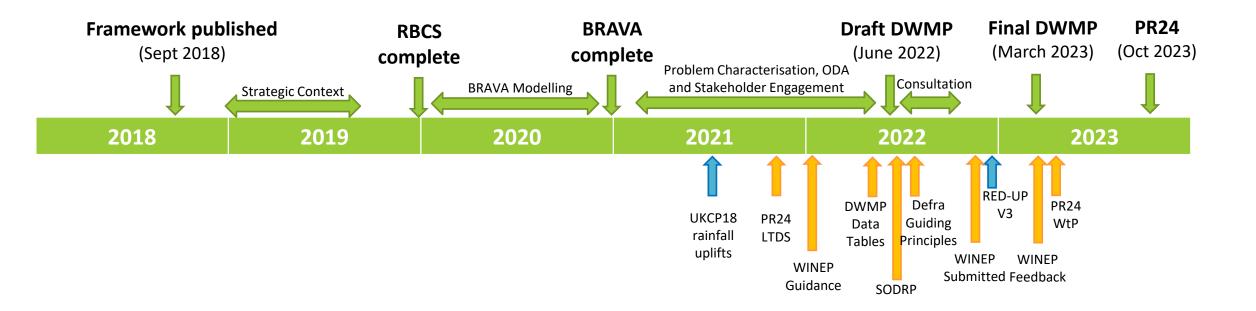


- Along the cycle 1 journey we needed to be agile:
  - UKCP18 rainfall uplifts & RED-UP v3 published after BRAVA modelling
  - Storm Overflows Discharge Reduction Plan (August 2022)
  - Long-Term Delivery Strategy (LTDS)
  - Defra's Guiding Principles



# Learning by doing

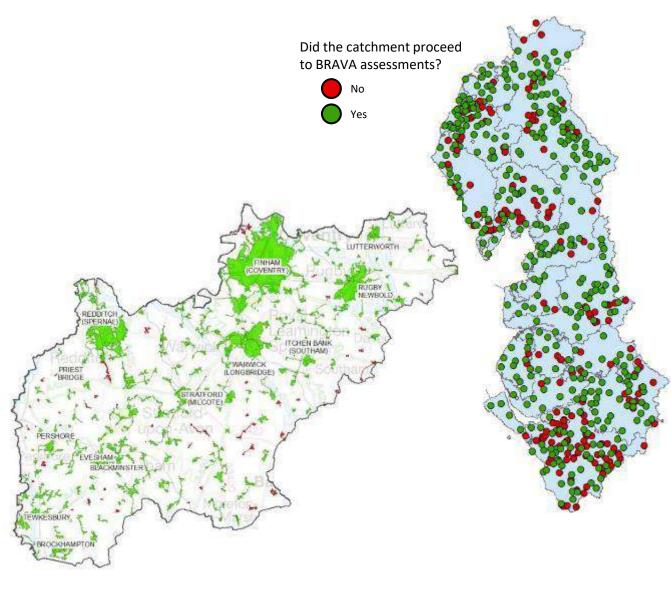
- First time English and Welsh sewerage companies were asked to produce a DWMP
- > The key milestones gave time to develop thinking...but also time for new requests to evolve





# Learning by doing

- Implementation was supported by Steering Groups and an Implementation Group.
- As we went along the journey, we learnt a lot by doing...but sometimes too late to do rework
- Risk Based Catchment Screening (RBCS) sounded like a good idea, but 99.1% of the connected population triggered BRAVA







# Learning by doing

> UKCP18

Data Tables

Outputs – document heavy

> Stakeholder engagement

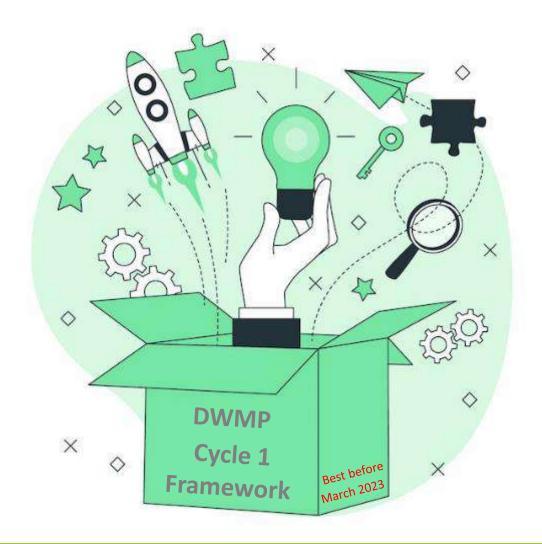




# Key Cycle 1 learning

- 'Optimise' > 'Reduce' > 'Build'
- Best Value Plan

> Inform a Business Plan, not be a Business Plan







# Key Cycle 1 learning

- Results from online surveys with our stakeholders demonstrate;
  - X% read some element
  - Y% found the outputs useful
  - Z% said the DWMP is being used.....

#### To be updated when data available

#### **Level 1 Non-Technical Report**

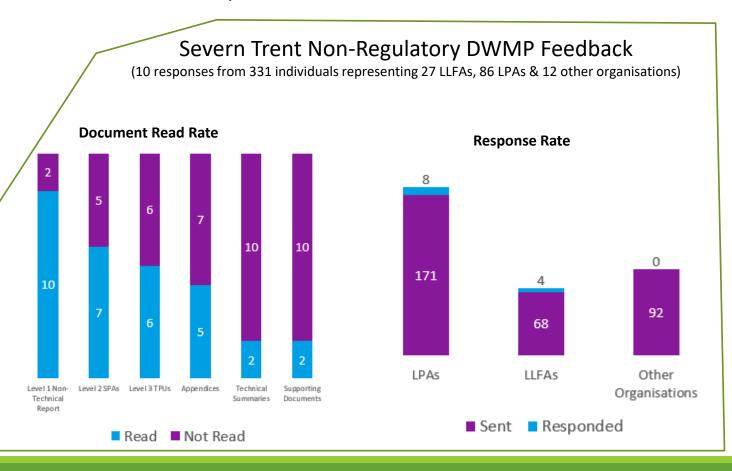
"useful to see what the key risks are and how they are being addressed."

#### Level 2 SPA

"Highly detailed and a good evaluation of the challenges that lie ahead."

#### Level 3 TPU

"Very comprehensive and detailed. Clear on which water treatment works required more investment."





# Maximising the outputs of Cycle 2





#### Effort vs reward

- > Cycle 2 will be statutory, with the Environment Act 2021 saying DWMP "must address in particular, the capacity of the undertaker's drainage system and sewerage system"
- DWMPs are not cheap to produce
- We need to avoid modelling for the sake of modelling





- DWMPs are intended to be long term strategic documents
- Outputs of DWMPs should integrate with other datasets to add value



#### What we need to know

> We need to confirm what is the aim of a DWMP

Need to agree Cycle 2 milestones

Understand what non-regulator stakeholders want from a DWMP







#### What we need to know

RBCS reboot?

- Streamline BRAVA and options development
- Best Value Plan needs aligning with PR29 thinking
- Output needs to inform investment decision making









#### Visualisation

> This is a typical output from Cycle 1 BRAVA

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- Shows catchment risk deteriorating over time

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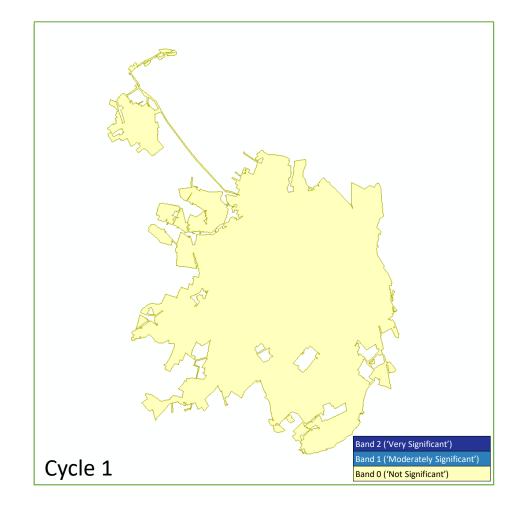
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# Meaningful granularity

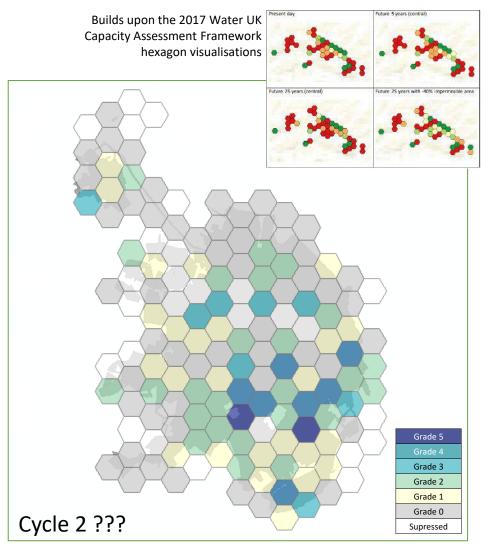
- Cycle 1 summarised catchment risk in three categorises:
  - 'Very Significant' (Band 2)
  - 'Moderately Significant' (Band 1)
  - 'Not Significant' (Band 0)
- Indicates the extent of a catchment but no meaningful detail.





- Need something more granular to help visualise risks/opportunities across a catchment
- What would delivery partners find useful
- Need outputs to drive investment decisions
- Methodologies would need developing
- Shared GIS portal with delivery partners rather than pdfs

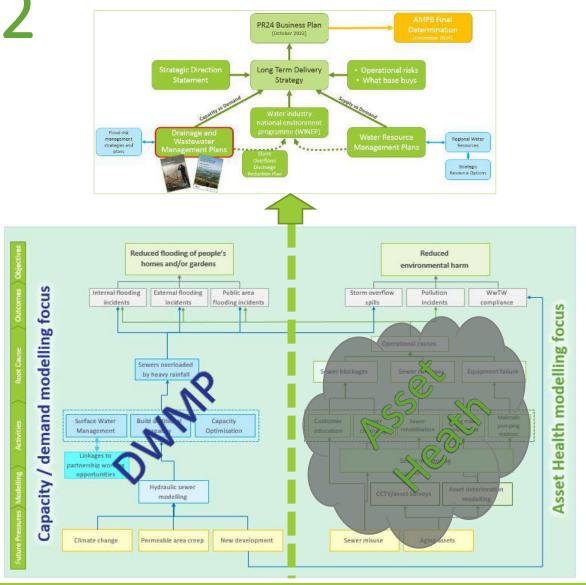






## Focus area for Cycle 2

- Engagement of stakeholders
- Best Value Plans
- Climate change uncertainty
- > SODRP
- Customer priorities
- Asset health







#### Summary

- DWMPs were always intended to complement other strategies & plans
- The 'D' in DWMP relates to a *sewerage company* 'drainage' assets, but clearly we interact very closely with other drainage.
- Climate change is our biggest challenge, so working together to manage surface water is essential
- DWMPs should focus on capacity to <u>inform</u> Business Plans.
- Outputs need granularity to drive investment decisions.
- DWMP thinking will continue to evolve beyond Cycle 2.







## Next steps

- Defra are leading on developing Cycle 2
- Working groups actively taking the learning from implementing Cycle 1 to inform or to improve the Cycle 2 guidance.
- UKWIR are supporting deep dive best practice
- Cycle 2 Company Network (C2CN) regularly meeting to drive positive enhancements





#### **THANK YOU**

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