

CIWEM/Ofwat Conference
Water Company Investment Plans – stakeholder views
November 26th 2008, SOAS, London

The Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management (CIWEM) is an independent professional body and registered charity, advancing the science and practice of water and environment management for a clean, green and sustainable world. www.ciwem.org

The Venue: The venue is the School of Oriental & African Studies (SOAS), Russell Square, London. This is a new, air conditioned lecture theatre, with all the modern AV aids and professional projectionists; there will be ample space to accommodate the anticipated delegate numbers.

Accommodation: There is a wide range of accommodation available in the area and delegates will receive a hotel list when they book.

The Organisers: The conference is being organised by Bob Earll of Coastal Management for Sustainability (CMS) in partnership with CIWEM.

Conference fee:

Conference fee	£160	VAT £28.00	£188.00
Concession rate*	£130	VAT £22.75	£152.75
Group Rate [3 or more paying together]	£140/person	VAT £24.50	£164.50 each
Full time Post Graduate student/ Retired CIWEM members	£45	VAT £7.87	£ 52.87

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- The fee includes food and refreshments and the conference papers
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- Refunds (less a £20 administration charge) will only be issued for cancellation more than ten working days before the meeting; substitutes are permitted

Further details from Bob Earll: Phone / Fax 01531 890415 Joining details - maps, directions and hotels - programme are on the CMS website: www.coastms.co.uk or Email: bob.earll@coastms.co.uk VAT No: 742 4367 34

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WATER COMPANY INVESTMENT PLANS - STAKEHOLDER VIEWS

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This conference aims to provide a neutral forum to discuss economic regulation in the water sector in general and PR09 in particular. It will provide a platform for speakers from the water utilities, regulators, consumer representatives and all those interested in investment in the water environment and in the delivery of the investment programme. It will give an opportunity to discuss the investment programme, how the price limits will be set and how Ofwat will monitor its delivery.



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Background

Work on the PR09 price review has now reached the stage when the water companies' draft investment plans are being prepared, and by the time of the conference they will have been published for consultation. It is clearly important that relevant stakeholders consider their views on these plans and communicate them to water companies in good time.

In August 2008 all water companies published summaries of draft business plans, informed by cost benefit analysis and in the context of a 25 year forward look. Stakeholders will have high expectations but the views on the relative priorities will vary from stakeholder to stakeholder. For example, companies will have to maintain secure water supplies in the face of environmental and climate change, but must not endanger valuable habitats by excessive water abstractions. More stringent standards will be set for drinking water quality and environmental protection but at the same time companies will aim to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases. Furthermore, the Pitt Review has highlighted the need for improvements to drainage systems to combat flooding. However, whilst recognising the benefits of these improvements, organisations representing water customers will be keen to ensure that bills remain affordable.

Ofwat will be commissioning joint stakeholder research into consumers' views on issues arising from the draft business plans. This will inform the feedback that will be provided to each company in advance of the publication of final business plans in April 2009.

At the time of the conference companies will be especially interested in hearing views on whether the draft plans :

- safeguard the quantity and quality of water supplies in the light of predictions for climate and environmental changes
- maintain the quality of habitats, especially those protected under UK law
- achieve compliance with the objectives of the Water Framework Directive
- allow for effective drainage such that, in partnership with other responsible agencies, homes and vital infrastructure will be protected from flooding
- are sustainable and, in particular, provide effective carbon management
- achieve these aims at lowest cost to the customer

In consequence these will be the topics that will provide the focus for this conference.

Aims and objectives of the conference

This conference aims to provide a neutral forum for stakeholders to discuss the draft water company investment plans for PR09. It will provide a platform for speakers from the stakeholder organisations and for contributions from the floor from all those interested in the water environment and in the delivery of the investment programmes.

Key objectives of the conference are to:

- discuss the key topics contained within the draft investment plans
- capture the views of stakeholders on how these plans could be improved

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PROGRAMME

09.00	Registration and Coffee
09.40	Session 1 Welcome to the Conference on behalf of CIWEM Session Chair: Jolyon La Trobe Bateman, MWH
09.45-10.15	Keynote address on the PR09 content Mark Hann, Ofwat
10.15-10.45	Blueprint for Water's priorities for PR09 Phil Burston, RSPB
10.45-11.15	An overview of the investment plans Janet Wright, Water UK
11.15-12.00	First course refreshments
12.00	Session 2: Session Chair: Ron Chapman, WRc
12.00-12.30	Issues that should be covered in Water Company plans Amanda Craig, Natural England
12.30-13.00	DWI view of the drinking water quality programme Claire Pollard, DWI
13.00-13.30	Environment Agency view Hilary Aldridge, Environment Agency
13.30-14.15	Second course refreshments
14.15	Session 3: Session Chair: Andrew Lawton, Arup
14.15-14.45	CCWater view Deryck Hall CCWater
14.45-15.15	A consultant's view Terry Povall, EC Harris
15.15-15.45	Panel discussion on the issues raised during the conference
15.45-16.00	Chairman's summary and conclusions
16.00	Close and refreshments