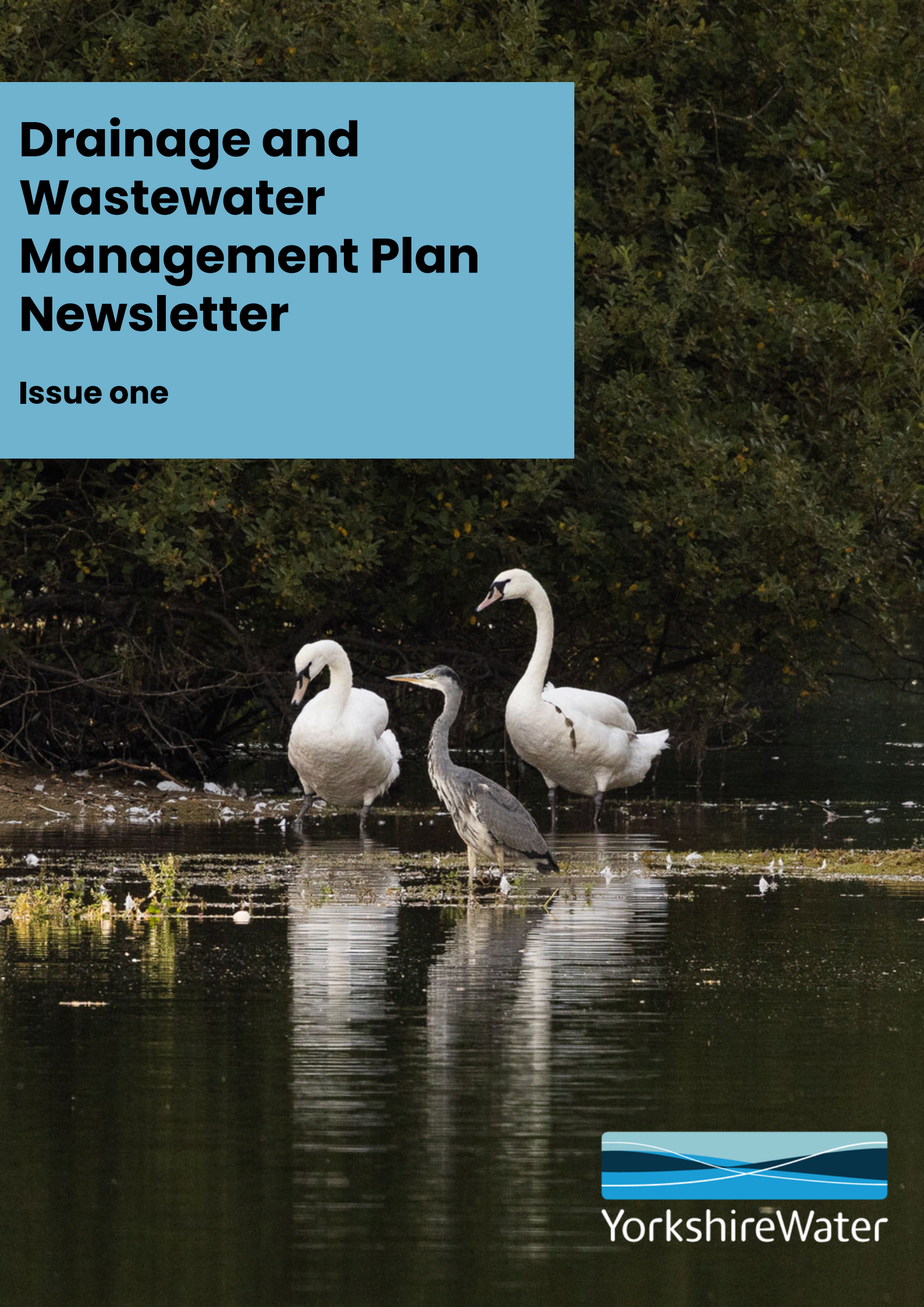
Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan Newsletter

Issue one



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What is Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan?



Our Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan (DWMP) is a 25-year plan to manage our wastewater infrastructure and make sure we continue to deliver a resilient wastewater service for our customers and for the environment. It will assess how future risks including climate change, population growth and urban development could impact our wastewater services and identify a range of infrastructure improvements for the future.

Focus on our key wastewater service provisions and our interactions with the environment

Identify opportunities to work collaboratively with our stakeholders across Yorkshire

Provide a resilient approach to wastewater management in the future

We'll look at how our systems might be impacted by other drainage systems and the environment, identify where we might have areas of shared risk and understand what our stakeholder priorities are across Yorkshire.

Once we've understood our risk, we'll consider the interventions and options that we could deliver across our wastewater assets in Yorkshire to manage this risk. We'll consider a range of options throughout the development of our DWMP including nature-based solutions and traditional infrastructure solutions.

We'll work with our stakeholders across Yorkshire to identify any opportunities to work collaboratively in the development and potential future delivery of our options. Our customers are at the centre of our business so, once we have produced our draft DWMP, we'll provide opportunities for customers and stakeholders to review our plan and provide comments on this.

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What's the latest?



New DWMP website launched

We've updated our DWMP website, where you can now view the plan development timeline and stay up to date with the latest progress across the programme. The hub brings together key information in one place and will continue to be updated as the DWMP develops.

👉 Check out the website here: DWMP

To find out more about the DWMP and follow our progress, have a look at our interactive hub. As we continue to develop our plan, we'll provide further updates and information through the hub.
👉 Yorkshire Water's Hub

Setting the scene for our plan

Our Strategic Context sets the scene for the DWMP, outlining our overall approach and the timescales for developing the plan. It explains how we're taking the DWMP forward, including how engagement, evidence and collaboration are shaping our direction.
👉 Strategic Context

Ongoing engagement

Over recent months, we've focused on setting the scene for the DWMP, introducing our Strategic Context, delivering regional stakeholder workshops, and seeking early feedback to help shape our approach. We've also collated the questions raised during these engagements, with responses provided on page 4.

Next steps

Over the coming months, we'll continue engaging with stakeholders following our regional workshops, including discussions on risk analysis and future options. Engagement activities will include webinars, digital surveys and customer research to help shape the development of the DWMP.

First annual progress report available

Our first DWMP Annual Progress Report provides an overview of the progress made to date in developing the plan. It highlights the current stage of the DWMP, including work to understand risk, develop options and shape our preferred approach. The report also reflects ongoing analysis of population growth, future pressures and areas requiring further study.

👉 You can see the report on our website: DWMP website.

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Frequently asked questions

DWMP Development

1. **How does the DWMP align with the Price Review (PR process)?**
Our DWMP is a long-term plan that looks at how our wastewater risk and service may change over the next 25 years, and considers the investment we need to mitigate this. Our Price Review is a five-year plan that sets out our investment and commitment for the next five years. Our DWMP will be used as part of the evidence base for our Price Review.

2. **Is flood risk data being accurately reflected in DWMP outputs?**
We have three performance indicators which consider flood risk. Two of these consider flood risk from the sewer network, looking at internal and external flood risk. The third, surface water performance indicator takes into account the Environment Agency's risk of flooding from surface water mapping.

3. **What targets/metrics exist for delivering interventions like rain gardens (e.g. ~20%)?**
We set out a commitment to deliver 20% of our Water Industry National Environment Programme (WINEP) storm overflow solutions with an element of blue-green infrastructure within our PR24 business plan submission.

4. **Please can you set out a timeline of key plans and consultations?**
Not all regulatory timelines have been confirmed by regulators yet, but the key planned milestones currently available are set out below:

Date	WRMP	DWMP
May 2027	Resource Position Statement published	
November 2027		Draft publication
November 2027 – January 2028		Public consultation
February 2028	Draft publication	
March – May 2028	Public consultation	
August 2028		Final publication
September 2028	Statement of Response published	
Winter 2028 / Spring 2029	Final publication	

If PR29 follows a similar timetable to PR24, we would expect key PR29 engagement activity and consultation to take place over a similar period, although timescales haven't yet been confirmed.
Engagement and consultation opportunities will be communicated through our existing stakeholder channels as plans progress and further information becomes available.

Questions raised through stakeholder engagement will continue to be published in future quarterly newsletters

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