

# Water Targets Expert Advisory Group: Wastewater

## Meeting notes, Tuesday 27 July 2021, 10:05-12:00 on MS Teams

Defra and Environment Agency (EA) attendees

Expert Attendees: Kevin Hiscock, Paul Withers, Penny Johnes (Chair), Rob Lawson, David Johnstone (guest expert)

### 1) Defra Presentation

Defra presented on draft evidence and information relating to storm overflows provided by the Storm Overflows Evidence Project.

### 2) Discussion

Discussion between Defra and members of the Water Expert Advisory Group included the following topics:

- The feasibility of identifying priority areas for action on storm overflows.
- The potential influence of seasonal factors on the impact of storm overflows.
- The proposed metrics.
- The benefits of including both nitrogen and phosphorus in a target on wastewater discharges to waters.

A summary of the advice and discussion from the Water Expert Advisory Group has been incorporated into the Detailed Evidence Report which accompanies our Environment Act 2021: environmental targets. Work on storm overflows is being taken forward separately through a government plan which will set out our ambitions to tackle the harm caused by storm overflows.