

Water Targets Expert Advisory Group: Water Targets Update

Meeting notes, Monday 22 November 2021, 10:05-12:00 on MS Teams

Defra and Environment Agency (EA) attendees

Expert Attendees: Penny Johnes (Chair); Joseph Holden; Paul Withers; Nicci Russell; Paul Whitehead; Kevin Hiscock; Rob Lawson; Karen Hudson-Edwards (guest expert); Charlotte Braungardt (guest expert); David Johnstone (guest expert); Adrian Collins (guest expert)

1) Defra Presentation

Defra presented the latest proposal for the water targets, the remaining steps in the target-setting process, and outstanding evidence needs.

2) Discussion

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

- Feedback from experts on the target proposals regarding the metrics.
- The specific indicators proposed across water targets and whether these were appropriate.
- The documents that will be published as part of the targets consultation process.
- Experts suggested possible evidence sources that could assist with setting the targets.

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.