

Wessex 'Reducing Diffuse Pollution from Agriculture' Programme

JOINT POSITION STATEMENT (May 2017)

Introduction

Farmers have gone a long way to improving soil and nutrient management efficiencies across Wessex. This has been through changes in the use of fertilisers, changed cropping practices and engagement in voluntary schemes. However as the understanding of the impact and nature of diffuse pollution improves so must the efforts of farmers improve.

This programme of work focusses on reducing diffuse pollution from agriculture in surface waters and groundwater across the whole of the Wessex area. Farming activities can result in phosphates, nitrates, suspended solids and pesticides entering our waters and this has a major impact on the quality of both our rivers and groundwaters.

Reducing diffuse pollution can only be done by all partners working together. We are working in partnership with a range of organisations to plan and deliver actions with the farming community to achieve water quality improvements in a consistent way across the Wessex area. We seek opportunities to reduce diffuse pollution which will also deliver other wider benefits to the environment and society as a whole and which are part of integrated, catchment solutions in the catchments we operate within.

The Steering Group for this programme includes representatives from the Environment Agency (EA), Natural England (NE) / Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF), the Water Companies, the National Farmers Union (NFU), County Land & Business Association (CLA), the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG) and the four Catchment partnerships, covering Somerset, the Bristol Avon, Dorset and the Hampshire Avon.

This work is part of a wider package to deliver environmental improvements under the Water Framework Directive (WFD). This includes work to reduce the nutrient input to rivers from multiple sources, for example, by improving the quality of discharges from sewage works.

The previous Ways of Working document (Wessex Area Diffuse Pollution Reduction Plan) identified:

- The key sources of pollution causing these failures across Wessex.
- Reasonable measures farmers should consider putting in place to improve farm nutrient and soil management efficiencies to reduce diffuse pollution and improve the environment and farm profitability, without compromising food production.
- How partners will work together to assist farms in achieving these objectives, maximising the outcomes that are delivered through partnership working & collaboration.

The 'Ways of Working' is a tool which outlines some of the technical evidence for the issue and offers a suite of measures and options to partners to effectively deliver diffuse pollution reduction work. This includes the work the EA and partners deliver as part of their "day job"; through the available funding initiatives; and through any additional opportunities and funding that partners can attract to increase delivery and achieve these objectives. All farmers are encouraged to apply best farming practices to maximise their nutrient efficiency, soil condition and minimise nutrient, microbial and soil losses across each catchment. The 'Ways of Working' document is summarised in appendix 1. Although led by the EA, in the delivery phase, it is recognised that the environmental benefits to be gained by working collaboratively are potentially greater than by partners working alone.

This Joint Position Statement sets out the principles that partners will adopt by working together, lists what we plan to do and describes how the Steering group and programme operates. The sections are:

1. Principles
2. What we plan to do
3. How we work together

1. PRINCIPLES

Appropriate to their remit, the Steering Group partners have contributed to, agree with and will support the delivery of the 'Ways of Working' document to promote a consistent approach to this work across Wessex.

Our work will be guided by following these six principles, achieving improvement in water quality through reducing diffuse pollution from agriculture by:

1. Expecting all partners to work in good faith towards the aims of this programme, accepting that partners operate with different remits, responsibilities and roles.
2. Prioritising and co-ordinating all partners' work, ensuring we engage first with farmers that present the highest potential risk in the most environmentally sensitive catchments to effectively use resources to achieve the greatest environmental gain.
3. Signposting farmers to where they can get support, advice and potential funding to maximise their farm nutrient and soil management efficiencies and so minimising the amount of nutrient lost to surface and ground water and by reducing run-off.
4. Where needed, seeking funding to provide additional agricultural advice to deliver WFD objectives across the catchment.
5. Providing a consistent, co-ordinated message to farmers from all partners and advisers.
6. Monitoring and reviewing progress in delivering these objectives and adjusting our approach where this is necessary.



2. WHAT WE PLAN TO DO

Actions to deliver the Ways of Working are listed below, with leads and timescale. This section is a working document within the Position Statement and will change over time, consistent with the Principles listed in section 1. See also Appendix 1 - a simple summary of the Ways of Working document.

What (A=action)	Who (lead / support)	When
A1. Lift out targets (outcomes) for nitrates, phosphates and suspended solids from plans; list on a catchment / water body basis with information on where we are now and where we need to get to. (see also A9)	EA / NE and CSF	June 17
A2. Agree the reasonable measures to be used across Wessex with all advisers, adapting the reasonable measures on a catchment basis as appropriate. (see also A14 which follows on from A2)	EA/ steering group / NFU	Dec. 17
A3. Formalise Farm Adviser groups in all four catchments.	EA/CSF/PCC	April 17 / ongoing
A4. Implement cycle of annual review of farm information and priority for engagement.	Farm Adviser groups	Ongoing
A5. Confirm, append and use governance model.	EA / SG	April 17
A6. Confirm, append and use terms of reference for steering group.	EA /SG	April 17
A7. Communicate and embed the nine principles used in efficiently delivering farm advice with all advisers. Roll out training to advisers / estate managers / commercial reps and sectors / river and conservation trusts.	FWAG / NE / EA	January 18 / ongoing
A8. Communicate and ensure the sequence of steps to take when engaging with farmers is being followed by all advisers / partners	FWAG/ EA	January 18
A9. Prepare a set of quantitative targets on a catchment basis giving baseline and final targets. (See A1). Compare tools / agree methods to estimate quantitative improvement which all partners trust / understand / accept limitations.	EA / Task group	June 17

A10. Agree a way to share evidence on reasonable measures implemented between partners on a catchment / Wessex basis to meet these targets whilst preserving farmer confidentiality.	EA / Task group	June 17 / ongoing
A11. Develop / agree a simple method of measurement of effort to enable us to track progress / map trends in meeting water quality targets for key factors – nitrate, phosphate, suspended solids and soft measures e.g. farmer engagement / adviser activity.	EA / task group	June 17
A12. Review outline communication plan. What do partners need? Prepare key messages for partner agreement; refresh target audience and contacts; prepare outline action plan for communication for use with all partners and by catchment partnerships; review protocols (check need / fit for purpose). Celebrate success.	NFU / SG / farming groups	January 18
A13. Communicate best practice – demonstration visits, 1:1 site visits, production of Comms material, messages.	Advisers / farming groups / SG	ongoing / annual
A14. Regularly review reasonable measures to overcome issues, advise on training needs and support farming practices. (see A2)	EA/ advisers / farming groups / SG	annual

3. HOW WE WORK TOGETHER

See governance model and terms of reference for steering group appended. (Appendix 2)

Appendix 1: Summary of the 'Ways of Working' document

Plan section summary / relevant action (A)	SECTION IN PLAN
<p><u>What is the problem?</u> Summary of plans and drivers in place to deliver action. Catchment maps showing WFD failures. Lists 7 typical outcomes.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A1</p>	<p>Section 1. Fig 1-4; tables 1.1 / 1.2</p>
<p><u>How we improve nutrient efficiency and reduce diffuse pollution.</u> Lists 11 actions on the farm that benefit farm profitability and water quality. Practices are tailored to farm units and ranked in effectiveness for nitrate, phosphorus and suspended solids and how they link to grant schemes.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A2</p>	<p>Section 2. Table 2.1; Appendix 5</p>
<p><u>How we prioritise engagement with farms.</u> Catchments are initially prioritised against the drivers for diffuse pollution reduction. Land across Wessex is then prioritised for its vulnerability to leaching to the groundwater and / or erosion risk; then mapped as presenting a high / medium / low risk. This list is manually reviewed by farm advisers based on local intelligence.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A3, A4</p>	<p>Section 3. Appendix 3. Table 3.1 Appendix 3. Fig 3.1 – 3.6</p>
<p><u>Working in partnership: governance.</u> Sets out a governance model, outlining the remits of Steering Group, 'delivery group' and agricultural groups (within partnerships). The governance model has been updated; a new model replaces the one in 4.1. Delivery group(s) become Farm Adviser groups.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A5, A6</p>	<p>Section 4.1 Appendix 6</p>
<p><u>Working in partnership: roles and responsibilities.</u> Sets out how stakeholders delivering diffuse agricultural advice, farmers and their representatives will work to minimise duplication. The 9 principles to follow when delivering 1:1 farm advice are listed (from wide suite of advice, signposting, letters, lead body for action etc.) ; the roles and responsibilities for each partner against each priority area is tabled; the lead (Primary Catchment Contact, PCC) in each area is identified. Sample landowner letters provided (out of date).</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A7</p>	<p>Section 4.2 Table 4.1 Appendix 4</p>
<p><u>Working in partnership: farm engagement principles.</u> The steps for farmer engagement and a flow diagram shows the decision making process on how engagement with farms will proceed, from the PCC through other partners, to achieve water quality benefits. Where engagement / improvement does not take place, steps for response and enforcement, with regulatory background are outlined.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A8</p>	<p>Section 4.3 Figure 4.1 Appendix 7</p>

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<p><u>Working in partnership: data sharing.</u> We need to share information on the outcome of farm visits so as to be confident that water quality objectives are being achieved. Data will be anonymised / amalgamated and collated by the PCC. Baseline (status of catchment), target final (what changes need to happen to meet this target) and current (where we are now) need determining. (See also section 7.1 on type of information) A1, A9, A10, A11</p>	Section 4.4 (Appendix 7)
<p><u>Communications Plan.</u> An outline for a plan is given, setting out 2 key objectives (5.2), 3 key messages (5.3) and protocols (5.4) for use in managing communication between partners and with stakeholders. Key contacts are listed for each catchment, and for the target audiences (5.5). An example plan is presented for the Poole Harbour catchment, and a yearly guide to communication channels shown for 2015. A12</p>	Section 5 Appendix 8 Table 2 Table 5.1 Table 5.2
<p><u>How will farmers be supported?</u> Linking targeting and delivery to priorities, clearly communicating this, and so providing 'one stop shop' of advice to farmers. Funding support available. Identify issues with Steering Group. A14</p>	Section 6
<p><u>How we monitor progress.</u> A record of farm engagement will be made, and provided to EA (see also A10). A list of the type of information that may be appropriate to collate is given. Progress on delivery at a catchment level will be kept by the water companies (for the National Environment Programme) and by CSF (for Countryside Stewardship); farm scale monitoring is done by Wessex Water; and surface and groundwater monitoring by the EA. List of schemes. A11</p>	Section 7.1 Section 7.2 Appendix 1 (NEP) Appendix 2 (CSF) Section 7.3 Section 7.4
<p><u>Best farming practices – what and by when.</u> Outlines the 4 phases to manage the risks to ensure farming practices do not cause pollution. This section outlines the reasonable measures that are likely to be needed for nutrient, soil and livestock management and outlines the steps that farmers should plan to avoid causing pollution and maximise efficiency. Table suggests a timetable for a farmer to review risk depending on a catchment's priority. A13, A14</p>	Section 8 Section 8.1 – 8.4 Table 8.1
<p><u>Contacts and reference material.</u> Out of date</p>	Pp 50 / 51

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Appendix 2: governance model, spider diagram and terms of reference of Steering Group. **WESSEX REDUCING DIFFUSE POLLUTION FROM AGRICULTURE PROGRAMME GOVERNANCE AND Terms of Reference for Steering Group (March 2010)**

Wessex Diffuse Pollution Ways of Working – the re-named Wessex Diffuse Pollution Reduction Plan. This is a framework for how all organisations concerned with delivering diffuse pollution reduction work together to reduce diffuse pollution across Wessex and is grey on the diagram. The document is a tool which offers a suite of measures and options to effectively deliver diffuse pollution reduction work. The steering group partners will agree to and support the delivery of the Ways of Working document, in that it promotes a **consistent** approach.

Some of the groups which have a role in delivering diffuse pollution from agriculture are shown in orange boxes on the diagram. Their role is briefly described below.

Reducing diffuse pollution from agriculture (RDPA) Steering Group – this group is led by the Environment Agency and acts as a strong partnership to promote more effective, targeted and coordinated work on agricultural pollution reduction across Wessex. It provides strategic direction and advice to the activities of partners and aspires to achieve consistency across Wessex. It is currently chaired by the EA and its membership is drawn from NE, water companies, catchment partnerships, farming interests (NFU, CLA and FWAG) and EA. It will report to the Defra 'One Team' (*new – for EA/NE*); it currently reports to the EA Business Board, (equivalent role of NE area management teams and the water company boards of Directors). Its work includes:

- Agreeing, developing & interpreting the Ways of Working document for delivery
- Steering delivery effort – taking into account targets and monitoring delivery
- Influencing how resource / funding is directed (to catchment partnerships / other partners / day job / Wessex wide projects)
- Seeking ways to fill gaps in resourcing; identifying funding opportunities
- Linking up with other relevant initiatives including Natural Flood Management
- Setting up Task and Finish groups, to resolve particular issues (e.g. technical issues, data sharing, communications), on which members may sit / lead or co-opt as appropriate
- See detailed terms of reference (*attached*)

Catchment Partnerships (4) – Each Catchment Partnership will work out the best way of contributing to the delivery of diffuse pollution reduction work alongside their other priorities within their catchment. Each partnership has outlined their approach below. Contracting partners will be accountable for delivering their projects. Catchment Partnerships will:

- Coordinate activity to deliver their own plans and targets for diffuse pollution within their catchment (s)
- Agree priorities to address and influence the development of projects around these
- Take an oversight of all work in their catchments

- Identify gaps in delivery and advise on how they should be filled – refer these to the Steering Group
- Be responsible for delivery of their (or partners) projects delivering diffuse pollution reduction (single issue and/or multiple benefits)
- Sit on and report back to the Steering Group (chair or catchment officer) and represent the views of the many other partners active in their partnership

Dorset: The Dorset catchment partnerships will coordinate the activity of partners delivering work to reduce Diffuse Pollution from Agriculture in Dorset. Each catchment partnership will agree key messages with the Diffuse Pollution Steering Group and help to communicate these to farmers and other stakeholders. The strategy for the delivery of diffuse pollution reduction will be promoted through the Catchment Plan, action plans and communications mechanisms such as catchment groups, newsletters, website and events. The catchment partnerships will develop prioritised projects delivering outcomes with multiple benefits for the water environment across Dorset, including; phosphate, nitrates, pesticides and suspended sediment as well as priority issues including flows, biodiversity and community engagement.

Hampshire Avon: The Hampshire Avon Catchment Partnership will seek funding to coordinate the activity of partners delivering work to reduce Diffuse Pollution from Agriculture in Hampshire. The Partnership will agree key messages with the Diffuse Pollution Steering Group and help to communicate these to farmers and other stakeholders. The strategy for the delivery of diffuse pollution reduction will be promoted through the Catchment Plan, action plans and communications mechanisms such as catchment groups, newsletters, website and events. The catchment partnership will endeavour to secure funding to develop prioritised projects delivering outcomes with multiple benefits for the water environment including; phosphate, nitrates, pesticides and suspended sediment as well as priority issues including flows, biodiversity and community engagement.

Bristol Avon: The Bristol Avon Catchment Partnership will coordinate activity to deliver the vision and the goals published in the Bristol Avon Catchment Plan according to the partnership's Terms of Reference. Through the Environmental Services Evidence Review ([link to the technical report](#)), the Partnership has identified issues and opportunity areas for water environment improvement, including diffuse pollution issues and opportunities. The Partnership will:

- Support organisations working on diffuse pollution issues and promote the Wessex Diffuse Pollution Reduction Programme guidance
- Ensure good communication between the WDPRP Steering Group and the Bristol Avon Catchment key delivery Partners
- Promote projects delivering outcomes with multi benefits aligned with our vision

Somerset: The Somerset Catchment Partnership supports the aims of the Wessex Diffuse Pollution Reduction Programme and will collaborate with the programme to develop and deliver projects which will reduce diffuse pollution, in particular, phosphates and sediment which are key issues for the Somerset catchments. The programme provides a useful resource to share knowledge and to develop communication and delivery strategies with the other catchment partnerships in the region.

Defra 'One Team' (not yet in place) – could function as 'The Board' for this programme. Accountable for ensuring all targets (not just diffuse pollution from agriculture) are met across Wessex (reaching 'good'). Prepares the Single Area Plan. It will advise, and direct as appropriate, the Steering Group in relation to diffuse pollution; the Steering Group informs the Defra 'One Team' (Steering Group chair briefs). Members will be drawn from the Defra family (NE, EA, FC etc.) and are likely to be at senior level.

Water company catchment strategy / implementation teams: water company obligations are set and monitored by the Drinking Water Inspectorate (DWI) in relation to treated water quality and EA/NE via the National Environmental Programme (NEP) in relation to Water Framework Directive and other environmental objectives. For AMP7, the equivalent of the NEP will be known as the Water Industry National Environmental Programme (WINEP). Water companies are statutorily required to undertake these obligations according to Defra's Statement of Obligations (for AMP7, the Water Industry Strategic Environmental Requirements). Money is targeted and allocated to their delivery through water company business plans and agreed by Ofwat via the Periodic Review process. Water company representatives sit on the Steering Group and are responsible to the EA, and/or DWI, for delivering their targets. In some catchments, they will operate as the Primary Catchment Contact and will lead on the coordination of the **farm adviser group**.

Natural England Area Management teams: accountable for monitoring delivery against NE targets, setting NE priorities and agreeing allocation of NE funding / resources, as well as overseeing the Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF) programme of work across Wessex.

Farm Adviser group(s): at least one per catchment, regular (3 times a year) meetings are held amongst the advisers to combine intelligence and coordinate farm visits, avoid duplication and prioritise, plan and review farm advisory work and training needs within that catchment, leading to an easily accessible list of potential holdings needing engagement. These are normally led by the EA (or CSF /Primary Catchment Contact). Currently informally held, they will need formalising in line with the Ways of Working.

Farming Interests: The **NFU** and **CLA** are trade associations who represent the interests of the majority of farmers and landowners within the catchments of the Wessex Diffuse Pollution programme. Their role is to act as a 'critical friend' in the process, providing support and challenge to the competent authorities, who have a regulatory role in delivering the plan, but also to delivery bodies and other stakeholders. Both organisations will work towards the overall aim of reducing diffuse pollution from land management, communicating as appropriate with their members and feeding advice in to other stakeholders informed by the wide ranging sectoral circumstances of their memberships.

FWAG SW believes that soil and water are the most important resources on any farm and that farmers must protect the environment on which they, and the wider community, depend. FWAG SW therefore supports the aims of the RDPA programme. FWAG SW will work with the Catchment Partnerships, the RDPA Steering Group and other partners to develop and deliver resource protection and multi-benefit projects which improve the efficiency of nutrient use, reduce water run-off, erosion and sediment loss to groundwater and waterbodies. FWAG SW will help to raise awareness of diffuse pollution issues across the Wessex Region working with their farmer members and partner organisations.

Environment Agency – EA has a number of roles:

EA 'Virtual' Catchment teams (four, one per catchment) – bring together Environment Agency delivery of diffuse pollution work. This includes reviewing targets, sharing what we're doing to achieve these, identifying gaps, joining up EA work (project and day job) and sharing intelligence (internally and with the catchment partnership). Led by the catchment coordinator, the teams include staff from Environment Management, Integrated Environmental Planning (IEP), Flood risk management, Analysis and Reporting, Fisheries, Biodiversity and Geomorphology and other relevant specialists. The catchment coordinator is the link with the catchment partnership.

Some teams within the EA have specific responsibilities with respect to diffuse pollution:

Integrated Environment Planning team- identifies diffuse pollution targets for Wessex area, monitors and reports progress; owns and tracks the performance targets, including the water company targets for the NEP. Provides reports to the Business Board.

Environment Management teams – EM teams provide technical advice and regulate pollution from farms, including silage, slurry and fuel oil storage, organic and inorganic fertilizer use in nitrate vulnerable zones, illegal discharges and biosolid use. This regulation may include taking enforcement action for persistent and/or negligent pollution. They also support and may lead the coordination of the adviser network in each catchment by setting up regular liaison meetings, shown as **Farm Adviser groups** on the diagram.

Groundwater & contaminated land team – Responsible for advising on and technically reviewing the delivery of the required improvements within groundwaters and groundwater dependent surface waters.

EA Water Land & Biodiversity / Regulated Industry Business Group – accountable for monitoring delivery against targets, setting Environment Agency priorities and agreeing allocation of EA funding / resources. This group provides key staff to sponsor EA projects, and approves low value projects.

Diffuse Pollution Reduction Programme – this is all the activities which together deliver a reduction in diffuse pollution. They are coloured **green** on the diagram and include day job and one-off project work (single focus diffuse pollution projects, or delivering multiple benefits in the future).

Diffuse Pollution Project(s) – This is any work which requires additional funding to be undertaken; in future years, each catchment partnership will identify specific project needs to the Steering Group. Potential projects will be included in the Catchment Partnership action plans and submitted, where appropriate, to the Environment Programme (EA Water Environment Improvement Fund).

The main plans which shape the targets for the catchments are shown in **blue** on the diagram.

Note. For this governance paper, non EA catchment partnership coordinators are called 'catchment officers' to distinguish them from EA 'catchment coordinators'.

TERMS of REFERENCE for STEERING GROUP: Wessex Reducing Diffuse Pollution from Agriculture Programme

Programme Description

To provide coordinated agriculture diffuse pollution reduction advice across Wessex. This is a joint programme with water companies, government, non-government and agriculture organisations focussing on agriculture sources of pollution to improve water quality and ensure consistency of advice to farmers. Farmers will be encouraged to apply best farming practices to maximise their nutrient efficiency and soil management. A programme of targeted engagement with farmers will be undertaken which complements existing farm advice to avoid more than one advisor visiting a farm. A risk based approach based on crop and soil type, farm size, WFD waterbody status and designations will be taken to identify priority farms to target.

Further details are presented within the Wessex Diffuse Reduction Plan (Ways of Working).

Overall role of the Group

- To act as a strong partnership to promote more consistent, effective, targeted and co-ordinated work on agricultural pollution reduction across Wessex

We will know we are succeeding when:

- Our organisations, partnerships and those we work with are clear on, signed up to and support the priority issues and target areas for agricultural pollution reduction work in Wessex
- We have a clear overview on the 'packages' of agricultural pollution reduction work that we deliver, ourselves or in partnership with others
- We and the partnerships and organisations in which we are involved, are making the best use of our collective resources to target these priorities
- We are seeing meaningful action on these priority areas and issues, and we are able to report on progress and achievements with real conviction

Key work areas

- Encourage farmers to apply best farming practices to maximise their nutrient efficiency and soil condition
- Target engagement with farmers using a prioritised and risk based approach
- Target engagement with farmers who are not known to have received advice or assessed their impact, and seek agreement on implementing reasonable measures on their farms
- Develop a communication plan to set out key and consistent messages agreed by the delivery partners

- Work together to develop and present more transparent and coherent messages and support to the industry and related bodies
- Provide a network for information exchange, sharing good practice within this Group and look to promote this networking wider, wherever possible

Operating principles

- Driven by outcomes, not simply activity – recognising that our success is ultimately about how we help move Wessex forward and achieve what are shared outcomes
- Our focus is on agricultural pollution reduction to surface and groundwater identified as a priority within the Water Framework Directive and Habitats Directive
- Although we look to operate with a core set of Group ‘members’ we will hope to draw others into discussions and actions as necessary
- We will take a Wessex wide perspective and look to promote and deliver the above objectives locally, operating through established local projects and partnerships and delivery bodies wherever possible

How the Chair will operate / decisions of the Steering group

- The Chair will act as if independent, representing the partnership approach to this programme of work, and facilitating consensus across the work of the group.
- Decisions of the group will be determined as a result of joint, open discussion and through working together, and acted on as appropriate by all partners, both within the Steering group, and as independent contributors to the programme.

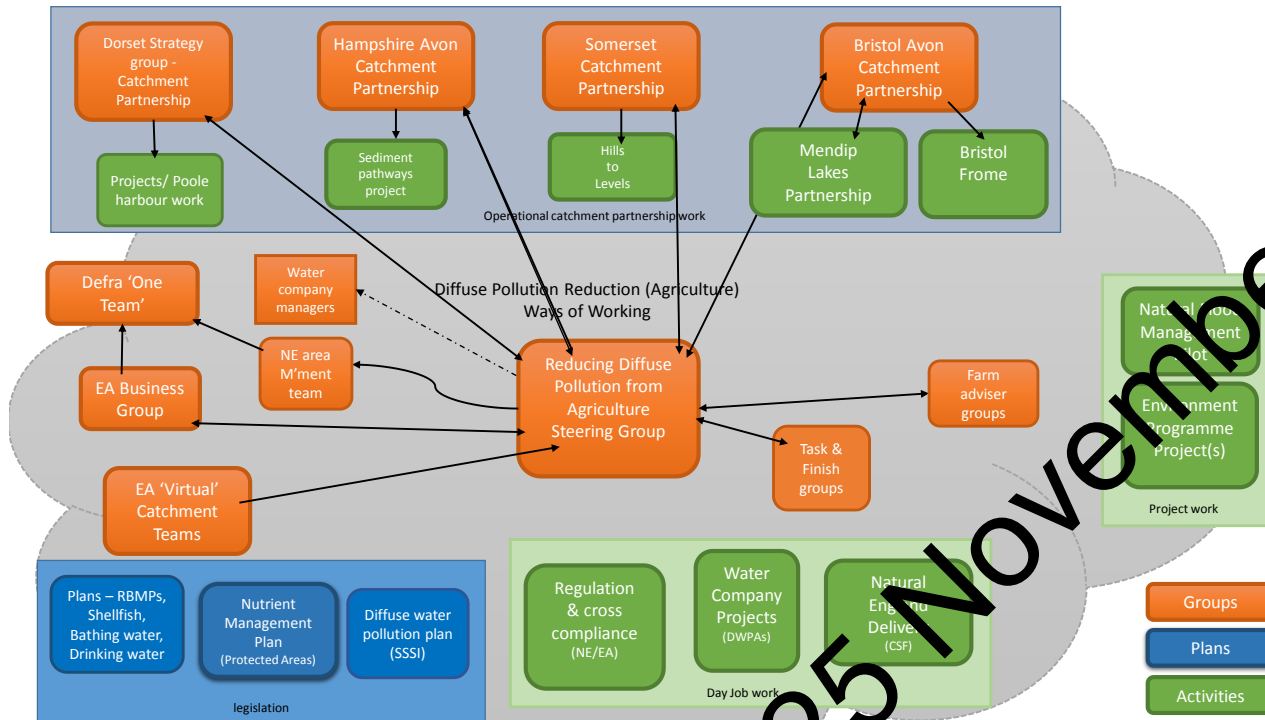
Membership: (attendees)

Organisation	Representative (May 2017)
Environment Agency - Chair / programme sponsor - Programme executive - Catchment Coordinators - Environment Management - Integrated environmental planning - Groundwater & contaminated land Programme manager	Ian Withers Stella Huntingdon Russell Spencer (rotation) Dave Womack Emma Townsend Giles Bryan Judith Crompton / Kim Gooneskera
Natural England - Land and Water - CSF	VACANT Sarah Sanders

Wessex Water	Paul Stanfield
Bristol Water	Matthew Pitts
SW Water /Bournemouth Water	Dr David Smith
<u>Catchment Partnerships (officers)</u>	
Dorset strategy group	Nicola Hopkins
Hampshire Avon	Liam Reynolds
Bristol Avon	Zoe Hancock / Emilie Graille
Somerset	Ann Langdon
FWAG-SW	Gary Rumbold Ann Langdon
National Farmers Union	Paul Cottington (dep. Louise Stratton)
Country Land & Business Association	Ann Maidment (dep. Graham Clark)

Communicated members: (receive papers & minutes)

Organisation	Communicated members
Environment Agency Papers sent through Dave Womack	-
Natural England/CSF Papers sent through Sarah Sanders	-
Wessex Water Papers sent through Paul Stanfield	-
Wessex Chalk Stream and Rivers Trust	Paul Jose (Director)
Campaign for Farmed Environment	Mark Smith
Rural Payments Agency	Named contact to be supplied



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