

# Water for life and livelihoods

**Water Leaders Group, Tuesday 9 July 2019, Radisson Blu, 130 Tottenham Court Road, London**

## Attendees

Organisation
Associated British Ports
Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport (ADEPT)
Association of Inshore Fisheries Conservation & Authorities
Canal and River Trust
Catchment Based Approach
Coal Authority
Country Land and Business Association
Defra
Energy UK
Environment Agency
Mineral Products Association
National Farmers Union (NFU)
Wildfowl & Wetland Trust (WWT)
Wildlife Trusts

## Workshop Aim:

To prioritise the development of new and better approaches that have the potential to contribute to the big step change we need to meet the aspiration of the 25 Year Environment Plan (YEP). Use this information to inform the river basin planning 'Challenges and Choices' consultation.

## Workshop Objectives:

1. Gain a common understanding of the gap between the existing environmental conditions, the aspiration of the 25 YEP and the primary pressures causing the gap.
2. Understand the effectiveness of existing measures and mechanisms
3. Assess the potential of existing measures and mechanisms to do more, prioritise them and identify blockers to making this happen
4. Identify and prioritise new measures and mechanisms required to close the gap related to each pressure.

## Workshop Process:

Step	Timing	Activity
1	10:30	<b>Introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aim and objectives of the day</li> <li>• Scene setting – drivers 25 YEP, river basin planning 'Challenges &amp; Choices' consultation</li> </ul>

2	10:50	<p><b>Current state of the environment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of current state of the environment (Ashley Holt, Defra)</li> <li>• Overview of main pressures (Anne Dacey, Environment Agency)</li> </ul> <p>Gain a common understanding of the current state of the environment, the gap to the aspiration of the 25 YEP, and the pressures causing the gap.</p>
3	11:30	<p><b>Effectiveness of existing measures and mechanisms</b> (‘as is’)</p> <p>Purpose: Understand effectiveness of the current scale and implementation of existing measures and mechanisms</p> <p>Process: Each ‘pressure group’ member captures known measures and mechanisms place measures and mechanisms on wall graphs (relative cost versus effectiveness) according to their scale and implementation.</p>
4	12:00	<p><b>Enhancing the potential of existing measures and mechanisms in future</b> (‘desired state’)</p> <p>Purpose: Understand the potential of existing measures and mechanisms and what needs to happen for them to reach their potential. Identify who and how we take these mechanisms and policies forward</p> <p>Process: In same groups, place measures and mechanisms on wall graphs (relative cost versus effectiveness) according to their potential .Add arrows and labels for what needs to happen for this change to occur.</p>
5	13:40	<p><b>Identifying new and alternative measures and mechanisms</b></p> <p>Purpose: Capture ideas for new measures and mechanisms to close the gap in relation to each pressure. Identify how we take these mechanisms and policies forward. Who would lead, who would be involved.</p> <p>Process: In same pressure groups each member captures new ideas for measures and mechanisms.</p>
6	14:30	<p><b>Prioritising new measures and mechanisms for development</b></p> <p>Purpose: Prioritisation of measures and mechanisms against each pressure for inclusion in the Challenges &amp; Choices consultation, further work on 25 YEP targets, longer term policy development.</p> <p>Process: Each individual pressure group votes on their poster. Each group member has three different coloured votes (dots) to place on the measures and mechanisms they wish to see progressed.</p>
7	15.00	<p><b>Outputs</b></p> <p>By the end of the workshop Water Leaders Group will have produced:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An initial assessment of the effectiveness of existing and new measures and mechanisms required to meet the aspiration of the 25 Year Environment Plan</li> <li>• Prioritised measures and mechanisms for consideration within the river basin planning Challenges &amp; Choices consultation and further policy development/action</li> </ul>
8	15.30	<p><b>Close</b></p>