

**Cheshire region Biodiversity Partnership: 28th April
2010**

Biodiversity Management at United Utilities



Agenda

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- Improving Biodiversity on Operational Sites
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United Utilities - in the North West

192 reservoirs

453 service reservoirs & water towers

40,000km of water mains

1,200km of aqueduct

137 water treatment works

40,000km of sewers

599 wastewater treatment works

58,000 hectares of land



"Our aim is to provide best value utility services to our customers in a way that is sustainable, environmentally responsible and reflects our wider social impact." Philip Green, CEO

Our Biodiversity Policy

● Our Biodiversity Goal

- “To be a world class operator of utility infrastructure, committed to **protecting and enhancing** biodiversity across our business”.

● Our Biodiversity Commitments:

- Comply with all national and international biodiversity legislation and plans, either directly or through our contractors
- Integrate the management of biodiversity into appropriate business policies and processes, including day to day operations
- Protect biodiversity and enhance it where possible on all land owned by the business
- Communicate, share and embed where possible best practice in biodiversity across UU employees, partners and contractors
- Work with external partners and stakeholders to actively influence development of policy and future developments affecting biodiversity

Why are we interested?

- Our operations have potential to impact biodiversity in a number of direct ways
- Healthy eco-systems can protect and enhance water quality
- Environmental performance is a measure of our business success
- We are covered by current and future legislative and regulatory drivers
- Proper management of biodiversity mitigates the impact of capital delivery and operational risk
- Our customers and stakeholders expect it

Delivering Our Biodiversity Policy: SCaMP



The positive impact of SCaMP



- >100 ha re vegetated
- % SSSIs in the areas covered in favourable condition from <50% to >98%
- Regulatory funding to extend SCaMP over the next 5 years



Delivering Our Biodiversity Policy: Site Biodiversity Management

- To embed proactive management of biodiversity into the management, operation and maintenance of our operational sites and make biodiversity considerations 'business as usual'



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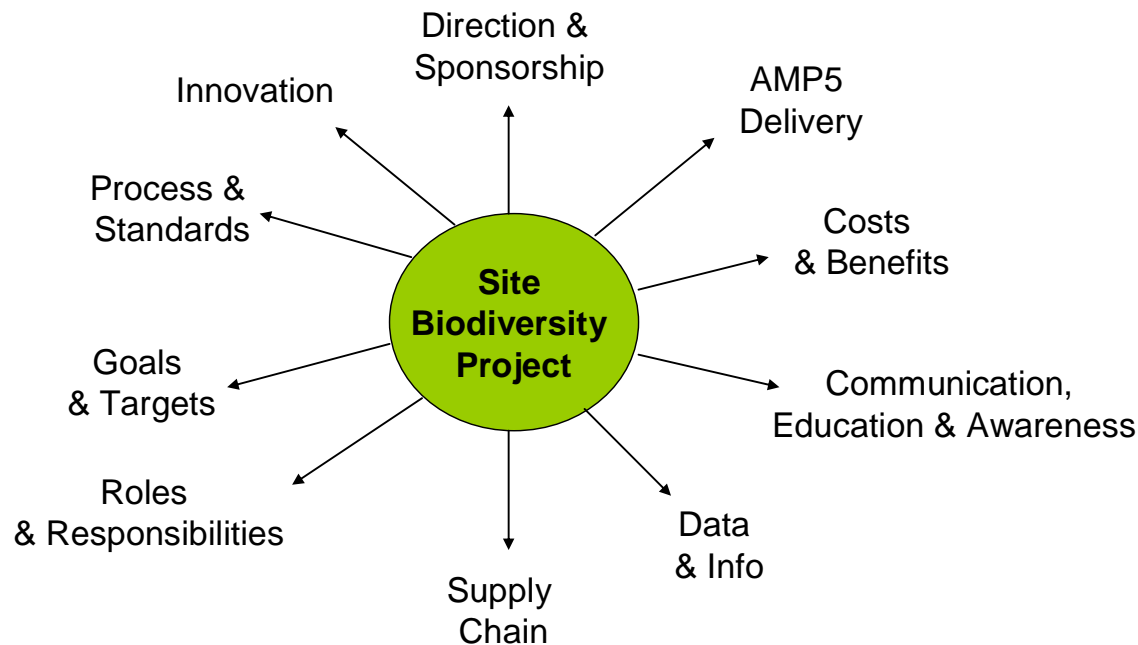


What next: AMP5 Programme

- The water industry operates in 5 year regulatory investment cycles. AMP5 starts in April 2010
- Thanks to stakeholder support, from Natural England, EA and RSPB, we have secured funding for a dedicated site biodiversity programme
- The programme will comprise 16 water sites and 2 elements
 - Site surveys and action plan development
 - Delivery activities

The Wider Site Biodiversity Project

- Aim: To embed proactive management of biodiversity into the management, operation and maintenance of our operational sites and make biodiversity considerations 'business as usual'



Summary

- At UU we recognise the wider value of biodiversity aside from need to meet legal requirements
- In terms of site biodiversity management, we have the basis for an innovative and valuable programme of work
- We want to work with the biodiversity community to help maximise the positive effects arising from our programme through sharing expertise, identifying opportunity and demonstrating the economic, environmental and social case for proactive biodiversity management

Thank you



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