

## Making a great place even better

### Ouseburn

The Ouseburn has been identified as a priority area to focus on due to a range of activities happening on and around the catchment offering huge opportunities, where if considered as a whole could bring a wide range of multiple benefits.

### Health of the river

- Overall status is Moderate.
- Failing for Ecology, Water Quality and the impact of Physical Modifications.
- Using DEFRA's National Funding Criteria\* it comes out as a Priority Waterbody.

### Objective

- Build on the output of the Ouseburn Evidence and Measures project (TRT).
- Influence and build in opportunities around the developments proposed in the upper catchment – master planning.
- Link with flood alleviation both on the river and surface water.
- Work with NWG and Councils to ensure reduction of surface water into sewerage system builds in benefits for the WFD, doesn't negatively impact water quality and fluvial flooding.
- River restoration and habitat creation on the Upper Ouseburn in combination with new developments to reduce flood risk, create new habitats and environment for communities, reduce pollution.

### Actions

- Be involved in Newcastle city council's master planning exercise for the development areas to promote the huge opportunities and multiple benefits that could be achieved.
- Promote the outputs of the evidence and measures work to ensure momentum is maintained in partners taking on the challenge to improve the condition of the waterbody.
- Influence NWG and the Councils to consider the wider implications and possible benefits of the reduction of surface water into the sewerage system as well as the impact on fluvial flood phasing.
- Influence rural land managers in the upper reaches of the catchment to improve practises and reduce the impact from land management through the Ouseburn River Restoration and Habitat Creation Project and partnership working.
- Environment Programme 2015/16 Ouseburn River Restoration feasibility study: delivering mitigation measures and opportunities for surface water retention. The project will be at concept design stage by March 2016 for delivery 2016/17 & 2017/18 (funding not confirmed for delivery phase).

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## Outcomes

- Maximise the benefits for flood alleviation, pollution reduction and habitat creation through the opportunities available around developments in the upper catchment.
- Reduced flood risk from a range of sources, including building in future capacity on new developments.

## Partners

- Environment Agency, Newcastle City Council, North Tyneside Council, Northumbrian Water Group, Tyne Rivers Trust, Natural England, Northumberland Wildlife Trust