Northumberland, Durham and Tees
Tyne Catchment Priority Places

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River Team

The River Team has been identified as a priority area. The Team Valley Flood Alleviation Scheme (FAS) is going through its project appraisal stage, and is combining WFD outcomes into its preferred options. There are significant opportunities here to improve the health of the river as well as reduce flood risk to local businesses and communities, working with a wide range of partners. We are linking in to DEFRAs Emerging Chemicals project with NWG and focusing in on the Rowletch Burn

Health of the river

- Overall status is Moderate
- Failing for Ecology, Water Quality, Priority hazardous substances and the impact of Modifications
- Using DEFRAs National Funding Criteria* it comes out as a Priority Waterbody

Objective

- Improve health and quality of river
- Reduce flood risk
- Work closely with UK Land Estates, landowners, local business and NWG

Actions

- Ensure WFD opportunities are maximised through the delivery of the Team Valley FAS. £1.8m of funding allocated from Flood Risk Management grant in aid. Additional funding secured from partners. Habitats and geotechnical surveys commissioned Sept 2015. The SuDS masterplan is currently with UK Land Estates/Gateshead Council. Options appraisal outcomes to be modelled to provide shortlist of options to be considered for implementation
- Walkovers and sampling on the Rowletch Burn, a significant contributor to the failing status on the Team (completed in September 2015)

Outcomes

- Maximum benefits for WFD achieved through delivery of the FAS
- Projects for further improvement to water body status on the EP MTP

Partners

- EA
- Gateshead Council
- UK Land Estates
- Northumbrian Water Group

*Protect and restore, Reverse real deteriorations, Drive improvements where benefits are the greatest, WFD Classification improvements, integrated actions through the CaBA
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