

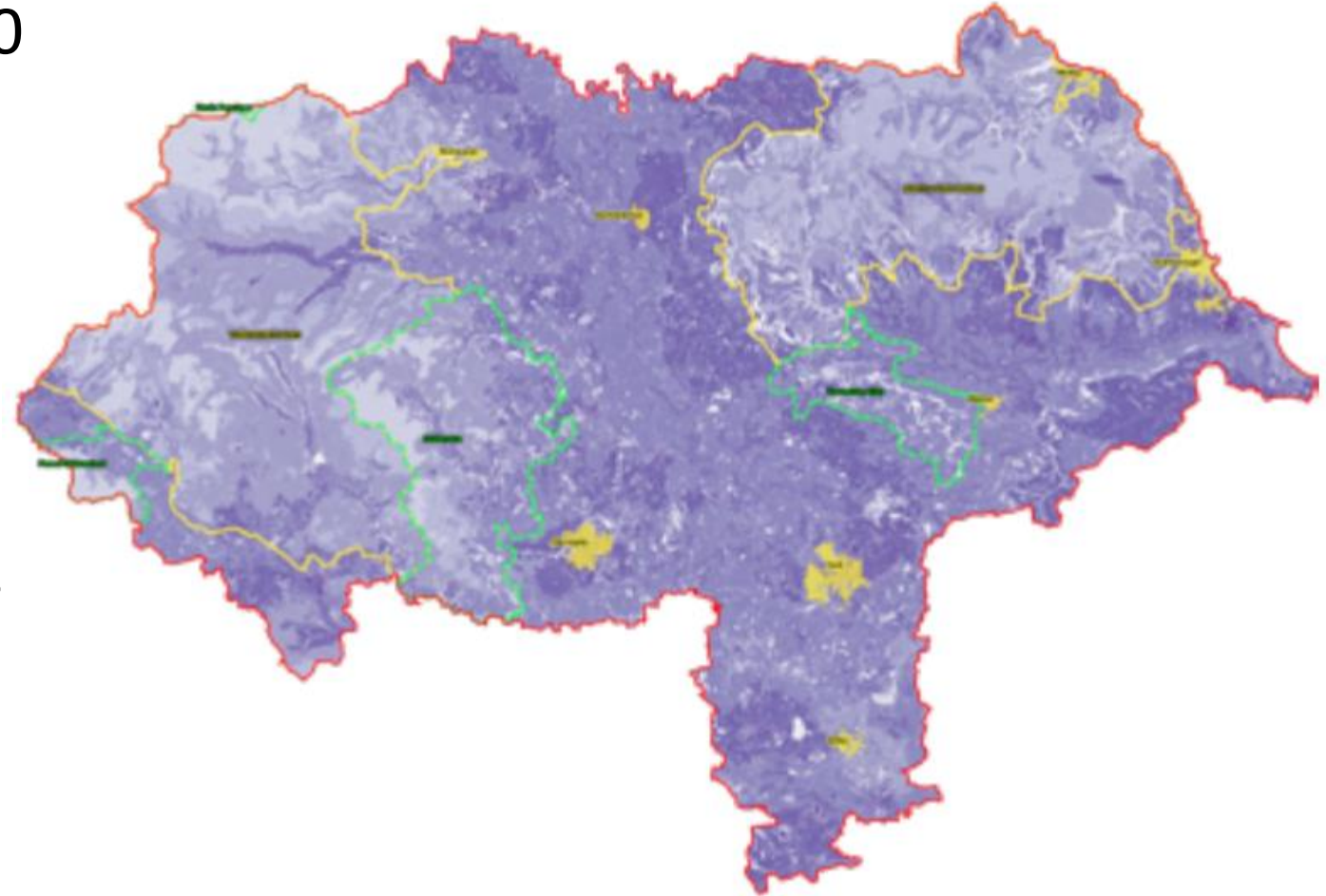


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Context: North Yorkshire

- North Yorkshire covers over 8,000 km sq. from the North Sea to Lancashire and has multiple rich habitats and variety of river systems and catchments.
- NY is home to 2 National Parks, 3 Marine Protected Areas, 3 National Landscapes, 3 Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (approx. 50% of the entire region is a protected landscape)



North Yorkshire Council: Our Role

Leading and Convening Partnerships

Officer and Political Representation

Lead Local Flood Authority

Harbours & Coastal Infrastructure

Environment & Sustainability

North Yorkshire Council: What we don't do?

- Water Quality Sample at Bathing Water sites
- Setting water quality standards
- Regulating sewage discharges or issuing permits
- Classifying bathing waters (DEFRA)

These powers sit nationally with the EA and Defra



North Yorkshire Council: Plan for the Nidd for the next 5 years (and beyond)?

NYC has a Statutory Duty to provide public Information and signage

- NYC must display official bathing water signs at each designated site showing :
- Advice against bathing when risks are present
- Keep this information up to date during the bathing water season (15 May-30 Sept)
- EA supplies the data, NYC display it.
- Defra advises local authorities exactly on what information must be displayed



Collaborative working

- *“Because no single factor is the cause of poor water quality, no one organisation can solve the issues”*
- NYC will continue to work collaboratively with YW, the EA, local groups, communities and wider stakeholders to understand the root of water quality problems
- NYC is best placed to convene & lead partnerships (river catchment forums/flood risk partnership etc)
- Will continue to challenge and lead interpreting environmental policy changes nationally and locally



Horizon Scanning- Water Sector Reform

Our reforms to the system will include

Publishing a Transition Plan, with accompanying interim Strategic Policy Statement for Ofwat and ministerial direction for EA, to set out how changes will happen and who is responsible

Reforming our approach to strategic guidance for the regulator, expanding it to include long term priorities for the wider water system ahead of price review 2029

Establishing a Regional Water Planning Steering Group to test new elements of the regional water planning function

Appointing the chair-designate of the new regulator

Introducing the water reform bill into Parliament

This will lead to

New regulator



New legislation



With these outcomes

A New Direction for Water

Improved long-term stability of the sector



Resetting Regulation

A powerful new regulator delivering improved financial resilience, asset health, and environmental performance



Attracting Investment

A more attractive and reliable sector for investors

Putting Customers First

Prioritised and enhanced customer protection



Clear Action for Clean Water

Cleaner rivers, lakes and seas



Water Security

Boosted long-term growth and water security



A new vision for water: white paper

- The white paper sets out the government's plans to reform the water sector and the wider water system, to deliver:
 - safe and secure water supplies
 - a protected and enhanced environment
 - fair outcomes for customers and investors
- It sets out how these changes will create a more efficient and integrated system.



Questions?