

## **1.. The cost of Water Bills to us for the next five years to be Announced on December 19th**

OFWAT will be announcing their 'final determination' on December 19th. This tells the water companies how much they will be allowed to charge us, the consumers, for their services, and resulting from this the water companies will announce what they will do to improve the water in our taps and in our rivers over the next five years.

Personally I feel that OFWAT is more concerned with the price (important, obviously) than it is in regulating water companies properly or getting, and keeping, our rivers clean and safe

**2. Legislation and Regulation of Water Companies** is not the most interesting of subjects - and most of us have lives to lead as well as trying to keep in touch with what is being done in our names. However luckily we have local, and national, friends to help us through the complexity.

ICRG [Ilkley Clean River Group](#) and NAG [Nidd action Group-Home](#) are members of Sewage Campaign Network [Network Resources – The Sewage Campaign Network](#) which has produced authoritative information, from a variety of independent experts, which was shared at a Briefing of MPs at Westminster last week.

Have a look at the slides presented on that webpage - It is shocking stuff!

Along with the Panorama program on Monday [Panorama - BBC iPlayer](#) 'The Water Company's Murky Business' revealing the financial shenanigans that go on behind the scenes of a particular Water Company (not YW), we feel that the government should:

1. require Ofwat to revalue all water company assets and provide a report on the actual value relative to (a) the value at purchase at today's prices and (b) the expected value based on the company reports to Ofwat that assured they had been maintaining infrastructure compliant with legal obligations.

2. provide a strategy for the water industry, with key goals for our environment and affordability, that tackles the problems of the legacy of privatisation, the climate crises and population demands, and that secures the safety and resilience of our water supply now and in the future. The context is the prediction that London will run out of water in 20 years
3. make it a requirement for all water companies to make public their continuous sampling data, and
4. require water companies to replace EDMs (event duration monitors) with Flow Meters (used in the industry already) to report spill (untreated sewage discharges) volume2.

### **3. National Bathing Water survey results TBA tomorrow Friday 12th December**

The results, which include those for the Lido at Knaresborough, sampled by NAG, are embargoed until tomorrow, but expect a focus on the high number of organic chemical pollutants found.

More details soon! Lookout for the media - including the Guardian and ITV

### **What Can I do?**

Contact your local MP to express your concern about the way in which OFWAT and water companies are operating - in the light of the above information.

Talk with your friends and colleagues to keep this vital topic in the news so that our government doesn't lose sight of what we expect.

**A Cleaner Nidd - Fit for Life.**