Water Environment Governance Group (WEGG) - 2024/25 Governance Statement

The purpose of this statement is to confirm that the Water Environment Governance Group (WEGG) has again provided robust oversight and challenge in relation to Northumbrian Water's (NWL's) delivery against its Water Environment Improvements performance commitment for 2024/25.

The governance process is now well established and is proving to be an effective team effort. The consistency of the group helps in that we know what we are looking for and how it is presented. Development of the feedback and guidance has been undertaken by the NWL team in association with the WEGG group members over the previous years.

In completing that oversight and scrutiny the WEGG supports the figure published in NWL's 2024/25 Annual Performance Report (APR) of 118.3 km of improvements being delivered in the year.

In particular, this statement confirms that for 2024/25:

- o The WEGG has operated as per the Terms of Reference (ToR)
- o The documented Outcome Delivery Incentive (ODI) Assurance Process has been followed.
- The company team has provided excellent information to the WEGG and in accordance with the ToR and Assurance Process.
- The scope of each improvement project/length improved has been agreed with the WEGG in advance of delivery.
- Delivery of each improvement project/project length has been in accordance with the agreed scope and has been presented and assured by the group as delivered.
- The benefits associated with each improvement project/project length are as set out on the corresponding project evidence forms.
- o This statement is supported by more detailed documentation as follows:
 - WEGG ToR.
 - ODI Assurance Process.
 - WEGG meeting notes/minutes.
 - Project Evidence Forms for each completed project.

The WEGG Members would like to once again express their huge thanks to the NWL staff team for their hard work and professionalism. The WEGG Members have once again been served professionally and in detail for the schemes presented and always with a positive manner to our comments and questions and we thank the team for that.

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