

IMPROVING URBAN WATERS ROUTEMAP ANNUAL UPDATE



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Scottish Water published its ‘Improving Urban Waters Routemap’ on 21st December 2021. The Routemap can be found [here](#) and it set out the action we will take to:

- Improve water quality (to support Scotland’s [RBMP](#) objectives)
- Increase monitoring and reporting to cover all combined sewer overflows (CSOs) that discharge into the highest priority waters
- Significantly reduce sewer related debris in the environment
- Reduce spills from the sewer network

In this document we provide a summary of key activities to date and an assessment of progress against the routemap.



COMMITMENT

Water Quality

KEY ACTIONS

- Agreed with SEPA 108 high priority discharges impacting water quality and causing sewage related debris (SRD) problems and published [here](#)
- 54 projects initiated to develop solutions and support delivery of all 108 high priority discharges by 2027

PROGRESS

On Track

Improving Monitoring

- Identified priority locations for 1,000 spill monitors with installation programmed over 2023 and 2024
- Wastewater Intelligent Network installed in 4 catchments and plan in place to extend to 12 further catchments by December 2023 covering 27.5% of Scotland's population
- Overflow spill data reported under licence published on our [website](#) with supporting narrative

On Track

Reducing Sewage Related Debris

- Launched a marketing campaign asking the people of Scotland to 'bin the wipes' to protect Scotland's natural environment [Nature Calls](#) - Scottish Water
- Developed a project in the River Almond catchment with representatives from Scottish Water, SEPA, Hydro Nation Chair, Local Authority, Rivers Trust and community groups

On Track

NATURE CALLS



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Reducing Spills

KEY ACTIONS

- All sewer network improvement projects considering surface water management with technical and planning guidance under ongoing development
- [Surface Water Management policy](#) position showcased at Developer and Consultants Forums
- Creating Water Resilient Places summit held bringing together senior leaders from SEPA, Scottish Water and Government and from Scotland's eight cities. Agreement to include a Water Resilient Places theme under the Scottish Cities Alliance climate change work
- City-scale planning of surface water has been developed under a Sustainable Growth Agreement between Scottish Water and SEPA and in partnership with Aberdeen City Council. Collaboration with local authority partners in key areas of Edinburgh and Dundee, with a view to scaling this to a city-wide level over the next 2 years
- Scottish Water, SEPA and NatureScot working to develop a green finance framework to support urban blue-green programmes of work

PROGRESS

On Track