Scottish Water Open Data Publication Plan

1. Introduction

This document sets out Scottish Water's approach to the publication of open data.
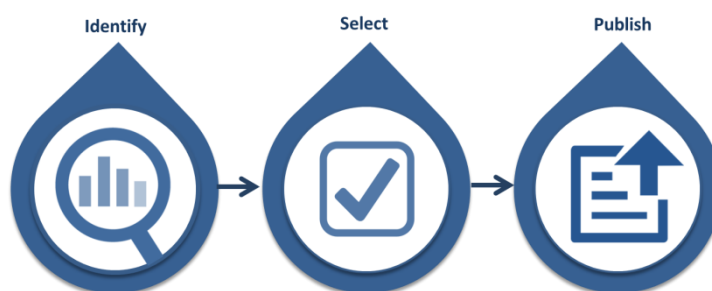
2. Our Commitments

Scottish Water will:-

1. Establish an Open Data Portal or equivalent open data web presence.
2. Open-up a number of Scottish Water datasets via those channels.
3. Ensure that our data is supplied in 3-star open data format.
4. Ensure that our data is provisioned under standard open data licencing arrangements.
5. Never publish data of a commercially sensitive or personal nature.
6. Prioritise the publication of data that adds value to our customers and the economy.

3. Our Open Data Process

Scottish Water will adopt the following process to meet these commitments:-

Step 1 Identify | Scottish Water will establish a register of datasets held within the organisation that have the potential to generate value for our customers and other stakeholders.

Step 2 Select | Datasets within the register will be reviewed against an open data publication criteria. Datasets that are deemed to be commercially sensitive, personal in nature or part of critical national importance will be filtered out of the process at this step. Other datasets will be prioritised for publication.

Step 3 Publish | Individual datasets will be presented for sign off to senior stakeholders within Scottish Water in the form of a publication plan. This publication plan will outline the publication schedule for the data, security arrangements such as data aggregation and a risk assessment. Signed off datasets will be added to an open data portal or equivalent.

The above process will be refreshed periodically at an appropriate frequency.

4. Implementation Timeline

Time	Aims
Summer 2017	Establish above business process and obtain sign-off to publish a number of datasets. Publish these datasets within established and widely used open data portals such as data.gov.uk or equivalent.

Winter 2017	Mature business process and extend the number of datasets being made available.
Summer 2018	Review benefits and cost of open data activities to date. If appropriate establish Scottish Water Open Data Portal and re-align publication process to that portal.

5. Data Licencing

Our open datasets will be made available under one of the following licence terms:-

Licence	Further Information
Open Government Licence (OGL)	http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/
CC-BY Attribution	https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/
CC BY-SA Attribution – share Alike	https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/4.0/

6. Data Formats

We will publish our data in the following formats which align to the standard open data formats.

Data Types	Format
Non structured document data	HMTL & PDF
Structured tabular data	CSV
Structured spatial data	Geography Markup Language (GML) GeoJson CSV

7. Comments on This Plan

We would welcome your feedback on this plan. Please submit these to OpenData@scottishwater.co.uk