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Anglian (Northern) Regional Flood & Coastal Committee Report to Council

Outside Body	Anglian (Northern) Regional Flood & Coastal Committee
Date(s) of Meeting(s)	14 th July 2023

Issues to be highlighted to Council

1. The increasing importance of Natural Flood Management (NFM), by the Environment Agency (EA) as an environment management tool.
2. As part of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Leics & Rutland, there is agreement that Anglian Water will turn the Welland into a priority catchment, under the “Get Rivers Positive Plan”.
3. EA Update: Anglian Water - performance report published on 11th July’23, rated two star – poor, and also noted that reporting of incidents is poor.
4. Anglian Water:
 - a. Developing a new 5 Year Business Plan 2025 to 2030, in which nature-based solutions are prioritised. A “Nature First” strategy is also being adopted as the preferred approach to address stormwater overflows.

They consider that this latter approach best aligns with current public sentiment towards both the environment and the recently reported performance of UK water companies.
 - b. “Get River Positive Plan” – launched by AW and Severn-Trent to improve river water quality. In part this involves community action (eg. Harborough Woodland Trust are assisting with engagement with farmers and landowners for tree planting / NFM schemes).
5. EA – Net Zero Carbon - alignment between Environmental and Housing Development Policies – remains poor.