

BID ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK

This Bid Assessment Framework is designed to set out the principles, policies, and procedures that we will adopt to ensure a level playing field is created when assessing a bid from a third party for the provision of water resources, leakage demand management services or bioresources against our own provision. It will aim to provide clarity and confidence to third party bidders about the process and that all bids will be assessed in a fair and transparent way against any in house solutions.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 About this Bid Assessment Framework?

Northumbrian Water Ltd (NWL) actively encourages bids from any third party that would bring innovation and allow us to identify more efficient ways of delivering water resources, demand management, leakage services and / or bioresources. We have published the water resources and bioresources market information on our website.

Through this Bid Assessment Framework, we are looking to promote innovation which will allow us to deliver services more efficiently for the benefit of our customers. This will ultimately mean a reduced cost for customers.

Ofwat wants to encourage a greater bidding market between appointed water company in-house solutions and third parties. The third parties can be independents or incumbents from outside the area.

Ofwat requires that all incumbents produce a Bid Assessment Framework that shows a clear commitment to the key principles of transparency, equal treatment, non-discrimination and proportionality. This is an appropriate way to provide third parties with confidence and clarity about the integrity of the procurement process.

Further information on Ofwat's requirements to supporting the bidding market for water resources, demand management, leakage services and bioresources can be found on their website using the link below:

<https://www.ofwat.gov.uk/publication/delivering-water-2020-final-methodology-2019-price-review-appendix-8-company-bid-assessment-framework-principles/>

<https://www.ofwat.gov.uk/publication/bioresources-bid-assessment-framework-final-guidance/>

NWL will keep its Bid Assessment Framework up to date and publicly available, via its website.

1.2 Contact NWL

NWL are keen to engage and hear from third parties in relation to Bioresources, water resources, demand management and leakage services.

Anyone wishing to work with NWL can obtain further information via our website and get in touch with any queries or ideas for consideration, in relation to this Bid Assessment Framework, via our procurement mailbox: Procurement@nwl.co.uk

Any ideas or submissions of interest to work with NWL will be evaluated in accordance with the terms of this Framework or be included within a specific competition depending on the number of interested third parties and proposals which are submitted.

2. NWL Procurement Policy

2.1 INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

Procurement within the UK Water Industry is regulated by The Procurement Act 2023 (PA23) and NWL is required to comply with these regulations. It mandates that a competitive tendering process is followed for the procurement of all goods, works and services at values above specific thresholds.

The purpose of NWLs Procurement Policy is to set out Northumbrian Water Limited's (NWL) Policy for the procurement of all goods, works and services, to ensure that NWL achieves best value for money for our stakeholders and in doing so comply with all relevant legislation and

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internal business processes.

This Procurement Policy applies to all NWL employees who procure goods, works or services for and on behalf of NWL from third-party organisations. This Policy must be read and considered in conjunction with the NWL Financial Approval Rules.

Compliance with this Policy and all associated processes and guidelines is mandatory.

2.2 PROCUREMENT PRINCIPLES

NWL has established the following overarching procurement principles

- 1. Best Value** - Obtaining best value is not about buying cheaply or cutting costs. It is about achieving an optimum balance between the cost and quality or performance of every purchase. Competition, appropriate to the value and complexity of the works, goods, and services to be procured, is key to achieving best value. Competition motivates suppliers to improve their efficiency and quality, to reduce costs, thereby ensuring that they innovate and adopt new technology and/or techniques.
- 2. Aggregation of Spend** - Where appropriate, similar works, goods and services must be aggregated and tendered together to increase the opportunity for leverage, improves efficiencies and to minimise tender and transaction costs. This is a legislative requirement as it ensures that organisations do not 'unbundle' sourcing events to avoid the Procurement thresholds
- 3. Supplier Database** - All suppliers must be approved prior to being used. NWL has an established supplier creation process that requires certain information to be provided and appropriate approval to be given before a vendor can be approved for use. The number of approved suppliers is reviewed periodically, and suppliers removed who have not been used in the past 18 months.
- 4. Roles and Responsibilities** - It is the responsibility of the NWL Procurement Team to ensure that this Procurement Policy is published and accessible to all appropriate parties. It is the responsibility of all NWL employees to make sure that their actions comply with it. Compliance with this policy is mandatory and all users are responsible for ensuring that the subject of expenditure meets business requirements, is technically acceptable and are responsible for ensuring this Policy has been complied with and that the appropriate level of financial authorisation is provided in advance of an order or contract being placed with a supplier in accordance with the NWL Financial Approval Rules.
- 5. Sustainability** - NWL is committed to sustainable procurement and has embedded processes for procuring works, goods and services that considers social, economic, and environmental considerations. Sustainability is to be considered at each phase of the procurement process through positive engagement and constructive challenge with a focus on the following:
 - Supply chain risk (environmental, labour standards, material scarcity)
 - Sustainable products and renewable sources (reduce, re-use, recycle)
 - Ethical, transparent, fair, and compliant supplier assessment
 - Whole life costing e.g., operating costs, waste, transport, efficiency, disposal
 - Working together with local MSBs and SMEs to support their growth and development
 - Positive social impact in local communities (apprenticeships, social enterprise)
 - Strong supplier relationships supporting the joint development of innovative and creative solutions
 - Promotion of equality and diversity throughout the supply chain
- 6. Payment Terms** - NWL standard payment terms are via BACS, 45 days for goods and

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services and 40 days for construction contracts from when a valid and correct invoice is received. Small suppliers may be placed on 14 days subject to certain criteria being met. Payment will only be made for goods and services that have been received, where the invoice quotes the correct purchase order number, and the purchase order has been receipted in the system.

7. **Whole Life Costing (Total Cost of Ownership)** - The principle of whole life costing examines more than just the initial unit cost of the item being procured and moves away from making purchasing decisions based purely on 'cheapest is best'. It is particularly important to follow this principle when the life of the item is expected to last several years.
8. **Specifications and Performance Criteria** - It is essential that standard specifications should be used wherever possible. Specifications as far as possible should be generic and not reference specific brands or trademarks unless essential. They should also be output specifications i.e., stipulate what the works, goods or services are for, and the performance levels required and not dictate how the service should be performed or goods used. Fitness for purpose must be always considered and the avoidance of over/under specification is essential. The specification is to be completed by the Business.
9. **Best in Class Suppliers** - Through robust selection and award procedures, NWL will appoint and work with the best suppliers in the marketplace. NWL is committed to the principle that all works, goods and services delivered shall be subject to continuous improvement - so that the best suppliers become better.

NWL's policy is to engage suppliers who:

- Deliver best value;
- Have a robust financial standing;
- Have demonstrable health and safety practices;
- Demonstrate a sustainable approach to delivery;
- Respect the communities in which they work;
- Invest in their people; and
- Are creative and willing to share knowledge

10. **Collaboration** - NWL may from time to time, enter into collaborative procurement arrangements, with other organisations for good, works or services where commercially advantageous supply chain arrangements can be delivered

2.3 GOVERNANCE

Clear and transparent governance is critical to ensure that NWL achieves best overall value. The governance framework for NWL procurement activities includes compliance with the following:

1. **Financial Approval Rules** - The Financial Approval Rules detail the award and other approval processes for all transactions. All procurement activities must comply with these Rules.
2. **The Procurement Act 2023** - The Procurement Act 2023 apply to all procurement, specifically those valued (in aggregation) above the UK thresholds. Failure to comply with the Regulations not only damages NWL's reputation but may also have severe consequences for the business, such as the suspension of contract awards, the setting aside of decisions taken and/or the payment of damages to third parties. To ensure compliance, all above threshold selection and award processes are carried out consistently and are based on objective price/quality criteria that provide a fair, transparent and objective method of evaluation.

UK Thresholds applied to Utilities (valid from 1st Jan 2022 and inclusive of VAT):

	Goods	Services	Works
Water Sector	£429,809	£429,809	£5,372,609

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To apply any threshold value, the total cost of the requirement (and similar requirements), over the planned term must be aggregated. Guidance must be sought from the procurement team.

There are only a small number of general exclusions to The Procurement Act 2023 including:

- Contracts for the acquisition of land
- Contracts for services for arbitration or conciliation services
- Contracts for Financial Services
- Contracts for Research and Development which is not exclusively for NWL's benefit and where NWL is not paying for all of the services
- Contracts for Broadcasting,
- Contracts for electronic communication services
- Contracts for Legal services,
- Contracts for Employment
- Contract for Emergency Services
- Contract for Public Passenger Transport Services

If any of the above apply, then the contract is excluded from the regulations

In addition, contract awards may be made without a call for competition in the following circumstances:

- Where tenders have previously been issued but no tenders were received or non-suitable and that the terms of the original contract have not been substantially altered
- If the contract is purely for the purposes of study, research and development which are not for profit and where development costs will not be recovered
- For technical or artistic reasons, or to protect its exclusive rights, can the contract only be performed by one particular supplier
- In extreme urgency brought about by unforeseeable events, it is impossible to comply with the normal timescales for awarding contracts
- For goods contracts only, where the goods are needed to partially replace, or add to, existing goods or an installation where using goods from a new supplier would mean technical incompatibilities or disproportionate technical difficulties in operating or maintaining the goods / installation, Where a contractor is to supply additional works / services not anticipated in the original project and for technical or economic reasons a different contractor cannot provide them without major inconvenience to NWL or they could be provided by a different contractor but they are strictly necessary to allow the current contractor to perform the original contract
- Where a current contract to provide new works are a repetition of the works for which the original contract was awarded
- Where the contract is to be awarded under a framework agreement which was originally awarded to the contractor in accordance with the regulations
- Where a goods contract is for a very short time, available at a very good price, considerably lower than normal market price
- Where a goods contract is taking advantage of a closing down sale or a sale due to the supplier being wound-up or being made bankrupt

Any decision on the applicability of exclusion criteria can only be made by and in consultation with the Procurement Team

3. **Bribery Act 2010** - NWL will not tolerate any form of bribery and will reject any tender or cancel any contract with a supplier who engages in corrupt or fraudulent practices at any time. This part of NWL Procurement Policy works in conjunction with our policies on fraud, gifts and entertainment as laid out in the NWL Employee Handbook. Sourcing goods, works or services from relatives or close personal friends without disclosure in writing in advance and involvement of the Procurement Team in the sourcing process (irrespective of value) is prohibited. The acceptance of gifts, gratuities or hospitality from a supplier involved in a current

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sourcing process is subject to declaration and approval in advance.

4. **Competition Act 1998** - NWL is committed to open and fair competition. NWL will not enter into any agreement (or other action) that prevents, restricts, or distorts competition nor will we take part in any conduct which amounts to an abuse of a dominant position.
5. **Regulatory Accounting Guidelines** - NWL procurement activities must comply with the Regulatory Accounting Guidelines (RAG5) issued by the UK Water Industry Regulator, Ofwat, concerning all trading arrangements between NWL and internal group companies. All proposed framework, contract awards or purchases from any Northumbrian Water group company must be approved by the Head of Procurement in advance.
6. **General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)** - Where personal data is to be transferred to or received from a potential supplier a Personal Information Assessment (PIA) must be completed in advance. Advice must be sought from the Data Protection Team.
7. **Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDA)** - When considering any Non-Disclosure Agreements with suppliers, guidance must be sought from Legal prior to any agreement being signed

2.4 DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS

Where a procurement is within the scope of the PA23, suppliers have remedies available to them pursuant to the terms of the PA23 as detailed in the regulations.

NWL Standard Contracts are governed by and construed in accordance with English law and subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts as regards any claim or matter arising under the Contract.

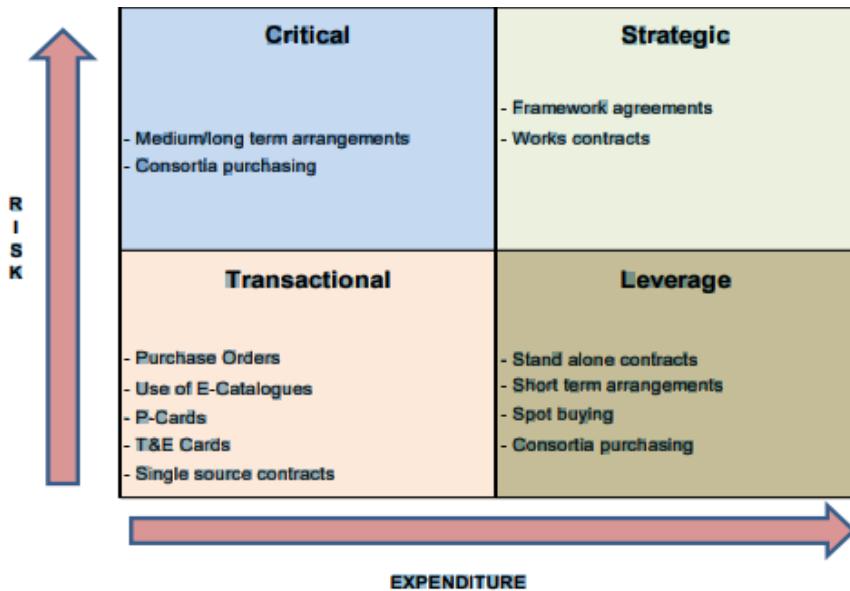
Disputes are initially reviewed by a meeting or discussion between the NWL person named and a representative of the Supplier, held at the reasonable request of either party. If no agreement is reached within ten (10) Working Days of the first request for the meeting or discussion, the dispute shall, at the request of either party, be escalated to the Head of Procurement of NWL and a representative of the Supplier of comparable rank and position. If no agreement is reached within ten (10) Working Days of the request, the dispute is, at the request of either party, escalated to an appropriate director of NWL and a director or equivalent of the Supplier. If no agreement is reached within thirty (30) Working Days after the first request for the meeting or discussion, the dispute may be referred for resolution, provided both parties so agree, the parties shall together refer the dispute to the Centre for Dispute Resolution ("CEDR") for resolution in accordance with such of the Alternative Dispute Resolution ("ADR") Procedures offered by the CEDR as the CEDR considers appropriate in all the circumstances. If either party does not agree to such referral either of them may commence legal proceedings as it sees fit.

2.5 Selecting A Procurement Method

NWL's approach to best practice procurement is based on a 'category management' approach, that takes a long-term, holistic view of our demand, specifications, and the market' to identify the appropriate contract strategy. It uses a resilient, structured strategic sourcing process for the procurement of all goods, works and services.

1. **Sourcing Methodology** - Category management groups goods, works and services into several categories which reflect similar commercial considerations and characteristics. Each category has a dedicated Category Manager within the Procurement Team. Through this category management approach, contract strategies are developed that facilitate the transfer or sharing of risk with NWL and suppliers. We use different approaches to reflect the specific risks in each case. Our high-level approach to how we categorise the various strategies is outlined in the risk and value matrix below:

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2. Sourcing Thresholds - The table below summarises the competitive threshold approach to the management of procurement processes and the choice of appropriate ordering mechanism:

	Expenditure Value (excl VAT, not covered by an existing framework agreement)	Lead	Preferred ordering mechanism
Low Value	<£500	Business	Credit Cards (P Card & Fuel Cards)
	< £5,000 Non invoice payments/ compensation payments	Business with AP	Cheque
	<£5,000 Travel & Entertainment	Business	Clarity or T&E Card, T&E only to be utilised where Clarity cannot support requirement
	< £5,000	Business	One or more Quotes - Oracle PO
Medium Value	£5,001 - £50,000	Business	Minimum 3 Quotes - Oracle PO
High Value	£50,001 - £300,000	Procurement led with Business Support	Competitive tender required (Framework or Contract)
Above Threshold	>£300,000 or High Risk (above UK Thresholds – goods and Services)	Procurement led with Business Support	Competitive tender required - Full regulatory compliance (Framework or Contract)

Note - Expenditure is the aggregated value of the total for similar works, goods, and services over the duration of the requirement, considering any provisions for contract extensions.

3. Low value spend (Below £5000) A number of low value / low risk procurement approaches are available to the business. These include the following:

- Purchase Orders
- NIPR - Non-Invoice Payment Requests
- T&E Card - Travel and Entertainment Card
- P Card - Purchasing Card

Note - the splitting of Purchase Orders or card transactions to avoid the correct procurement process or authorisation levels is prohibited. Where user requirements are likely to result in repetitive similar purchases the Procurement Team should be informed

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4. Medium value spends (Above £5000 and below £50000) - Where the proposed procurement activity is low risk, Purchase Orders may be raised, following the required level of competition (usually 3 Quotes), and approved in accordance with the Financial Approval Rules. If the user is uncertain as to the level of risk associated with the proposed procurement activity, then discussions should be held in the first instance with the Procurement Team. Where 3 quotes are required, these must be appended to the Requisition for review. The requirement for competition may be waived in certain situations as follows:

- When using an existing framework or contract agreement, subject to their own rules
- Where sole suppliers have exclusive capabilities or rights
- In exceptional market circumstances
- Real emergencies with the potential for adverse effects on customers or serviceability
- Where technical compatibility with existing assets is required and no alternative exists
- In the case of specialist requirements as agreed with the Head of Procurement
- Failure to comply with legal and/or regulatory obligations

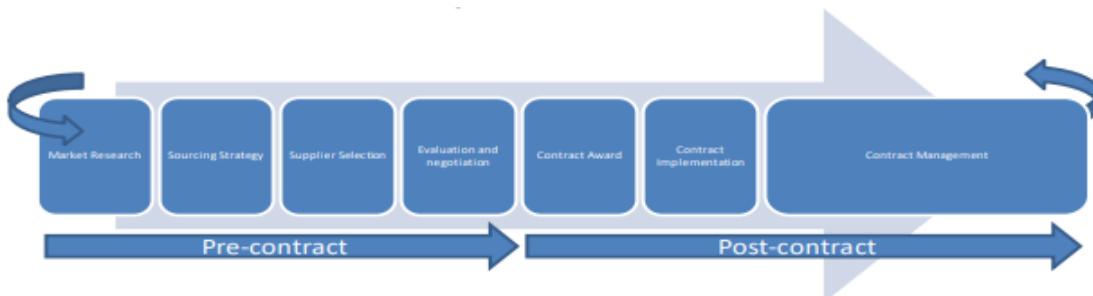
Where competition is waived in accordance with the above, the Oracle system will require Level 2 Manager authorisation of the Purchase Order

5. High Value spend (between £50000 and UK Threshold) - All single requirements or planned multiple requirements over a period, with expenditure exceeding £50,000 and not covered by an existing framework or contract agreement, must be discussed with the Procurement Team in advance, who will determine if a full competitive tender process is required. Note guidance must be sought from the procurement teams to ensure that planned spend is aggregated to ensure compliance with the UK procurement regulations.

6. Above UK Thresholds - All expenditure (except for the exemptions noted in Section 2.3) above UK thresholds must be competitively tendered, advertised via FTS (Find a Tender Service) or using a UK Government approved Vendor Qualification system like Achilles UVDB. Please See Appendix D for further information.

2.6 Frameworks & Contracts

NWL applies a strategic sourcing approach for all high value and above threshold requirements to establish best value framework agreements and contracts. Strategic sourcing describes the whole process, from the initial assessment of a business need through to the end of a contract. This approach formalises the way we gather information and use it to ensure that business needs are met, and best value is achieved. Strategic sourcing requires the analysis of what we buy, from whom, at what price and at what volume. Strategic sourcing is a staged process that brings discipline and procedure into the whole life cycle of a contract. It is summarised in the figure below:



- 1. Framework Contracts and Contract Agreements** - When a framework or contract agreement is used, further competition is not normally necessary, unless specifically provided for in the terms and conditions and rules of engagement of the agreements.

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Note that NWL Procurement Policy and UK Legislation must be adhered to in the normal way before a framework or contract agreement can be authorised. The agreements will contain terms and conditions agreed by NWL's Procurement team. Generally, there are no minimum values or quantities attached to such agreements and no guarantees or workload or volume levels. The procurement of all construction related activities (Works) including capital works consultants (Services) must be through agreed Frameworks. The Procurement Team will decide (in conjunction with the relevant stakeholders) the appropriate sourcing strategy for the category of spend. This will include the lot structure (if required), tender method, evaluation protocol and criteria and the resulting negotiation strategy.

- 2. Minimum Standards** - The Procurement Team, when conducting a Sourcing Process will ensure that minimum standards are met, to ensure that the health and safety of employees, contractors and the public is maintained and that quality works, goods and services are delivered to enhance the customer experience with NWL. These standards will include but not be limited to:
 - Quality (standards and/or accreditation).
 - Health and Safety
 - Environmental
 - Insurance
 - Financials
 - Experience
 - Key Staff Retention/Qualification/Experience

Where a supplier is appointed by a member of the business on the basis of three quotations (i.e., no Procurement involvement), that person is expected to ensure that the supplier meets basic standards with regards to the criteria listed above.

- 3. Evaluating Supplier Bids** - Key stakeholders' groups must be established at the beginning of the sourcing process and prior to agreement of the supplier bid evaluation criteria. During the evaluation process key stakeholders should be involved in assessing suppliers' responses based on their technical, commercial and/or business expertise. Details such as suppliers invited to bid and submitted bids must be kept confidential. Key stakeholders must not accept gifts, gratuities or hospitality from a supplier involved in a sourcing process that they are also involved in. Stakeholders must maintain integrity through the procurement process or excuse themselves from the process. NWL Procurement Policy requires that the selection, tender assessment, and award process must remain confidential, in all respects, until the notification of award is made.
- 4. Awarding Contracts** - All tender award criteria must be appropriate, objective, specific to the requirements of the contract and relevant to assessing whether tenders provide best value for money. The quality/price ratio appropriate to the type of work required is established before the tendering process commences. All contract awards are subject to the approval rules set out in the Financial Approval Rules.
- 5. Electronic Sourcing** - Where the Procurement Team are leading a full tender process over £50,000, the Ariba e-sourcing tool is used for the purposes of pre-qualification and tender assessment. The system provides safe and secure access to the exchange of confidential and commercially sensitive information. The Procurement Team will create the "event" in Ariba and will be the single point of contact in NWL who can access the system. Bids cannot be accessed prior to deadline return times and suppliers cannot submit further or revised bids once the event has timed out and closed.
- 6. Security for Due Performance** - Consideration should be given to the use of Performance Bonds or Parent Company Guarantees as security for the due performance of the contract

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once it has been awarded.

- 7. Performance Management** - The continuous performance management of our suppliers is essential. Supplier performance is measured and managed on an objective basis throughout the life of a contract. Key performance metrics are developed with suppliers, focusing on the needs of NWL and identifying areas of best practice and/or areas for improvement. Regular reviews are carried out with suppliers to facilitate the continuous improvement process. NWL business Users are required to participate in this process through our corporate Supplier Performance Measurement (SPM) survey

3. Bid Assessment Framework

3.1 OPERATION OF THE FRAMEWORK

NWL conforms with the principles of transparency, equal treatment/non-discrimination, and proportionality, which will govern NWLs approach to its Bid Assessment Framework.

Our procurement approach is based on a number of key principles which are consistent with OFWATS Bioresources bid assessment framework (final guidance – February 2022) and recognise OFWAT's best practice recommendations set out in "Delivering Water 2020" (Final methodology for the 2019 Price review and the "Bid Assessment Framework information note (January 2019)", which demonstrate a clear commitment to transparency, equal opportunity / non-discrimination, and proportionality.

As a Water Utility, we are subject to The Procurement Act 2023 (PA23) for all procurements within scope and we conduct these procurements in full accordance with the requirements of the PA23. In particular schedule 4 part 3, makes it clear that all procurements relating to:

- (a) *the provision or operation of fixed networks intended to provide a service to the public in connection with the production or distribution of drinking water*.
or
- (b) *the supply of drinking water to such networks*"

are subject to the regulations. Where the relevant threshold values are met, and no exclusions apply, our view is that Bioresources, leakage demand management services will fall with scope.

Northumbrian Water will apply the rules and regulations appropriate to all procurements, in particular Part 2 Section 12 (1) of the PA23 states that:

In carrying out a covered procurement, a contracting authority must have

regard to the importance of—

- (a) *delivering value for money;*
- (b) *maximising public benefit;*
- (c) *sharing information for the purpose of allowing suppliers and others to understand the authority's procurement policies and decisions;*
- (d) *acting, and being seen to act, with integrity*

To ensure NWL comply with the key principles set out above, a separate procurement team; one which does not include individuals who have been involved in any pre-tender engagement or in the development of the in-house solution, will be set up. All members of the bid assessment team

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will sign a conflict of interest which, will include a confidentiality agreement that will safeguard against the misuse or the perception of misuse for any commercially sensitive information.

We expect most requirements for bioresources, water supply, demand management and or leakage services will be advertised either via Find a Tender or via the Achilles Procurement Platform.

For non PA23 requirements, suppliers may also put forward opportunities for assessment by Northumbrian Water at any time. These potential opportunities (assuming they are not covered by the scope of the PA23) will be assessed to determine that a valid opportunity exists using the same methodology as advertised tender opportunities. These proposals will not trigger a formal procurement process, unless required and will be dealt with of a bi-lateral basis.

All decisions will be expedient, fair, transparent, and subject to oversight by the NWL Charges Steering Group who are independent of the water / wastewater directorate. All contracts will be awarded in accordance with the NWL financial procurement rules; outlined above in section 2.

All award criteria are appropriate, objective, and specific to the requirements and relevant to assessing whether tenders provide best value for money. All requirements, assessment criteria, weightings etc. are published in advance. NWL procurement policy requires that the selection process, tender assessment, and award process remains confidential in all respects, until notification of the award is made.

Overall contract governance is by the Investment Authorisation Committee (IAC), a subgroup of the Executive Leadership Team, which oversees the decision-making processes and contract award processes to ensure a level playfield is established.

This framework builds upon NWL's existing procurement practices and is consistent with the PA23 principles.

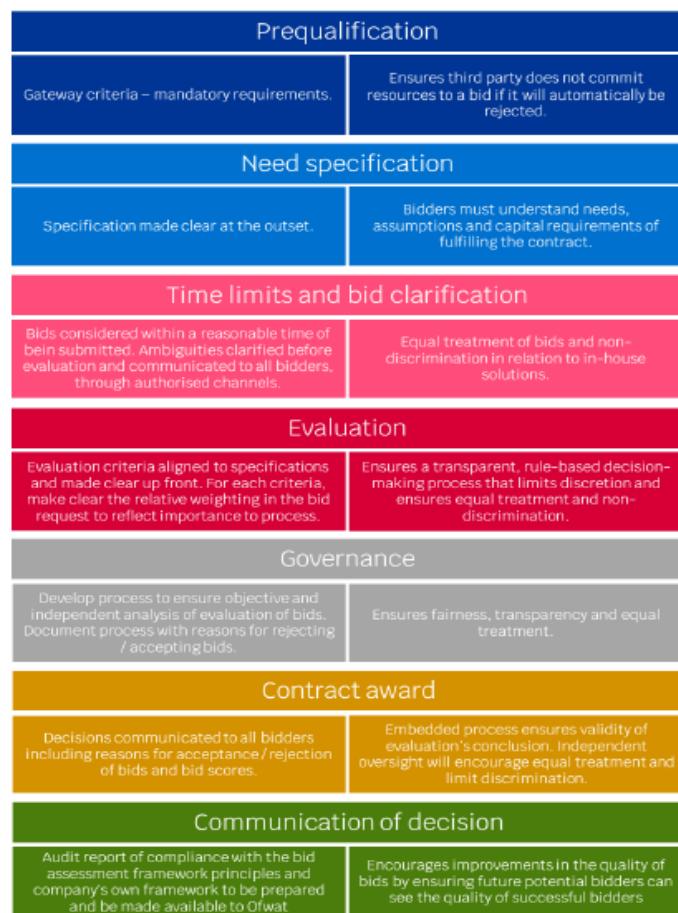
3.2 Bid Assessment Process

We have set out our Bid Assessment process in line with the headings in Annex 2 of the Ofwat guidance.

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A2 Diagram of process

Figure 2: Overview of an example bid assessment framework process



NWL's
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procurement process is outlined below. Strategic sourcing describes the whole process from an assessment of initial business need through to end of contract requirements. The approach formalises the way we deliver third party arrangements and ensures that business needs and best value is achieved, through robust supply chain engagement.

Strategic sourcing is a staged process that brings discipline and procedure into the whole life cycle management of supply chain arrangement.

Establish Requirements	Key requirements, constraints and business requirements are clearly established at the onset of any procurement - See Appendix C.
Conditions of Participation	<p>COP documentation will outline the information required including questionnaires and any mandatory requirements to assess a supplier's suitability for the services required. Typically, such information required shall include H&S compliance, environmental requirements, evidence of specific technical capability, financial information, and references. Additional criteria proportionate to the stated requirements will also be required. Full details of the requirements and assessment criteria will also be published with the COP.</p> <p>The following areas will be assessed as prequalification criteria.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance with NWL Procurement Policies • Information Security • Data Protection • Financial Rating

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accreditation • References • Grounds for mandatory rejection <p>More information on the criteria can be found in Appendix B – Prequalification Information</p>
Need Specification	<p>We will provide a specification when the need for a water resource/demand management/ bioresources has been identified which will detail the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline scope/business need • Environmental aspects - NWL is committed to serving its customers in an environmentally responsible way. We assure Ofwat, the EA and others that we will only agree contracts where we are satisfied there is no undue adverse effect on the natural environment. • Water source • Quality - Can be of untreated or treated water depending on the business need. Bidders must abide by Water Quality Protocols as stipulated by Drinking Water Inspectorate (DWI) • Any assumptions made • Costs and reliability <p>The specifications will not over specify the requirements and will not go beyond what is necessary to achieve the outcome.</p>

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Time Limits and Bid Clarifications	<p>We will remain open to bids when a need in reducing a deficit has been identified. This is because we expect any deficits would be small and therefore a mixture of operation and capital solutions would be implemented as business as usual. Therefore, these solutions can be implemented any time with minimal disruption. The only exception to this is if a large deficit is forecast and a large capital invention is required. The reason being we will need to time limit the bids due to the delivery time required to implement the solution.</p> <p>Once an expression of interest has been received, we will follow the timescales set out in the table below:</p> <p>Table 2: Bid Assessment Timescales</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="541 647 1464 1357"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="541 647 890 698">Stage</th><th data-bbox="890 647 1464 698">Timescales and Detail of Response</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 698 890 781">Expression of interest</td><td data-bbox="890 698 1464 781">NWL will acknowledge and issue any relevant documentation within 1 week</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 781 890 984">Bidder raises any queries or ambiguities NWL will keep a query and ambiguity log which they will provide to all bidders</td><td data-bbox="890 781 1464 984">NWL will provide answers to all questions within 4 weeks</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 984 890 1067">Bids Submitted</td><td data-bbox="890 984 1464 1067">NWL will acknowledge bids are received within 1 week</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 1067 890 1170">Notification of successful and unsuccessful bidders</td><td data-bbox="890 1067 1464 1170">NWL will respond with feedback and assessment summary of their own bid and the winning bidder</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 1170 890 1253">Standstill period</td><td data-bbox="890 1170 1464 1253">NWL will accept any challenges within this 8 working day period</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="541 1253 890 1357">Contract Award</td><td data-bbox="890 1253 1464 1357">NWL will announce and confirm the award of the contract within 4 weeks</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Stage	Timescales and Detail of Response	Expression of interest	NWL will acknowledge and issue any relevant documentation within 1 week	Bidder raises any queries or ambiguities NWL will keep a query and ambiguity log which they will provide to all bidders	NWL will provide answers to all questions within 4 weeks	Bids Submitted	NWL will acknowledge bids are received within 1 week	Notification of successful and unsuccessful bidders	NWL will respond with feedback and assessment summary of their own bid and the winning bidder	Standstill period	NWL will accept any challenges within this 8 working day period	Contract Award	NWL will announce and confirm the award of the contract within 4 weeks
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Evaluation	<p>The evaluation process will be assessed fairly and according to the same evaluation criteria as our in-house solution. A typical evaluation criterion is listed below but will be updated with definition and weighting when a need for a water resource has been identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost (total cost of ownership) • Quality of provision • Water quality • Asset life • Sustainability • Customer acceptability • Environmental consideration • Resilience • Timing <p>The bid assessment team will be independent of the in-house solution team. When assessing the bids, it will be undertaken in accordance with the principles of value for money, maximising public benefit, sharing information and integrity.</p>														
Governance	See Section 2.3														

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Contract Award	Each contract award will be externally audited against this document (Bid Assessment Framework) and a report will be issued to all bidders and to Ofwat if required. The procurement team are subject to internal audit and external audit, with the findings reported to the NWL Audit Committee who assure the integrity of NWL's regulatory reporting systems.
Communication of Decision	<p>All Communications will be in accordance with The Procurement Act 2023</p> <p>Feedback will be provided to all bidders regarding the reasons for acceptance or rejection of their bid.</p> <p>As with all NWL contracts, we will have a 8 working day standstill period after the contract award date where we can accept any queries, challenges, or complaints, should applicants consider that the bid has not been appraised in accordance with the Bid Assessment Framework.</p> <p>If you have a complaint or a challenge, then firstly contact the relevant procurement contact for the tender. To escalate please contact Phil Hicks, Head of Procurement Procurement@nwl.co.uk who will acknowledge your issue within 2 weeks.</p>

4. WATER RESOURCES

Under sections 37A to 37D of the Water Industry Act 1991, we are required to prepare and maintain a Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP) every five years (reviewed annually) which sets out how we intend to achieve a secure, resilient and sustainable supply of water for our customers and a protected and enhanced environment, both now and in the long term.

A WRMP forecasts supply and demand over a minimum statutory planning period of 25 years, to identify any investment needs to meet future resource pressures. We are required to produce a final plan with no supply deficits in any of our Water Resources Zones (WRZ) over the planning period.

A WRZ is the basic building block of a Water Resource Management Plan (WRMP). Companies will have a variable number of WRZs making up their total supply area. A WRZ is the largest area of a company's supply area where supply infrastructure and demand centres are generally integrated to the extent that customers in the WRZ should experience the same risk of supply failure due to climatic conditions.

Our current WRMP 2024 was published on our website in October 2024. There are two reports; one for our North East operating region (Northumbrian Water) and one for our South East operating region (Essex and Suffolk Water).

Both reports can be found on our website here: [WRMP \(2025-2030\)](#)

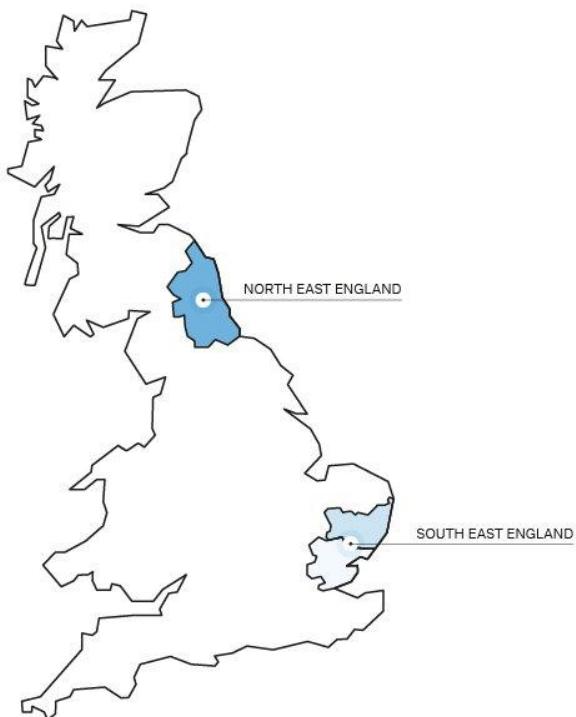


Figure 1: Northumbrian Water and Essex and Suffolk Water Operating Areas

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4.1 Northumbrian Water WRMP24

Northumbrian Water (NW) is a statutory water and wastewater company in the Northeast. The business comprises the supply of both potable and raw water and the collection, treatment and disposal of sewage and sewage sludge, serving 2.7 million people in the major population centres of Tyneside, Wearside, and Teesside, as well as the large rural areas of Northumberland and County Durham. We provide only wastewater services in Hartlepool.

Our NW operating area shares a land border with United Utilities, Yorkshire Water, Hartlepool Water and Scottish Water in the north.

NW has 2 WRZs covering its supply area. These are the Berwick and Fowberry WRZ in the far North of the supply area covering about 1% of customers, and the Kielder WRZ covering the remaining 99% of customers.



Figure 2: Northumbrian Water's Water Resource Zones

4.1.1 NW Supply / Demand Forecasts

To understand if we have sufficient water to meet our customers' needs, we compare dry year and critical period customer demand and supply forecasts, taking account of the uncertainties in the forecasts. This assessment produces a supply demand balance for each WRZ which show if there is sufficient water to meet customers' needs or if there is a supply deficit.

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Table 1 shows our baseline WRMP24 forecasts a 1 in 500-year supply deficit across the full planning period in our Kielder WRZ. In Berwick, there is a small supply surplus.

Table 1: PR24 DYAA Baseline Water Supply-Demand Balance

	End of AMP 8	End of AMP 9	End of AMP 10	End of AMP 11	End of Planning Horizon
Year	2029/30	2034/35	2039/40	2044/45	2049/50
Kielder	-21.46	-28.28	-28.71	-29.44	-30.49
Berwick	0.75	0.77	0.73	0.74	0.73

4.1.2 NW Final Plan

We are required to identify possible options:

- Where we have a deficit in our supply-demand balance
- To supply potential regional or national needs, or to supply other sectors
- To address government expectations, concerns of your customers or local stakeholders; and / or
- To ensure the efficient use of water

Table 2 shows our final plan to meet the forecasted deficit in the Kielder WRZ. In the first instance we have applied demand savings required to meet national targets for leakage reduction and demand reductions. The outcome of this is that a potable supply surplus is then restored for the full planning period. Consequently, no supply-side options were needed. Reinstatement of the Low Worsall Intake is to meet growth in the demand for non-potable water to our industrial customers in the Teeside area. Given the size of Kielder Reservoir, after our long-term needs have been met there is a surplus of resources in the Kielder WRZ. Therefore, we have considered exports of raw and potable water to other water companies. Our preferred plan includes a raw water export to Yorkshire Water.

Table 2: NW Final Plan Options

Final Plan Component	Scheme	Description
Demand Reduction	Leakage Reduction	55% reduction by 2049/50
	Meter Replacement Programme	Replacement of existing meters with smart meters by 2035
	Enhanced Optant Smart Metering Programme	Enhanced optant metering by 2035
	Household / Non-Household Water Efficiency Programme	In home interventions, digital engagement and activity related to smart metering. Non-household water efficiency to reduce business demand by % by 2037/38 (excluding growth)
Supply Options	Reinstate Low Worsall Intake	Reinstate Low Worsall intake on the River Tees to meet growth for non-potable water to industrial customers
Inter and Intra-Regional Transfers	Tees to York Transfer	Raw water export to Yorkshire Water in 2029

4.2 Essex & Suffolk Water WRMP24

Essex & Suffolk Water (ESW) is a statutory water company in the Southeast. The business supplies water services to 1.78 million people in Essex and 0.29 million people in Suffolk. Our Essex area is part rural and part urban and includes the main population centres of Chelmsford, Southend and the London Boroughs of Barking and Dagenham and Havering and Redbridge. The Suffolk area is mainly rural with the largest towns being Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft.

Our ESW operating areas share borders with Thames Water, Affinity Water and Anglian Water.

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ESW has geographically separate supply areas, known as the Essex supply area and Suffolk supply area (Figure 3). Water is supplied to approximately 1.78 million people in the Essex supply area and 0.29 million people in the Suffolk supply area. In line with the Water Resources Planning Guideline (WRPG), ESW's WRMP is based on assessments undertaken at a WRZ level.

In the case of ESW, four resource zones have been delineated, one in Essex (the Essex resource zone) and three in Suffolk known as the Blyth, Hartismere, and Northern Central WRZs. Schematic diagrams of the WRZs and associated infrastructure are shown in Figure 3 for Essex and Suffolk.



Figure 3: Water Resource Zones in the Essex and Suffolk Water Supply Areas

4.2.1 ESW Supply / Demand Forecasts

Table 3 shows our baseline WRMP24 forecasts a 1 in 500-year supply deficit across the full planning period in our Essex, Blyth and Hartismere WRZ's. The Northern Central WRZ has a small surplus until 2031/32 and a deficit thereafter.

In this region forecasted deficits are largely due to:

- Sustainability reductions being applied to some abstraction licences
- New non-household demand; and
- Climate change

Table 3: PR24 DYAA Baseline Water Supply-Demand Balance

	End of AMP 8	End of AMP 9	End of AMP 10	End of AMP 11	End of Planning Horizon
Year	2029/30	2034/35	2039/40	2044/45	2049/50
Northern Central	4.08	-1.20	-1.66	-16.72	-32.63
Blyth	-1.35	-5.43	-5.51	-6.51	-7.45
Hartismere	-6.43	-6.40	-6.52	-7.24	-8.01
Essex	-35.51	-43.87	-28.42	-36.81	-41.24

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4.2.2 ESW Final Plan

Our final plan has been developed to restore a supply surplus in all WRZ's across the planning period, through a combination of both demand management and supply-side options.

Table 4 shows how we plan to meet the forecasted deficits. This first applies demand savings required to meet national targets for leakage reduction and demand reductions. Following this additional supply schemes are needed to meet the residual deficit. In Suffolk, we plan to deliver a new strategic pipeline, fed from a new water reuse scheme in Lowestoft and a new Winter Storage Reservoir at Barsham (to be confirmed in 2027). In addition, we plan to construct a nitrate removal works at Barsham Water Treatment Works (WTW) to reduce unplanned outage due to elevated nitrates. In Essex, we plan to build a new water treatment works and borehole(s) at Linford, aswell as outage reduction schemes at Langham and Langford for nitrate and the later for Cryptosporidium.

Table 4: ESW Final Plan Options

Final Plan Component	Scheme	Description
Demand Reduction	Leakage Reduction	40% reduction by 2050
	Compulsory Metering	All household and non-household properties to be compulsory metered by 2035
	Smart Metering	All household and non-household properties to have smart meters by 2035
	Water Efficiency Programme	Water efficiency programme to support meeting national household water consumption and business demand reduction targets
Suffolk Supply Schemes	Suffolk Strategic Pipelines including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Barsham WTW to Saxmundham Tower - Holton WTW to Eye Airfield 	New pipeline that allows water to be transferred from the Northern Central WRZ to Blyth and Hartismere WRZs
	Lowestoft Water Reuse for Ellingham Mill and Transfer	Indirect water recycling, from a new Tertiary Treatment Plant fed from Anglian Water's Water Recycling Centre, discharged to the River Waveney for treatment at Barsham.
	North Suffolk Winter Storage Reservoir and Transfer	A new reservoir, filled from excess winter river water
	Barsham Nitrate Scheme	New nitrate plant to reduce unplanned outage due to elevated nitrate concentrations
	Bungay Wells to Broome WTW Transfer and Broome to Barsham WTW Transfer	New pipeline to transfer raw water from existing well to Barsham WTW via Broome
Essex Supply Schemes	Linford New WTW 10 Ml/d	New WTW and borehole(s)
	Abberton Raw Water Pumping Station & Langford Clarifiers	New raw water pumping station and clarifiers at Langford WTW, to enable it to treat Abberton water
	Langford Nitrate Scheme	New nitrate plant to reduce unplanned outage due to elevated nitrate concentrations
	Langford UV	New UV treatment to reduce unplanned outage due to Cryptosporidium
	Langham Nitrate Scheme	New nitrate plant to reduce unplanned outage due to elevated nitrate concentrations

4.3 Statutory obligations

NWL operates under a comprehensive framework of statutory and regulatory obligations. These are set out in UK and EU legislation, including the Water Industry Act 1991 (as amended by the Water Act 2003 and Water Act 2014), the Competition Act 1998 and the European Habitats Directive and Water Framework Directive. These obligations set the boundaries for the way we serve our customers, specifying environmental and economic standards which we must meet.

NWL is regulated by the Water Services Regulation Authority (Ofwat), the Environment Agency (EA), and the Drinking Water Inspectorate (DWI).

- Ofwat is the economic regulator for all appointed water and wastewater companies and water-only companies in England and Wales. It sets limits on the revenues that these companies can recover for their services (price controls). Ofwat sets price controls in a process known as the Periodic Review (or PR). Controls were set in December 2024 (PR24) for the period April 2025 to March 2030.
- The EA's purpose is to protect the environment and promote sustainable development. It is responsible for issuing water companies with abstraction licences and discharge consents. The Environment Agency is particularly concerned with the quality and quantity of fresh surface and underground water and marine and estuarial waters and strives to prevent/reduce the threat of water contamination and reduce flooding.
- The DWI regulates all appointed water companies in England and Wales. It acts on behalf of the Secretary of State for Defra and the National Assembly for Wales. Its role is to assess the wholesomeness of water supplies. It also undertakes technical audits of water suppliers to examine all aspects of water quality, treatment, and monitoring. In addition, the DWI requires each water supplier to submit quality data on a monthly basis for scrutiny. Where necessary, the DWI can require a company to implement schemes to improve water quality and will monitor their progress.

4.4 Water Trading Statement

We believe in the benefits of cross company collaborative working and have several existing water trading agreements in place. We report on these arrangements to Ofwat, and this information is published on Ofwat's website. All water trading opportunities are considered by the business. We are committed to the high-level principles identified by Ofwat as detailed in Ofwat's Trading and Procurement Code – Guidance on Requirements and Principles dated May 2018. Where possible trades are identified, we are committed to trading in a transparent and responsible manner and to the benefit of customers.

We are core members of:

Water Resources East (WRE): www.waterresourceeast.org.uk

Water Resources North (WReN): www.waterresourcesnrth.org.uk

In developing our WRMP24s, we have worked closely with both WRE and WReN and have appraised export options, most notably from our Kielder WRZ in the Northumbrian Water region to both United Utilities and Yorkshire Water.

These strategies will need to be resourced by in house and third-party suppliers. Therefore, we will have tendering options for suppliers throughout the planning period. The dates for the third-party activities are outlined below.

4.4.1 Third Party Contracts

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Table 5: Third Party Contracts for Demand Management

Activity	Leakage/Household water efficiency	Location	Contractor	Date of renewal	Extension Available	Subject to PA23
Leakage reporting software	Leakage	Companywide	Crowder Consulting	March 2026	Yes, 1 year	Yes
Leakage detection	Leakage	Companywide	Crowder Consulting, FIDO and HWM. IES			Yes
Flow meters	Leakage	Companywide	Siemens			Yes
District meter replacement	Leakage	North	United Infrastructure			Yes
Data loggers	Leakage	Companywide	HWM			Yes
PRV controllers	Leakage	Companywide	N/A			
PRV maintenance	Leakage	Companywide	N/A			
Acoustic loggers (lift and shift)	Leakage	Companywide	N/A			
Acoustic loggers (fixed network)	Leakage	Companywide	N/A			
Leak repairs (DMO)	Leakage	North	IES			
Leak repairs (DMO)	Leakage	South				
Mains replacement	Leakage	North	United Infrastructure			Yes
Mains replacement	Leakage	South	Lowmans/T4			Yes

Where applicable the contracts currently follow The Procurement Act 2023

By following the PA23 we are obliged to adhere to the key principles, which include obligations to ensure transparency, equal treatment/non-discrimination for all potential bidders, and proportionality.

5. Bioresources

5.1 NW operating area

NWL operate Bioresources in the Northumbrian water region only. There are no services delivered in the Essex and Suffolk area.

The North East region includes large sparsely populated areas that are served by a very large number of small or very small sewage treatment works. To the west of the region, we have the Pennines, to the south, the North York Moors, and the Scottish borders to the north.

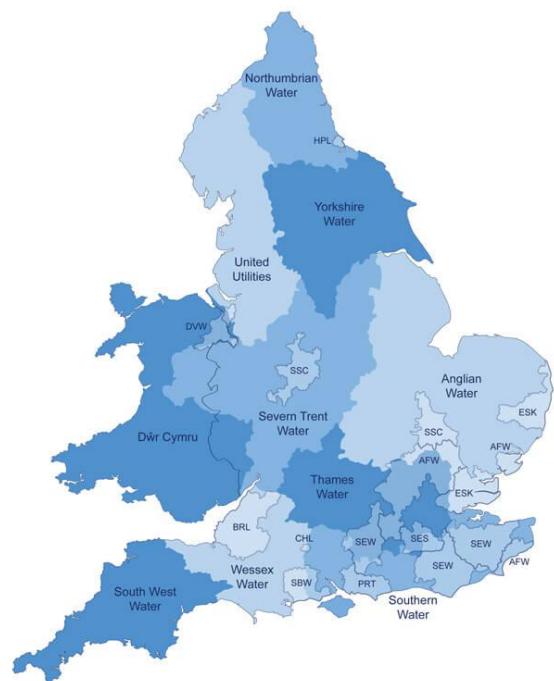
For further information please refer to appendix.

Figure 3 Bioresources in the NWL Wastewater Services Areas

Source: *Northumbrian Water*



Figure 4 Bioresources operators in England



5.2 Bioresources Statutory obligations

Our approach to independent assurance of our Bioresources Market Information is consistent with that adopted for other regulatory publications, notably the Annual Performance Report (APR) and Cost Assessment publication. Our Internal Audit team have performed a review of the information provided by management the purpose of providing assurance to the Directors and the Audit Committee Chairman that the data to be published has been produced in accordance with the guidance provided by Ofwat.

Based on the results of their review our Internal Audit team have confirmed that no exceptions or issues were noted. The data reported in all of the tables has been reconciled to supporting documentation and to data taken from our corporate systems. The data is also consistent with that used in the preparation of our APR and Cost Assessment submissions, the assurance for which is detailed in our 2021/22 Data Assurance Summary document. Where an estimated approach has been adopted our Internal Audit team have confirmed that the assumptions made are appropriate and in line with the guidance provided by Ofwat.

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5.3 Bioresources Technical Requirements

NWL require the following details for assessing any potential bids:

- Delivery sites details
- Volumes per day/week/month
- Method of delivery – contractor or NWL fleet plus delivery window/working hours
- Waste Carrier Licence if applicable
- Percentage % dry solids
- Screened/non screened
- Primary/secondary/mixed sludge type
- Sludge age
- Waste Transfer notes, or method of recoding both legislatively and for billing purpose
- Finally, to remain BAS (Biosolids Assurance Scheme) compliant we would require from the receiving site -
 - 1/Source Material Risk Assessment
 - 2/Treatment Site Risk Control form

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5.4 Bioresources – Bioresources Demand, Procurement Strategy & Third-Party Contracts

The NWL forward plan for Bioresources is contained below.

Section A: Identifier		Section B: Bioresource service		Section C: Commercial information			
1	2	1	2	1	2	3	4
Contract reference	Contract title	Description of service	Quantity	Contract start date	Contract end date	Term of contract	Other
NW1953	Biosolids Recycling Activities for Howdon and Bran Sands	Recycling	105,000 wet tonnes	Oct-18	Sep-26	8 Years	Bran sands AAD production
NW2119	Sludge transport services	Transport	ad-hoc	Oct-21	Sep-25	6 Years	Tankering of liquid sludge and cake sludge between NWL's sites in support of NWL's own tanker fleet

Where applicable the contracts currently follow The Procurement Act 2023 (PA23).

By following the PA23 we are obliged to adhere to the key principles, which include obligations to ensure transparency, equal treatment/non-discrimination for all potential bidders, and proportionality.

6. APPENDIX A – PREQUALIFICATION INFORMATION

6.1 Compliance with NWL procurement policies

Sustainability: We are committed to ethically procuring goods, works and services in a way that generates maximum value, not only to our organisation but also to society and the economy, while enhancing the environment. We are firmly rooted within the communities we serve. It is important to us that we demonstrate our responsibility to the economic and social wellbeing of our customers and employees and enhance the environment and communities we serve. By embedding sustainable procurement practices, we will maximise the value we bring to our stakeholders and customers, now and in the future. Our sustainable procurement policy includes a supplier's charter, this informs suppliers of NWLs expectations as we work together to drive sustainability.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy Statement: As a supplier to NWL you recognise the value that different backgrounds, experiences and perspectives can bring to the business, and we oppose all forms of unlawful and unfair discrimination or victimisation. To that end the purpose of this policy is to ensure equality and fairness for everyone in our employment and those we come into contact with as we do business.

Modern Slavery Act: NWL would like to ensure that suppliers and their associated supply chain provide suitable working conditions for their employees relating to the following:

- Working conditions are safe and working hours reasonable.
- Fair wages are paid.
- Child labour is not used.
- Discrimination is not practised.
- Slavery and human trafficking are not taking place.
- Full compliance with the requirements of the Modern Slavery Act.

Corporate Governance: The mission of NWL is to be the national leader in the provision of sustainable water and wastewater services. We provide essential services in the areas in which we work, and we accept the high levels of responsibility which this carries. To help us meet these wide-ranging responsibilities, we have adopted a Code of Conduct (see https://www.nwl.co.uk/assets/documents/NWG_Conduct_Code_HR - FINAL2.pdf).

We will endeavour to adhere to the Code in all of our activities and we will monitor our performance in this respect.

As part of this Code, we require our suppliers to act ethically, lawfully, with integrity, with honesty and with fairness in accordance with our Code of Conduct and the Bribery Act 2010.

6.2 Information security

Do you have ISO27001 certification in all the locations where any NWL data is processed? If not, do you have any alternative certification e.g., SAS70 or PCI DSS? Please provide details of your information security measures.

6.3 Data protection

Bidders need to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation 2014.

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6.4 Financial rating

NWL will assess your financial standing and add a score based upon known credit agency scores rounded to the nearest 10. We will use the same methodology for all suppliers so if we cannot get all scores from one agency then we will use the next priority for all assessments.

Methodology in order of Priority:

- Dun & Bradstreet.
- Equifax.
- Internal Assessment of financial accounts.

Before any award decision is made a full review of the financial standings of the preferred bidder will be carried out. NWL reserve the right to exclude any bidder if any financial concerns are highlighted.

6.5 Accreditation

We expect bidders to have the following accreditation:

- BS EN ISO 9001 Quality Management Standard or equivalent.
- BS OHSAS 18001 Occupational Health and Safety Standard or equivalent.
- ISO14001 Environmental Management or equivalent.

6.6 References

Please provide details for a reference that you consider to be appropriate in demonstrating your ability and suitability to carry out this contract.

6.7 Grounds for mandatory rejection

These can be found in The Procurement Act 2023 Schedule 6.

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7. APPENDIX B – PR24 DEMAND MANAGEMENT OPTION DETAILS

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8. APPENDIX C – REQUIREMENTS

Water Availability	Review of EA's relevant Catchment Abstraction Strategy documents to determine local capacity
Water Resource Reliability	To determine the source yield and the percentage of time that water resources will be available with relevant catchments
Security and Resilience of proposal	To determine how sustainable and flexible the proposed option is
Licensing Requirements	To Determine any constraints or whether this is acceptable to the Environment Agency after consultation
Estimated Costs	To determine the estimated costs based on an 80-year profile for both Capex and Opex on an NPV basis
Local Network Constraints	To determine any local network constraints associated with the proposed use of the resource
Water Quality considerations	To determine any concerns with respect to water quality and the need for any additional treatment
Environmental Considerations	To determine any environmental concerns associated with any proposal to include SSSI considerations and any hydrological impacts for groundwater options

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9. Appendix C – Bioresources

WwTW Sludge Production Sites for population served greater than 2000

Northumbrian Water Limited

This table sets out the data required for wastewater treatment works which are where raw sludge is produced. Each wastewater treatment works serving the equivalent of a population of 2000 and more must be filled in on a new row in the spreadsheet.

Company commentary (optional)																				
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Specification	WwTW site name	WwTW location grid ref latitude	WwTW location grid ref longitude	Unique Asset ID	Quantity of raw sludge produced per year (only sites where sludge leaves assets under network plus price control)	Estimated or Measured quantity of sludge produced by works %	Average Dry Solids %	Estimated or Measured % dry solids sludge	Typical volatile solids content	WwTW classification	Inlet Screened <=8mm	De-gritting at inlet works	Sludge screened	Further information (unusual sludge constituents, planning constraints, freshness etc.)	Is site co-located with a Sludge Treatment Centre (STC)?	Co-located site ID	Operating hours of the site	What is the maximum size (capacity) of tanker that can enter the works?	What is the minimum requirement for tanker sludge collection frequency?	Other	Principal destination for sludge	Percent of sludge going to principal destination	Main transport mode to principal destination	Secondary destination for sludge	Percent of sludge going to secondary destination	Main transport mode to secondary destination	
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Mandatory requirement	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes													Yes		Yes					

ALLENDALE STW	54.9082	-2.2694	NST2072	13	Measured	2.69	Measured	SB	Y	Y	N	-	No	12 hrs 7 days	18	Weekly	Hexham	89	Road - liquid	Howdon	11	Road - liquid
ALNWICK STW	55.412200	-1.681200	NST1272	339	Measured	1.78	Measured	SB	Y	Y	N	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Daily	Howdon	100	Road - liquid			
AMBLE STW	55.324100	-1.576300	NST9122	175	Measured	2.14	Measured	CSAS	Y	Y	N	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Twice Weekly	Howdon	100	Road - liquid			
AYCLIFFE STW	54.805200	-1.563200	TST1112	1428	Measured	4.00	Measured	SAS Cphos	Y	Y	N	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Daily	Bran Sands	62	Road - liquid	Howdon	37	Road - liquid
GREAT AYTON STW	54.479400	-1.156500	TST2022	119	Measured	2.11	Measured	SB Cphos	Y	Y	N	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Twice Weekly	Bran Sands	93	Road - liquid	Portrack	7	Road - liquid
BARKERS HAUGH STW	54.782442	-1.572749	WST1032	946	Measured	3.78	Measured	SB Cphos	Y	Y	N	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Daily	Howdon	93	Road - liquid	Hendon	7	Road - liquid
BARNARD CASTLE STW	54.534900	-1.910000	TST3022	163	Measured	4.89	Measured	SB	Y	Y	N	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Weekly	Bran Sands	95	Road - liquid	Portrack	5	Road - liquid
BELMONT STW	54.799900	-1.528800	WST1052	229	Measured	4.57	Measured	SB Cphos	Y	Y	N	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Daily	Howdon	91	Road - liquid	Hendon	9	Road - liquid
BERWICK STW	55.757272	-2.032702	NST1012	31	Measured	4.00	Measured	SAS	Y	Y	N	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Daily	Howdon	100				
BILLINGHAM STW	54.822900	-1.258800	TST402	748	Measured	2.88	Measured	SAS	Y	Y	N	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Daily	Bran Sands	76	Road - liquid	Portrack	24	Road - liquid
BIRLEY STW	54.902600	-1.594400	NST305	72	Measured	3.92	Measured	SB	Y	Y	Y	-	Yes	24 hrs 7 days	29	Daily	NST230P	99	Road - liquid	Hexham	1	Road - liquid
BISHOP AUCKLAND STW	54.678600	-1.682800	WST1802	788	Measured	3.53	Measured	SB Cphos	Y	Y	N	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Daily	Willington	84	Road - liquid	Bran Sands	11	Road - liquid
BLYTH STW	55.133300	-1.538800	NST1612	775	Measured	4.33	Measured	CSAS	Y	Y	N	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Daily	Howdon	100	Road - liquid			
BOWBURN STW	54.727300	-1.532800	WST1062	305	Measured	2.74	Measured	SB Cphos	Y	Y	N	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Daily	Howdon	99	Road - liquid	Hendon	1	Road - liquid
BROOMHAUGH STW	54.952100	-1.957400	NST2332	154	Measured	3.07	Measured	SAS	Y	Y	N	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Twice Weekly	Howdon	100	Road - liquid			
BROWNEY STW	54.741700	-1.601100	WST1102	546	Measured	3.54	Measured	SAS Cphos	Y	Y	N	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Daily	Willington	63	Road - liquid	Tudhoe Mill	25	Road - liquid
CAMBOIS STW	55.156900	-1.540900	NNN1005	656	Measured	2.94	Measured	SAS	Y	Y	N	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Daily	Howdon	100	Road - liquid			
CARLTON & REDMARSHALL STW	54.592900	-1.404800	TST1062	56	Measured	1.72	Measured	SB	Y	Y	N	-	No	12 hrs 7 days	18	Weekly	Portrack	98	Road - liquid	Stressholme	3	Road - liquid
CHESTER LE STREET STW	54.854551	-1.578047	WST1152	787	Measured	4.50	Measured	SB Cphos	Y	Y	N	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Daily	Howdon	93	Road - liquid	Hendon	4	Road - liquid
CHILTON LANE STW	54.867100	-1.521500	TST0842	61	Measured	3.33	Measured	SB	Y	Y	N	-	No	12 hrs 7 days	18	Weekly	Portrack	58	Road - liquid	Bran Sands	23	Road - liquid
CONSETT STW	54.889500	-1.852700	NST192	931	Measured	4.69	Measured	SB Cphos	Y	Y	N	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Daily	Howdon	95	Road - liquid	Birtley	4	Road - liquid

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CONSETT STW	54.889800	-1.852700	NST2192	931	Measured	4.59	Measured	SB Cphos	Y	Y	N	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Daily	Howdon	95	Road - liquid	Birtley	4	Road - liqu	
CRAMLINGTON STW	55.110900	-1.581800	NST1822	841	Measured	3.98	Measured	SAS	Y	Y	N	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Daily	Howdon	100	Road - liquid				
CROOKHALL STW	54.849000	-1.808800	WST1182	53	Measured	4.02	Measured	SB	Y	Y	N	-	No	12 hrs 7 days	18	Weekly	Birtley	54	Road - liquid	Consett	40	Road - liqu	
DIPTON STW	54.883900	-1.764900	NST2242	30	Measured	4.04	Measured	SB	Y	Y	N	-	No	12 hrs 7 days	18	Daily	Birtley	100	Road - liquid				
EAST TANFIELD STW	54.893400	-1.867400	NST2292	454	Measured	5.10	Measured	SB Cphos	Y	Y	N	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Daily	Howdon	82	Road - liquid	Birtley	38	Road - liqu	
ESH WINNING STW	54.775200	-1.800900	WST1242	98	Measured	3.41	Measured	SB	Y	Y	N	-	No	12 hrs 7 days	18	Weekly	Willington	95	Road - liquid	Tudhoe Mill	5	Road - liqu	
FELTON STW	55.299700	-1.700900	NST8862	55	Measured	2.20	Measured	SB	Y	Y	N	-	No	12 hrs 7 days	29	Weekly	Howdon	100	Road - liquid				
FISBURN STW	54.879400	-1.449500	TST8062	84	Measured	3.08	Measured	SB	Y	Y	N	-	No	12hrs 7 days	18	Weekly	Portrack	85	Road - liquid	Tudhoe Mill	18	Road - liqu	
HALTWHISTLE STW	54.987800	-2.444700	NST1982	77	Measured	3.68	Measured	SB	Y	Y	N	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Weekly	Howdon	100	Road - liquid				
HEXHAM STW	54.973700	-2.082800	NST2092	508	Measured	3.88	Measured	SAS	Y	Y	Y	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Daily	Howdon	97	Road - liquid	Birtley	3	Road - liqu	
HORDEN STW	54.778100	-1.318900	WST2242	1319	Measured	4.28	Measured	SAS	Y	Y	Y	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Daily	Hendon	67	Road - liquid	Howdon	32	Road - liqu	
HUSTLEDOWN STW	54.881000	-1.869500	WST1392	375	Measured	3.90	Measured	SB Cphos	Y	Y	Y	-	No	12 hrs 7 days	29	Twice weekly	Birtley	55	Road - liquid	Howdon	33	Road - liqu	
HUTTON RUDBY STW	54.456	-1.2832	TST2082	27	Measured	2.37	Measured	SB	Y	Y	N	-	No	12 hrs 7 days	13	Weekly	Portrack	85	Road - liquid	Bran Sands	14	Road - liqu	
KELLOE STW	54.717100	-1.474800	WST1422	17	Measured	1.60	Measured	SB	Y	Y	N	-	No	12 hrs 7 days	29	Weekly	Newton Aycl	81	Road - liquid	Tudhoe Mill	30	Road - liqu	
KNITSLEY STW	54.828800	-1.808200	WST1432	59	Measured	3.54	Measured	SB	Y	Y	N	-	No	12 hrs 7 days	18	Weekly	Consett	55	Road - liquid	Birtley	41	Road - liqu	
LANCHESTER STW	54.814300	-1.731400	WST1442	63	Measured	2.69	Measured	SB	Y	Y	N	-	No	12 hrs 7 days	18	Weekly	Consett	53	Road - liquid	Birtley	38	Road - liqu	
LEAMSIDE STW	54.814000	-1.538300	WST1462	38	Measured	4.02	Measured	SB	Y	Y	N	-	No	12 hrs 7 days	18	Weekly	Birtley	85	Road - liquid	Tudhoe Mill	11	Road - liqu	
LOCKHAUGH STW	54.924800	-1.734400	NST2442	312	Measured	4.42	Measured	SB Cphos	Y	Y	N	-	No	12 hrs 7 days	18	Weekly	Birtley	60	Road - liquid	Howdon	37	Road - liqu	
LOW WADSWORTH STW	54.874800	-1.728500	WST1472	314	Measured	4.29	Measured	SB Cphos	Y	Y	N	-	No	12 hrs 7 days	29	Weekly	Willington	91	Road - liquid	Bran Sands	6	Road - liqu	
LYNEMOUTH STW	55.211400	-1.530200	NST2342	238	Measured	3.47	Measured	SB	Y	Y	N	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Weekly	Howdon	100	Road - liquid				
MARSKE STW	54.598200	-1.040000	TST8282	1877	Measured	4.13	Measured	CSAS	Y	Y	N	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Daily	Bran Sands	98	Road - liquid	Portrack	2	Road - liqu	
MORPETH STW	55.189200	-1.874700	NST1625	71	Measured	3.61	Measured	SB Cphos	Y	Y	N	-	Yes	12 hrs 7 days	29	Weekly	NST132P	Howdon	92	Road - liquid	Cambois	6	Road - liqu
NEWBIGGIN STW	55.175200	-1.521300	NST8642	872	Measured	3.83	Measured	SAS	Y	Y	Y	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Daily	Howdon	100	Road - liquid				
PEGSWOOD STW	55.180700	-1.638500	NST1642	64	Measured	3.14	Measured	SB	Y	Y	N	-	No	12 hrs 7 days	29	Weekly	Howdon	97	Road - liquid	Birtley	3	Road - liqu	
ROTHBURY STW	55.304800	-1.890200	NST1432	41	Measured	2.63	Measured	SB	Y	Y	N	-	No	12 hrs 7 days	18	Daily	Alnwick	50	Road - liquid	Howdon	48	Road - liqu	
SACRISTON STW	54.824500	-1.817900	WST1642	95	Measured	3.67	Measured	SB	Y	Y	N	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Daily	Howdon	98	Road - liquid	Hendon	1	Road - liqu	
SEAHAM STW	54.822300	-1.329800	WST8002	972	Measured	4.43	Measured	SAS	Y	Y	N	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Daily	Hendon	70	Road - liquid	Howdon	30	Road - liqu	
SEAHOUSES STW	55.578400	-1.845100	NST2745	7	Measured	2.07	Measured	CSAS	Y	Y	N	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Daily	Howdon	84	Road - liquid	Berwick	16	Road - liqu	
SEATON CAREW STW	54.841900	-1.198600	TST7052	2732	Measured	3.60	Measured	SAS	Y	Y	N	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Daily	Bran Sands	91	Road - liquid	Portrack	7	Road - liqu	
SEDEGFIELD STW	54.645300	-1.444400	TST8092	99	Measured	3.35	Measured	SB	Y	Y	N	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Daily	Bran Sands	85	Road - liquid	Portrack	25	Road - liqu	
SEGELETCHE STW	54.851600	-1.495500	WST1682	1564	Measured	3.77	Measured	SAS Cphos	Y	Y	N	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Daily	Howdon	84	Road - liquid	Hendon	16	Road - liqu	
SHERBURN STW	54.770700	-1.508900	WST1872	91	Measured	2.18	Measured	SB	Y	Y	N	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Daily	Howdon	93	Road - liquid	Hendon	6	Road - liqu	
SKINNINGROVE STW	54.571800	-0.905000	TST0982	146	Measured	4.08	Measured	SB	Y	Y	N	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Daily	Bran Sands	96	Road - liquid	Portrack	4	Road - liqu	
STOKESLEY STW	54.482700	-1.194100	TST2182	215	Measured	1.98	Measured	SB Cphos	Y	Y	N	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Weekly	Bran Sands	93	Road - liquid	Portrack	7	Road - liqu	
STRESSHOLME STW	54.498500	-1.568300	TST5095	258	Measured	2.73	Measured	SB	Y	Y	N	-	Yes	24 hrs 7 days	29	Daily	TST608P	Bran Sands	99	Road - liquid			
TRIMDON STW	54.702500	-1.417800	TST8112	84	Measured	3.27	Measured	SB	Y	Y	N	-	No	12 hrs 7 days	18	Daily	Portrack	89	Road - liquid	Tudhoe Mill	18	Road - liqu	
TUDHOE MILL STW	54.715400	-1.813300	WST1775	25	Measured	3.54	Measured	SAS Cphos	Y	Y	N	-	Yes	24 hrs 7 days	29	Daily	WST177P	Willington	88	Road - liquid	Bran Sands	10	Road - liqu
WASHINGTON STW	54.897200	-1.490500	WST1042	1599	Measured	3.09	Measured	SAS	Y	Y	N	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Daily	Howdon	91	Road - liquid	Hendon	9	Road - liqu	
WILLINGTON STW	54.706800	-1.873000	WST1875	0	Measured	1.09	Measured	SB	Y	Y	N	-	Yes	24 hrs 7 days	29	Daily	WST178P	Tudhoe Mill	100	Road - liquid			
WINDLESTONE STW	54.853800	-1.549400	TST8145	271	Measured	3.49	Measured	SB Cphos	Y	Y	Y	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	29	Twice Weekly	Bran Sands	61	Road - liquid	Portrack	29	Road - liqu	
WITTON GILBERT STW	54.800900	-1.642700	WST1902	205	Measured	3.88	Measured	SB	Y	Y	N	-	No	12 hrs 7 days	29	Weekly	Barkers Hau	87	Road - liquid	Birtley	19	Road - liqu	
WOLSINGHAM STW	54.717700	-1.842000	NST1932	39	Measured	4.09	Measured	SB	Y	Y	N	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	18	Weekly	Willington	98	Road - liquid	Tudhoe Mill	2	Road - liqu	
WOOLER STW	55.554000	-2.005200	NST1172	73	Measured	2.54	Measured	SB Cphos	Y	Y	N	-	No	24 hrs 7 days	18	Weekly	Howdon	97	Road - liquid	Berwick	3	Road - liqu	
HOWDON STW	54.900872	-1.478288	NST450	26316	Measured	3.87	Measured	SAS	Y	Y	N	-	Yes	24 hrs 7 days	N/A	Daily	Pipeline to Howdon	100	Pipeline				
BRAN SANDS	54.611355	-1.124814	TST999	15390	Measured	2.75	Measured	SAS	Y	Y	N	-	Yes	24 hrs 7 days	N/A	Daily	Pipeline to Bran Sands	100	Pipeline				

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Smaller WwTW (less than 2000 population equivalent served)

Northumbrian Water Limited

This table sets out the data required for WwTWs serving a population of less than 2000. Each WwTW must be filled in on a new row in the spreadsheet.

Please note that any WwTw that is desludged by intermittently emptied by tankering the contents to the start of another larger sewage treatment works should not be included in this list. The sludge removed in this way should be accounted for in the sludge produced at the larger receiving sewage treatment works.

Company commentary (optional)	
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Column number	Section A: Identifier				Section B: Sludge production information	
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	WwTW site name	WwTW location (grid ref latitude)	WwTW location (grid ref longitude)	Unique Asset ID	Quantity (TDS) per year	WwTW classification
	Text	Grid ref latitude	Grid ref longitude	Text	Average amount of sludge produced per year: Either stated as <70 tonnes per annum or a more accurate estimate if available	See definitions page
		6 figures	6 figures		Quantity (TDS)	
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	0	

ALDBROUGH STW	54.4931	-1.68024	TST5225
ALDIN GRANGE STW	54.7829	-1.61553	WST1012
ALDIN GRANGE SOUTH STW	54.7804	-1.61453	WST1022
ALNMOUTH	55.3963	-1.62102	NST1282
ARCHDEACON NEWTON stw	54.5489	-1.60736	TST5022
BARDON MILL STW	54.9743	-2.34473	NST1942
BARRASFORD STW	55.0527	-2.12877	NST1751
BARTON STW	54.4762	-1.64416	TST5032

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BELFORD	55.5982	-1.81695	NST1152
BELLINGHAM STW	55.1409	-2.25537	NST1592
BELSBY STW	55.1034	-1.83766	NST1681
BERWICK HILL STW	55.0733	-1.72858	NST1851
BISHOP MIDDLEHAM STW	54.6716	-1.49221	TST8032
BISHOPTON STW	54.5869	-1.44286	TST1022
BLANCHLAND STW	54.8476	-2.05036	NST2121
BOULMER	55.4271	-1.60644	NB027
BOWES STW	54.5144	-2.00473	TST3045
BRASSIDE STW	54.8112	-1.55637	WST1082
BUTTERKNOWLE STW	54.6249	-1.82200	WST1492
CALDWELL STW	54.5122	-1.74765	TST5042
CARLTON IN CLEVELAND STW	54.4372	-1.21936	TST2041
CASSOP STW	54.7391	-1.46875	WST1132
CAUSEY ARCH STW	54.8992	-1.68316	NST3282
CHATTON STW	55.5518	-1.91005	NST1191
COALBURNS STW	54.9431	-1.80062	NST3052
COCKFIELD STW	54.6182	-1.79224	WST1162
DUNSTAN STW	55.4727	-1.60423	NST3202
EDMONDSLEY STW	54.8429	-1.63164	WST1232
EASt HEDLEYHOPE STW	54.7580	-1.75725	WST1212
EAST HOWLE STW	54.6995	-1.54277	WSP204A
EAST LAYTON STW	54.4855	-1.74681	TST5082
EAST WOODBURN STW	55.1765	-2.14655	NST1491
EDMUNDBYERS STW	54.8427	-1.97876	NST2151
EGLINGHAM STW	55.4638	-1.82083	NST1242
ELLINGHAM STW	55.5245	-1.73082	NST3272
ELSDON STW	55.2311	-2.10042	NST2822
EMBLETON	55.4898	-1.63310	NST1212
EPPELBY STW	54.5130	-1.72141	TST5092
FIR TREE STW	54.7024	-1.78871	WST1272

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FONTBURN STW	55.2379	-1.92033	N0071
FOURSTONES STW	55.0037	-2.17985	NST1891
FROSTERLEY STW	54.7272	-1.93329	WST1882
GAINFORD STW	54.5423	-1.72802	TST3092
GLANTON STW	55.4189	-1.89471	NST1261
GREAT BROUGHTON STW	54.4566	-1.16609	TST2032
GREATHAM STW	54.6380	-1.23709	TST4052
GRIBDALE STW	54.4922	-1.09881	TST2252
GUNNERTON STW	55.0691	-2.15172	NST1731
HAWTHORN STW	54.8034	-1.33816	WST1292
HAYDON BRIDGE STW	54.9751	-2.23485	NST1922
HEBRON STW	55.1995	-1.69575	NST4121
HEDDON ON THE WALL STW	54.9886	-1.78793	NST2222
HEPSCOTT STW	55.1484	-1.64140	NST1602
HEUGH HALL STW	54.7323	-1.51269	WST1332
HOLMSIDE STW	54.8371	-1.66046	WST1362
HORNBY STW	54.4464	-1.43561	TST5122
HUMSHAUGH STW	55.0313	-2.12482	NST1872
HUTTON MAGNA STW	54.5090	-1.80594	TST3112
INGLEBY GREENHOW STW	54.4504	-1.10804	TST2091
KIELDER LEAPLISH STW	55.1833	-2.53368	NST4942
KIRKHARLE STW	55.1344	-1.98397	NST2712
KIRKLEVINGTON STW	54.4843	-1.34052	TST2112
KIRKWHELPTINGTON STW	55.1546	-2.00171	NST1571
LAMBLEY STW	54.9211	-2.51119	NST2481
LEAPLISH SKI CLUB STW	55.1833	-2.53368	NST4942
LONGBYRE STW	54.9897	-2.53852	NST1982
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LONGNEWTON STW	54.5438	-1.39915	TST1052
LOW WORSALL	54.4853	-1.39763	TST2201
MANFIELD STW	54.5161	-1.65466	TST5152
MATFEN STW	55.0413	-1.94703	NST1811
MELSONBY STW	54.4694	-1.68520	TST5162
MICKLETON STW	54.6104	-2.04245	TST3142
MIDDLETON-IN-TEESDALE STW	54.6197	-2.07597	TST3132
MIDDLETON-ONE-ROW STW	54.6943	-1.19239	TST5172
MILLFIELD STW	55.6029	-2.09896	NST1141
MOORSHOLME STW	54.5242	-0.93593	TST6042
NENTHEAD STW	54.7922	-2.34663	NST2052
NETHERTON STW	55.3619	-2.01562	NST3392
NEWBY STW	54.5015	-1.22146	TST2131
NEW MOORS STW	54.6108	-1.74179	WST1532
NEWFIELD STW	54.6958	-1.69011	WST1522
NEWTON STW	54.9730	-1.94510	NST2143
NEWTON UNDER ROSEBERRY STW	54.5102	-1.12373	TST2142
NEWTON-ON-THE-MOOR STW	55.3449	-1.72964	NNL8552
NORHAM STW	55.7216	-2.15712	NST1042
OTTERBURN STW	55.2278	-2.17213	NST1462
PICKTREE STW	54.8698	-1.56387	WST2261
PITTINGTON STW	54.7879	-1.48475	WST1572
PITY ME STW	54.8072	-1.59299	WST1582
PLAWSWORTH STW	54.8212	-1.59000	WST1592
RAMSHAW STW	54.6283	-1.76363	WST1622
REDESMOUTH STW	55.1346	-2.21511	NST2502
RENNINGTON STW	55.4623	-1.66359	NST1232
ROCHESTER STW	55.2760	-2.26497	NST3192
ROOKHOPE STW	54.7716	-2.09108	WST1631
ROTHBURY ENVIRONMENTAL STW	55.3080	-1.89732	NST1341

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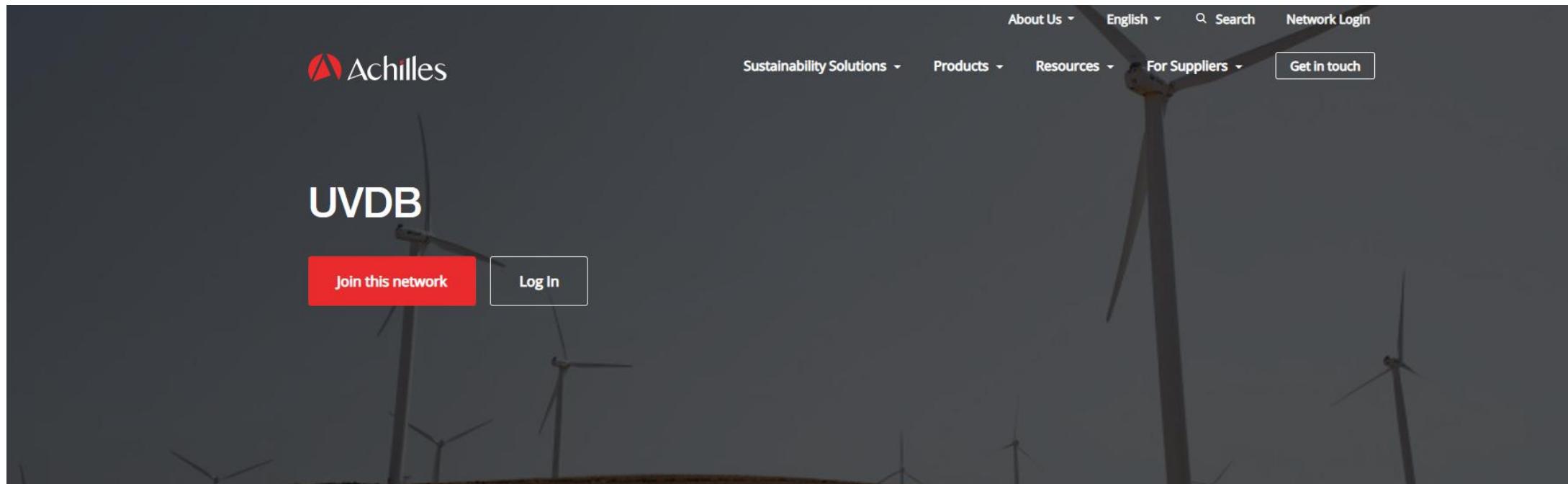
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10. Appendix D - Contract Advertisement

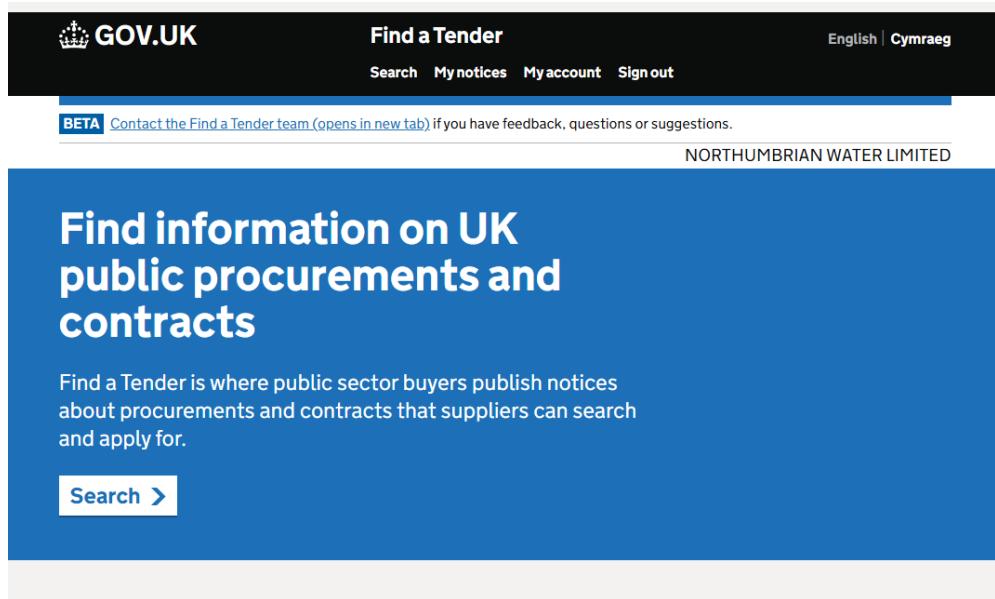


The image shows the Achilles UVDB community landing page. The background is a dark image of several wind turbines. At the top, the Achilles logo is on the left, and a navigation bar with links for 'About Us', 'English', 'Search', and 'Network Login' is on the right. Below the navigation, there are four main menu items: 'Sustainability Solutions', 'Products', 'Resources', and 'For Suppliers'. To the right of these is a 'Get in touch' button. In the center, the text 'UVDB' is displayed in large, bold, white letters. Below it are two buttons: a red 'Join this network' button and a white 'Log In' button.

<https://www.achilles.com/community/uvdb/>

The utilities market is fast moving, subject to ever more stringent regulation and new technologies. UVDB is the utility industry pre-qualification system used across the UK. Working closely with key buying organisations in the sector, this community helps them achieve the highest standards of supply chain assurance.

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The screenshot shows the 'Find a Tender' service interface. At the top, there is a black header bar with the GOV.UK logo, a 'Find a Tender' link, and language options for English and Cymraeg. Below the header, a blue banner displays the text: 'Find information on UK public procurements and contracts'. It explains that the service is where public sector buyers publish notices about procurements and contracts that suppliers can search and apply for. A 'Search >' button is located in the bottom right corner of the blue banner. The main content area is titled 'NORTHUMBRIAN WATER LIMITED' and contains a brief description of the service.

GOV.UK

Find a Tender

English | Cymraeg

Search My notices My account Sign out

BETA Contact the Find a Tender team (opens in new tab) if you have feedback, questions or suggestions.

NORTHUMBRIAN WATER LIMITED

Find information on UK public procurements and contracts

Find a Tender is where public sector buyers publish notices about procurements and contracts that suppliers can search and apply for.

Search >

<https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Search>

Use the Find a Tender service to search and apply for high value contracts in the UK's public and utilities sectors.

Find a Tender has replaced the EU's **Tenders Electronic Daily** from 1 January 2021 for high value contracts in the UK.

11. GLOSSARY

Capex	Capital expenditure
CC Water	Consumer Council for Water, a statutory consumer body for water and wastewater consumers in England and Wales
Defra	Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the UK Government department with responsibility for the water sector
EA	Environment Agency, regulator for the natural environment in England
ESW	Essex & Suffolk Water, the South East trading name of NWL
Natural England	The UK Government's adviser for the natural environment in England
NWL	Northumbrian Water Limited, one of ten regulated Water and Sewerage Companies in England and Wales, operating in the North East of England trading as NW, and in the south east of England trading as ESW
NW	Northumbrian Water, the north east of England trading name of NWL
Ofwat	Economic regulator for the water sector in England and Wales
Opex	Operational expenditure
PR19	Periodic Review 2019 - every five years Ofwat, the economic regulator for the water and sewerage industry, sets price limits that enable water and sewerage companies to finance the delivery of services to customers, in line with relevant standards and requirements
Price controls	The limits set by Ofwat on the charges that appointed companies can make for their services
The Procurement Act 2023	The Procurement Act 2023 is a UK law that reforms how the public sector buys goods, services, and works. This includes Private Utilities such as NWL
WRMP	Water Resource Management Plan, an appointed water undertaker's strategic plan for managing water supply/demand balance
WRPG	Water Resources Planning Guideline, this provides a framework for water companies to follow when developing and presenting their water resources plans
WRZ	Water Resource Zone, the largest possible zone in which all resources, including external transfers, can be shared, and the zone in which all customers will experience the same risk of supply failure from a resource shortfall

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12. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

Name	Link
Water Resources Market Information (NW)	https://www.nwg.co.uk/wrmp
Water Resources Market Information (ESW)	https://www.nwg.co.uk/wrmp
Water Resources Management Plan (NW)	https://www.nwg.co.uk/wrmp
Water Resources Management Plan (ESW)	https://www.nwg.co.uk/wrmp
NWL Financial Rules	Tender process (nwg.co.uk)
Delivering Water 2020: Our Final Methodology for the 2019 price review. Appendix 8 Company bid assessment framework – the principles	https://www.ofwat.gov.uk/publication/delivering-water-2020-final-methodology-2019-price-review-appendix-8-company-bid-assessment-framework-principles
Bioresources Market Information	nes_bioresources-market-information-21-22_jul_2022.xlsx (live.com)