

Delivered (15)
1. Water Quality monitoring outreach events to farm businesses in Lough Neagh Oct'24 to Mar'25.
2. Develop a Lough Neagh science platform.
3. Provision of training in compliance and environmental performance to slurry spreading contractors
4. Scope and implement a suite of water quality-based initiatives.
10. Launch SBRI Phase 2 project - improve Sustainable Utilisation of Livestock Slurry (SULS)
11. Establish and deliver a Livestock Dietary Emissions Challenge.
13. Commence a SBRI to investigate solutions to reduce Blue Green Algae blooms
14. Initiate research as part of the Lough Neagh Science Platform
19. Continue Lough Neagh Environmental Farming Scheme Group Project.
20. Scope a community challenge fund in association with 'Live Here Love Here'
21. New grant programme to support organisations working to improve Lough Neagh water quality and conservation at Lough Neagh.
26. Review of 3rd cycle River Basin Management Plan.
27. Increased activity focused in areas of highest risk including cumulative breaches.
28. The provision of additional Water Quality Inspectors.
29. Establish enforcement project team to explore and fully consult on enforcement methods
30. Review and consult on penalties and fines for Environmental Crimes.
33. Lough Neagh Science Platform incorporating single IT platform.
34. DAERA Postgraduate Studentship Scheme - PhDs on nature-based solutions for Lough Neagh
35. Commission an Innovation Lab using a Forever Mourne partnership type model.
37. Implement the Inter Agency Blue-Green Algae monitoring protocol.
Progressing (22)
5. Deliver a communications plan, including an education campaign
6. Scope a Conservation Management Plan for Lough Neagh to inform a future management plan towards restoring the Lough Neagh ecosystem to favourable conservation status.
7. Deliver a Lough Neagh Catchment wide awareness campaign – mailshot.
8. Reinvigorate a catchment stakeholder group- scoping stakeholder engagement method.
9. Scope the development of a simple information system for slurry spreading.
12. Subject to funding seek to deliver on the Lough Neagh wastewater schemes
15. Scope the expansion of the Sustainable Catchment Programme (SCP) into Lough Neagh areas
16. Deliver the Farming with Nature (FwN) Package.
17. Scope potential to expand to a septic tank replacement scheme.
18. Establish a pilot tree planting project to test effectiveness of riparian buffer zones.
22. Complete the statutory review of the Nutrients Action Programme.
23. Consult on restricting the use of chemical fertilisers containing phosphorus.
24. Introduce Fertiliser Database
25. Establish a DAERA group to develop a proposed response to the excess nutrient problem.
31. Scope the provision of a dedicated team for poorest water quality catchments
32. Introduce streamlined and more effective penalty regime
36. Commence a scientific review of the environmental impact of sand extraction at Lough Neagh.