

Assurance note – BRL rdWRMP24

Background, scope and approach

Following the publication of your Bristol Water dWRMP24 in November 2022, and your Statement of Response (SoR) in August 2023, you are planning on publishing your revised draft Bristol Water WRMP (rdWRMP24) by 2 October 2023. Ahead of publishing that rdWRMP24, you asked us to provide focused, risk-based assurance of your rdWRMP24 submission.

To fulfil the scope, and consistent with the focused, risk-based nature of the work, we agreed we would:

- Carry out a sample based offline review of the extent to which key changes you outlined in your SoR are reflected in your rdWRMP24 main technical document.
- Carry out a data sampling session focused on:
 - ticking and tying figures from your final rdWRMP24 tables back to the immediate key dataset(s) providing input to the tables; and
 - understanding – and evidencing through the sampling above – your internal quality assurance and approval process.

We provided you with comments on the SoR/rdWRMP24 main technical document consistency and a record of the items we covered in the sampling session. We summarise our observations in the following section.

Observations

The table below summarises our observations from our focused, risk-based assurance exercise.

Scope item	Summary
SoR/rdWRMP24 consistency (offline review)	We observed that for the sample of three broad key WRMP24 changes you highlighted; we did not identify material inconsistency with how these were reflected in the sections of the rdWRMP24 main technical document you signposted us to (and your SoR where applicable).
WRP table data sampling (tick and tie sampling session via Teams)	<p>We did not identify material inconsistency between the final rdWRMP24 tables and the immediate key datasets providing input to the tables during our sampling. We also saw evidence of an appropriate internal assurance and approval process from HR Wallingford prior to handing over the tables to Bristol Water.</p> <p>We note our sampling focused on tables/lines affected by changes in the following areas: DO modelling; resilience service level increase; climate change and sustainability reduction impacts; updated Government demand targets; and leakage, metering and water efficiency options. You identified these as the most material areas of change in relation to the tables in your rdWRMP24.</p>

We note we agreed that given the scope and timing of our assurance the following items were out of scope.

- The detailed technical appropriateness of any changes from dWRMP24 to rdWRMP24 was a matter for your technical consultant partners (and ultimately your regulatory stakeholders).

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- Baseline data, and other areas of no change.
- The consistency of data and approaches used across rdWRMP24 and your PR24 business plan data/submission.

Conclusions

Based on our scope, and the work outlined above, we consider we have not identified material issues with the WRP tables or the main technical document.

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