

# **Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru Natural Resources Wales**

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(South)**



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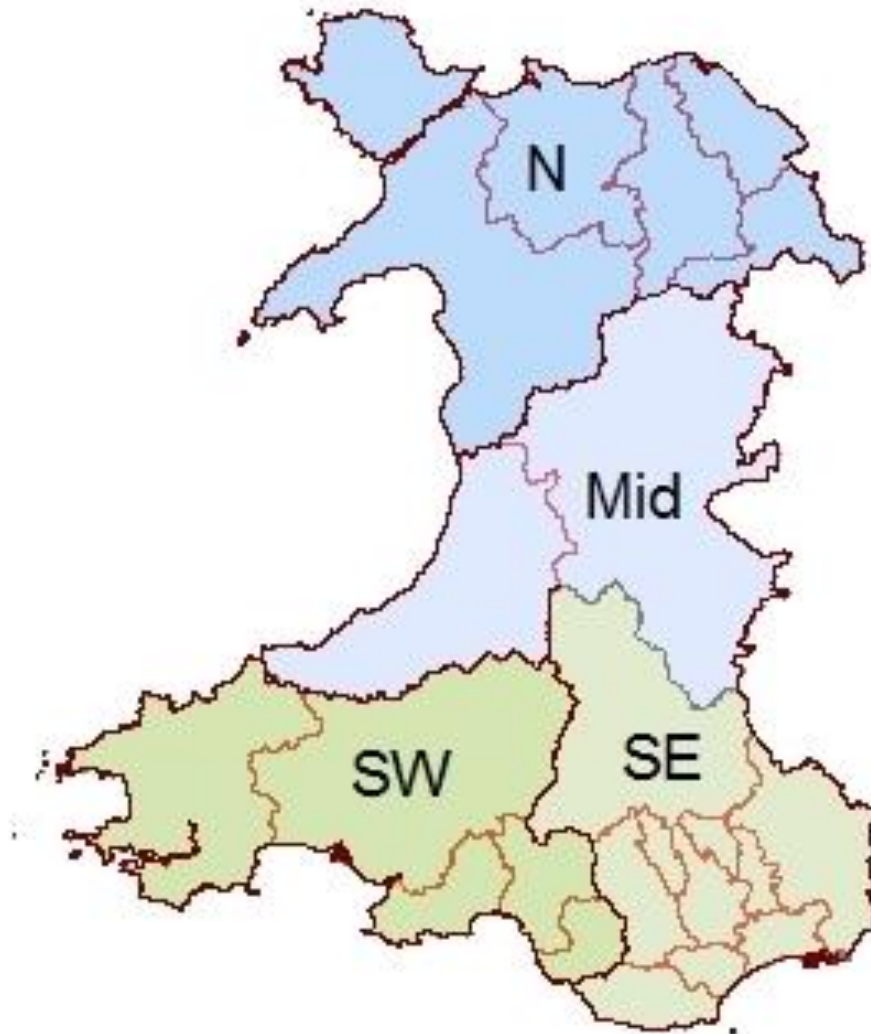


# Who are we?



1,900.....£180m.....7%

# Our boundaries



# Our purpose

.....to ensure that  
Wales's natural  
resources are  
sustainably  
maintained, used  
and enhanced - now  
and in the future.

SD is our core  
organising principle.



# A new approach

- An integrated, ecosystems approach
  - understanding natural systems
  - natural resources management
- Good for people, business and the environment
- Good organisation



# Department of Natural Resources

**Rebecca Evans**  
 Deputy Minister for  
 Farming and Food



**Gareth Jones**  
 Director  
 General, Natural  
 Resources



**Carl Sargeant**  
 Minister for Natural  
 Resources

**Dean Medcraft**  
 Head of Operations  
 Division

(39)

- Finance
- HR
- Communications
- Knowledge Management and ICT
- Government Business
- Planning and Performance
- Governance and Compliance

**Andrew Slade**  
 Director,  
 Agriculture, Food  
 and Marine

(643)

- Common Agriculture Policy
- Strategic Agriculture
- Rural Payments
- Food
- Marine and Fisheries

**Christianne Glossop**  
 Chief Veterinary  
 Officer

(77)

- Animal health and welfare
- Contingency planning
- Endemic diseases (including Bovine TB)
- Exotic diseases
- Animal by-products

**Matthew Quinn**  
 Director,  
 Environment and  
 Sustainable  
 Development

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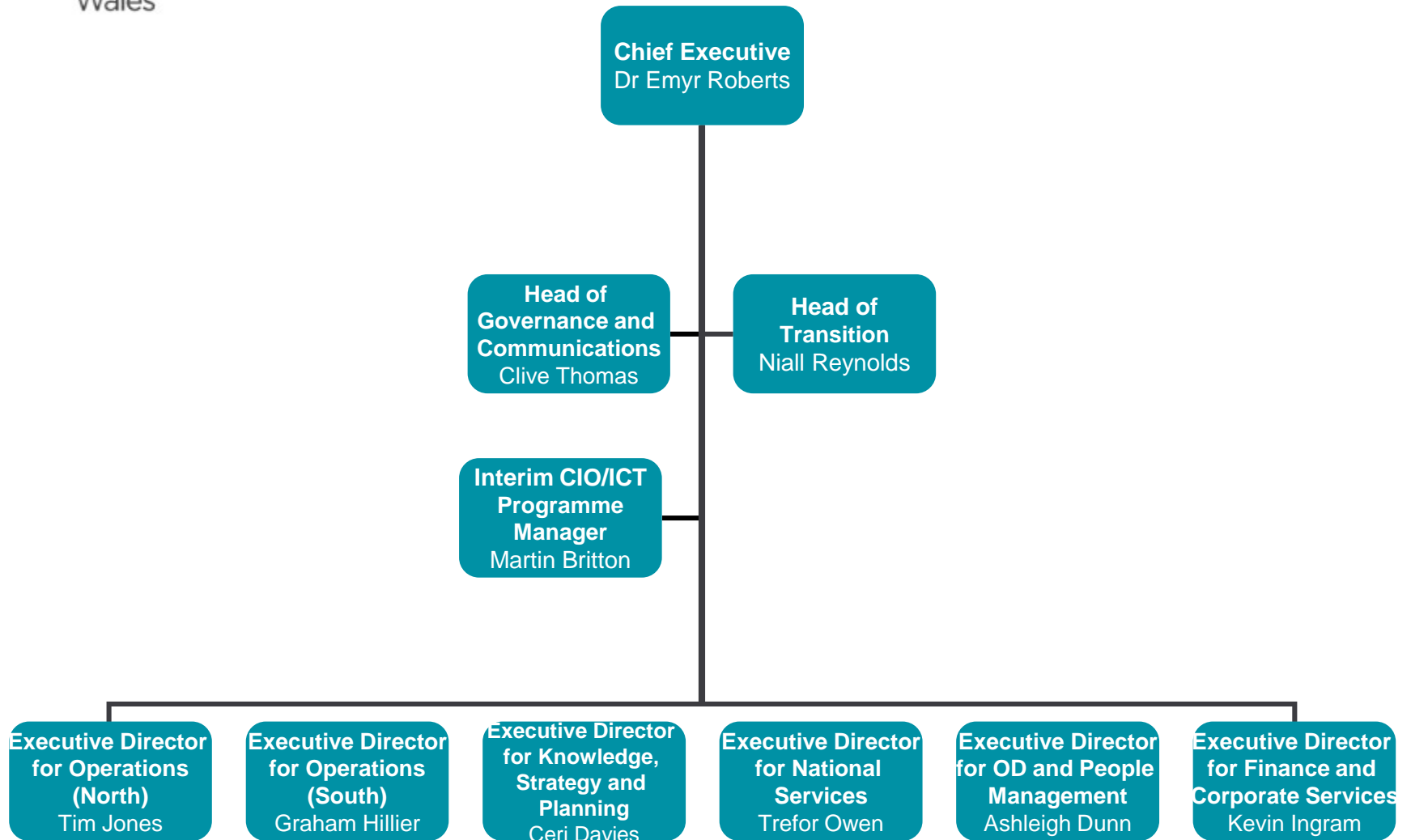
- Waste
- Energy, Water and Flood
- Land, Nature and Forestry
- Climate Change
- Environment Bill
- Natural Resource Management
- **NRW**
- Fuel Poverty
- Sustainable Development and future Generations Bill
- National Parks
- Coastal Access

**Neil Hemmington/  
Rosemary Thomas**  
 Head of Planning

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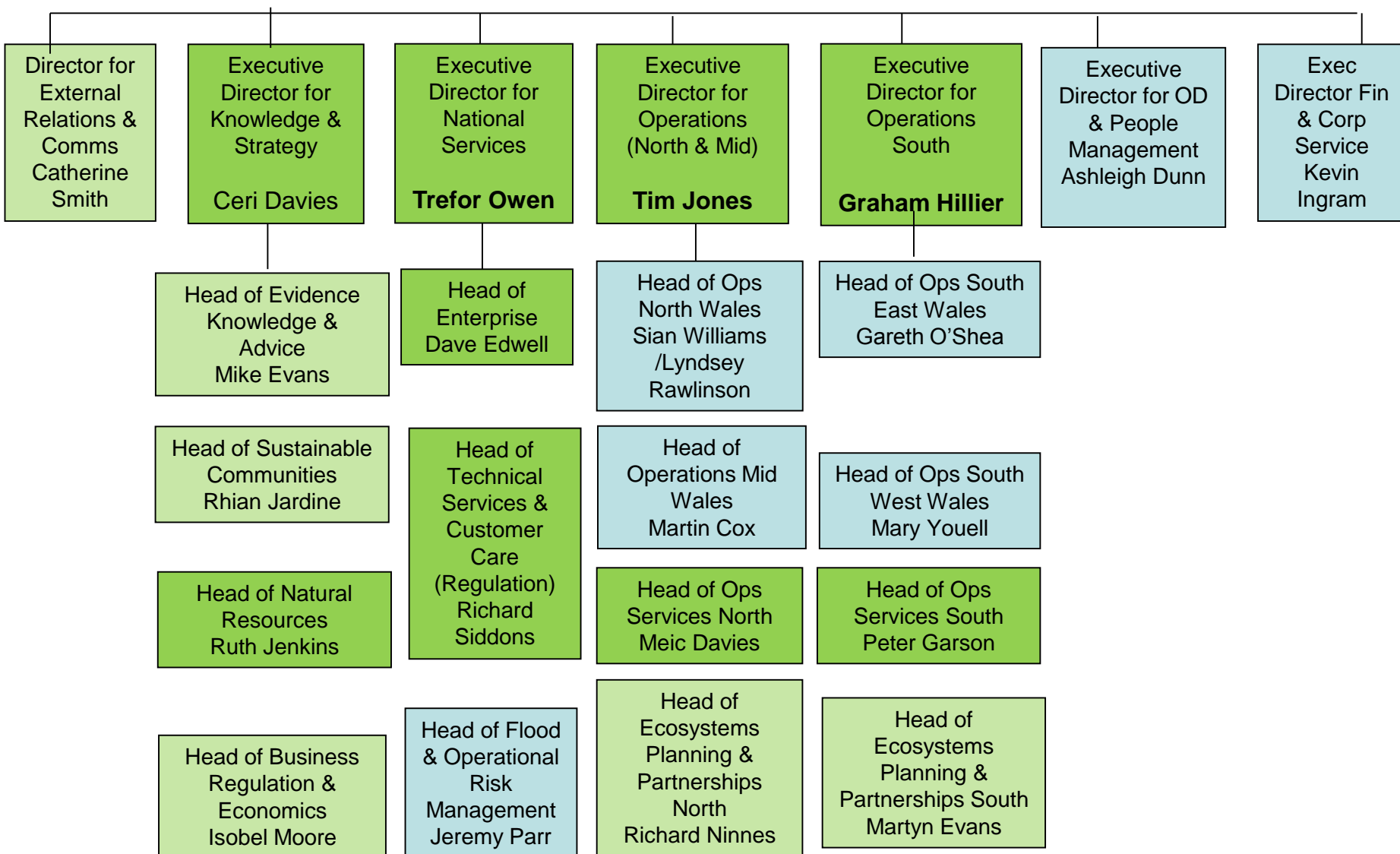
- Planning policy
- Decisions
- Legislation, including the Planning (Wales) Bill and Planning Reform (Wales) Bill
- Building Regulations
- Statutory Guidance
- Development Plans

# NRW Executive Team





# Forestry across NRW



# We will.....



- support Wales' economy
- help business and developers with important decisions
- protect communities in Wales
- provide opportunities for people to benefit from Wales' natural resources
- develop resilience to climate change

# Our roles.....(in brief)

# Principal adviser



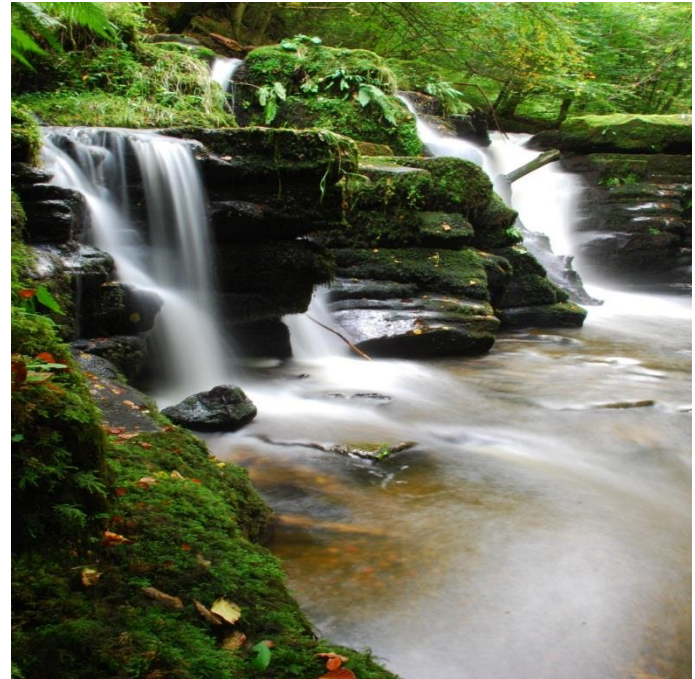
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Welsh Government

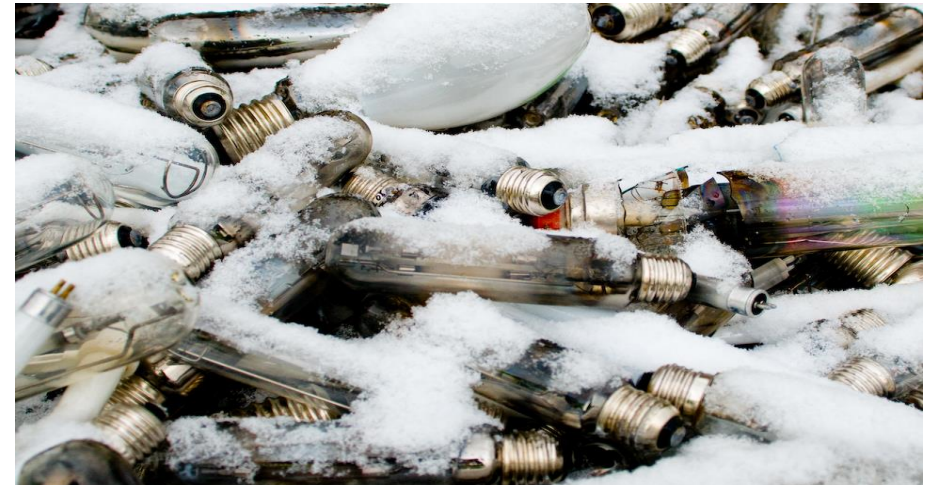
# Statutory Consultee on Planning Applications



# Designating Authority for SSSIs & AONBs



# Environmental Regulator



# Permitting & Licensing Authority





# Land and asset management



# Operating Visitor Centres & Laboratories





# Provider of Outdoor Recreation



# Incident Management



# New ways of working: the ecosystems approach

- An integrated approach – understanding natural systems.
- Benefits for people, business and the environment.
- Good design.
- Delivering the right development in the right place.



**INCREASED  
URBANISATION**



Pentyrch, Cardiff

**RAINFALL SEEN AS A  
PROBLEM**



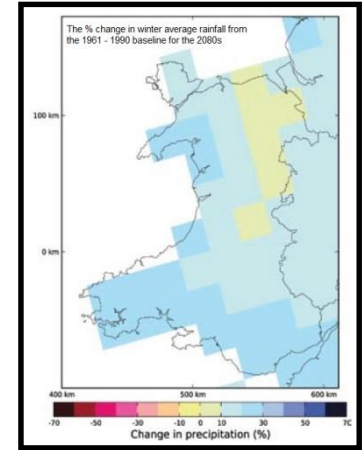
Tongwynlais, Cardiff

**FLOOD RISK**



Llanberis, November 2012

**CLIMATE  
CHANGE**



**WETTER IN  
WINTER...**

**Ecosystem Pressures**

**POPULATION  
GROWTH**



**POLLUTION AND SEWERAGE  
DISCHARGES**

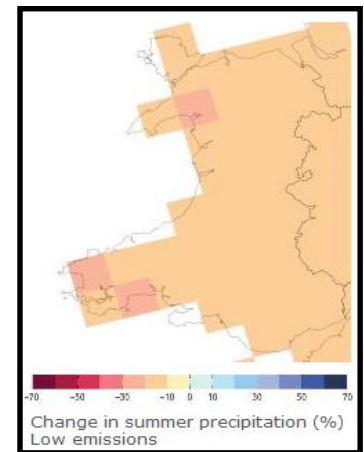


Gwenfro, Wrexham

**DEGRADED HABITAT  
AND BIODIVERSITY LOSS**



**... AND DRIER  
IN SUMMER**



UKCP09 (50%, 2080s)

# Sustainable thinking



# Our Short Term Priorities

- Building a new organisation
- Delivering business case benefits
- Business continuity and incident response
- Ministerial remit:
  - Flood Risk Management
  - Supporting jobs and enterprise
  - Access and recreation
  - Action for the urban environment
- Ecosystems Approach
- Corporate Plan 2014-17





# Our Medium Term Plan

- Corporate Plan 2014 - 17
- Public Consultation
- Programmes built around:
  - Good for environment
  - Good for business
  - Good for people
  - Good knowledge
  - Good organisation



# Our Long Term Outcomes

- Aligned to WG sponsor outcomes:
  - Enhancing our environment
  - Protecting people
  - Supporting enterprise and jobs
  - Improving the nation's health
  - Viable and vibrant places
  - Delivering social justice
  - Supporting skills and knowledge
- Learning and OD





"proud to be recognised as the worlds leading organisation at delivering Natural Resource Management"

Natural Resources Wales is a Welsh Government Sponsored Body and came into being in April 2013, largely taking over the functions of the Countryside Council for Wales, Forestry Commission Wales, and the Environment Agency in Wales, as well as certain Welsh Government functions.

Good for knowledge

- gaining wisdom and understanding of our natural resources and how we affect them – using evidence and applying learning from experience, so that we make good decisions.

Good for the Environment

- ecosystems are resilient and secured for the future, wildlife and landscapes are enhanced, and the use of our natural resources is carefully managed

Good for Business

- a 'location of choice' for business and enterprise, and a place where best practice environmental management is adopted and encouraged

Good for people

- people are safe, and enjoy and benefit from our natural resources and understand their relevance in our day to day lives

Good organisation

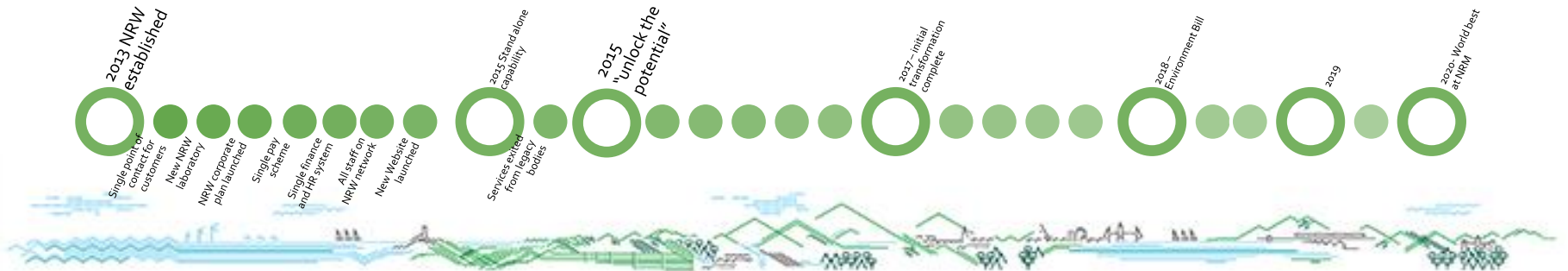
- well led and well managed, with suitably skilled and experienced staff and effective underpinning systems and processes; transparent in our decision-making and continuously improving our service to customers and partners, benchmarking ourselves against the very best.

We are on a long journey – and this is just the start. We have a focus on delivery, and we will concentrate on integrated and collaborative working to deliver Natural Resource Management. We will be reaping the benefits set out in the Business Case for creating Natural Resources Wales over the next ten years or so. We will deliver our purpose - ensuring that the environment and the natural resources of Wales are sustainably maintained, sustainably enhanced and sustainably used, now and in the future.

## Vision Critical projects (tbc)



## The NRW journey



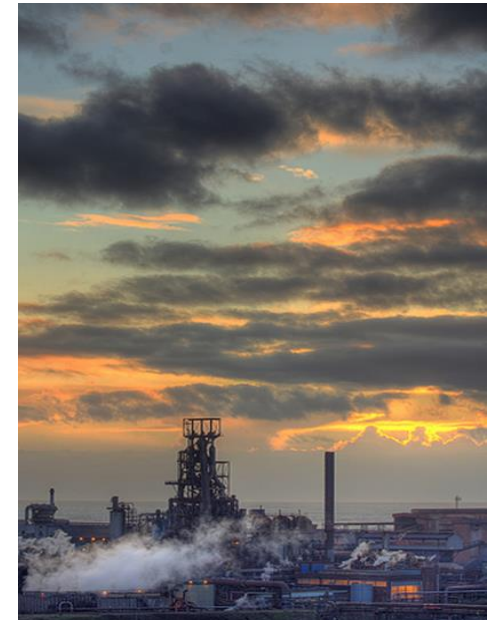
# Why change the approach?

- Capacity
- Cost
- Financial Gains
- Legislative change
- Enhanced benefits



# Summary

- A new, and different, organisation
- Focus on business and people
- Ecosystems thinking
- Good engagement
- Right development, right places
- Joined up solutions
- Tell us what you need from us!



# The Wales We Want

- The Wales we need?
- The Wales we can afford?
- The Wales we deserve
- The Wales we can sustain

Diolch yn fawr

Thank you

