The world in which we operate

Our global world

We live in a resource constrained world and have a responsibility to ensure that our planet earth is sustainable for those who come after us. The United Nations has developed 17 goals to deliver a more sustainable world by 2030 and we are proud to play our part in supporting delivery of at least 12 of these goals:
Our local world
The water industry structure in Northern Ireland is shown below:
Draft Outcomes Delivery Plan

The Northern Ireland Executive developed a Draft Outcomes Delivery Plan to “Improve wellbeing for all - by tackling disadvantage, and driving economic growth”. It moves from focusing on inputs and outputs to focus on the 12 strategic outcomes that the Executive wishes to achieve.

We have a clear role to play in at least 9 of the outcomes:

- We CONNECT PEOPLE and OPPORTUNITIES through our infrastructure
- We have created a place where people want to LIVE and WORK, to VISIT and INVEST
- We prosper through a STRONG, COMPETITIVE regionally balanced economy
- We enjoy LONG, HEALTHY, ACTIVE lives
- We live and work SUSTAINABLY - protecting the environment
- We have a more EQUAL SOCIETY
- We are an INNOVATIVE, CREATIVE SOCIETY, where people can fulfil their potential
- We give our children and young people the BEST START in life
- We are a SHARED, WELCOMING and CONFIDENT SOCIETY that represents DIVERSITY

The draft plan states:
There are growing demands to expand and improve our water and sewerage infrastructure to keep pace with economic growth, meet stringent environmental standards and reduce instances of sewer spills and flooding. Capacity issues are a concern in Belfast as well as in some rural areas where the lack of capacity is impeding the natural growth of some communities.

We are committed to playing our part in achieving the strategic outcomes for Northern Ireland.

Water strategy and policy framework
DfI is responsible for setting the strategy and policy framework relating to water and sewerage services in Northern Ireland.

Read more about Sustainable Water - A Long-Term Water Strategy for Northern Ireland (2015-2040):