

Action for Cleaner Water Group (AFCW) Terms of Reference

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Aim of the AFCW Group

To safeguard and improve the water¹ sources of Jersey.

The AFCW Group will achieve this by;

1. Setting annual/five year actions and outcomes to help deliver wider and longer-term Island priorities.
2. Minimising pollution² to water from agriculture/land use.
3. Advising and assisting Government and respective industries on drought management, biodiversity, carbon and flood resilience.
4. Seeking out and utilising innovative, catchment and nature based solutions that considers cost/benefit.
5. Working collectively together and discussing matters in an open and pro-active manner.
 - a. Consideration will be given for industrial confidentiality.
 - b. Matters discussed will be assumed confidential and will not be disclosed outside the AFCW unless agreed.

The AFCW Group will engage with other by;

6. Making recommendations to the Rural Forum, Government Officers, Minister(s), the Council of Ministers and the wider agricultural community.
7. Promoting and advising the agricultural industry and other land users on actions and decisions made by the AFCW Group.
8. Advising Government on areas where further research/information is required.
9. Advising and working with Jersey Water and Government Water Catchment Officers.
10. Inviting representatives/officers to attend meetings to provide information/reports.
11. Forwarding for information, agreed actions and decisions of the AFCW to associated industry stakeholders
12. Promoting the work of the group through media releases, events

Composition of the Group

The value of the joint working AFCW Group is that all members have equal rights to table items, discuss and vote on items.

The AFCW Group will be chaired by the Head of Land Resource Management and comprise of the following;
Representative from:

- i. The Farmers Union
- ii. Jersey Royal Potato Company
- iii. Bartlett's Potato Company
- iv. Jersey Dairy
- v. Jersey Water

And Government Officers, namely the

- i. Director of Natural Environment
- ii. Senior Scientific Officer- Agri-Environment (Natural Environment)
- iii. Regulation Standards Manager (Air and Water)

The Secretary of the Jersey Farmers Union will provide support for the Group.

If unable to attend, Members will send a representative to meetings.

¹ Includes groundwater, surface water streams and coastal water, including reservoirs and private water supplies (boreholes and wells).

² Inc, but not limited to, pollution from pesticides, fertilisers and soil run-off.

Meetings

The AFCW Group will;

- i. Meet four times per year (March, May, August, October)
- ii. Set meeting dates at the start of the year
- iii. Alternate meetings between members venues.

Success will be evidenced by;

- i. Annual average nitrate levels in streams does not exceed 50mg/l as measured on 31 December.
- ii. Reduction in the annual number of Cat 1 and Cat 2 for agricultural land use based pollution incidents as measured on 31 December.
- iii. Improved raw water quality of pesticides detections, nitrate and bacterial levels reaching the Jersey Water treatment works as measured by Jersey Water monitoring.