# Shaping the Future of Water Services

#### Irish Water Supporting the Irish Economy

Asset Strategy and Sustainability Manager
Irish water









## **Supporting The Irish Economy**

- Water Services essential for economy and society
- \* 300,000+ jobs supported in water using/ dependent sectors
  - Tourism & Hospitality
  - Agri-food & Beverage
  - Pharma
  - Computer & Electronics
  - Health
- \* Major opportunities Water Resources
- \* Major Challenges Assets and Operations

#### Where we are now

- \* Compliance challenges drinking water
  - waste water
- \* Capacity constraints and resilience issues
- Lack of asset data and understanding of risk
- \* Fragmented and inefficient asset base

#### Where we need to get to

- \* Resolve Compliance and Capacity issues
- \* Build resilience and security Quality
  - Capacity
- \* Invest to increase efficiency
- \* All of this investment supports the Irish Economy and will make Ireland more competitive

## Plans and Strategies

- \* WSSP 25 Year Vision
- \* CIP 2014- 2016 Optimise and Prioritise
  - Development of Strategies
  - Identifies €1.77B investment need
- \* CIP 2017 2022 Starting to plan for

### New Approach - Asset Management

\* We need to know our assets — data and intelligence

\* We will manage our assets



to deliver required customer and environmental outcomes at lowest long term cost

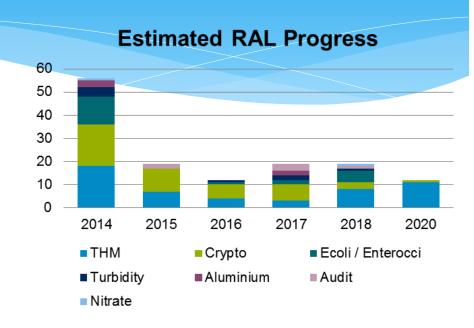
Enables evidence based decision making

## New Approach – CIP Projects Review

- Right Solution? e.g. Drinking Water Treatment Strategies
- \* Treatment Capacity Review Realistic growth and provide for modular expansion
- \* Scope Review Minimum to achieve required outcome
  - As required, network extensions for future development
- Need to deliver capital efficiencies
  - 7% annually excluding capital maintenance
    - (CER Consultation Proposal)

#### New Approach – Accelerating DW Compliance

- Elimination of BWN top priority
- Integrated approach Ops/ AM
- System assessment
- Treatment strategies adopted
- Solution delivery Major or Minor Capital



- Q3 2013
  - 140no. open files
- Q3 2014
  - 14no. Files closed/Info. with EPA
  - 27no. Construction complete
  - 53no. Detailed design/Under construction
  - 46no. Solution identified/Prelim design

#### New Approach – Water Conservation

- Strategy Studies GDA
  - Rest of country
- Typical return on investment leakage reduction
  - -- Mains Rehab
- 1MI saved for €6M invested

  - -- Pressure Management 1Ml saved for €1.2M invested
  - -- Find and Fix

- 1Ml saved for €0.6M invested
- \* Major capital programme of find and fix to deliver step change in leakage levels
- \* Regional approach with focus on WSZs with headroom deficit

#### New Approach – FOG & Trade Discharge

- \* Strategic approach to load control
- Roll-out of successful Dublin FOG programme model
- \* Monitor and control loads with full cost recovery
- \* Reduce treatment and networks opex costs
- \* Save energy
- \* Improve compliance

#### Supporting Development – Spatial Planning

- \* Engagement with Planning Authorities on forward planning
- \* Development of standard IW input
- Development of headroom registers
- \* Modelling and forward planning capability for water and wastewater networks
- \* Consultation with Planning and Regional Authorities on Investment Plans

#### Supporting Development – New Connections

- New Connections Team in place and processes established
- Vision is to provide best-in-class utility customer service
- 650+ connection offers issued since April 2014
- (101 processed by LAs)
- \* 300+ connection agreements signed
- \* 30 significant connections being progressed
- Connection Policy to be agreed by CER. Will define the funding model for network reinforcement and extension

## Supporting Development – Taking in Charge Irish Water Current Position

#### **Position**

Irish Water <u>are amenable</u> to taking in charge infrastructure that is directly connected to our networks, subject to no <u>significant</u> material liabilities arising and provision of <u>appropriate</u> records, tests and drawings.

Irish Water are <u>not generally amenable</u> to taking in charge of private treatment facilities and associated networks (both water and wastewater) that do not connect or cannot be connected at acceptable cost to our Infrastructure.

#### **Principles**

Taking in Charge arrangements should:

- Not have a detrimental impact on our ability to deliver our current capital and operational programmes from financial or staffing resource perspective
- Should be delivered over an appropriate timeframe.

#### Developments should:

- \* Be legally compliant with Planning, Water Services and Environmental Legislation.
- \* Be in a serviceable condition reflective of age and use.
- \* Be compliant with specified standards at time of construction
- \* Not impose undue cost on IW customers to operate or bring to acceptable standards
- \* Be part of a development that LA have taken in charge

## Supporting Development – Taking in Charge Progress

#### **Progress**

- \* Seek agreement with DECLG/CCMA/CER /WSTO to progress developer driven TIC process.
- \* Seek agreement on timeframe for delivery of legacy driven TIC process with DECLG/CCMA and ascertain additional resource requirements.
- \* Support and engage in Pilot Study by DECLG on stand alone schemes.
- Agree with DECLG /CER approach to excessive and additional cost recovery.
- Engage service provider to develop detailed processes, resource model and to oversee agreed processes and augment existing resources as required.

#### CIP 2017-2022

- \* Major asset data collection exercise
  - Above ground assets
  - Waste water collection networks
- Plan developed from strategies and data
  - Capital Maintenance
  - Enhancement
  - Growth
- Asset needs across 1,000 water and 1,000 wastewater systems to be considered

#### Transformation of Delivery

- \* Ramping up of Capital Investment
- \* Develop delivery capability €500m + across entire asset base
- Regional Shared Service Model for LA capital project management to be agreed