



## LOCAL WATER DONE WELL

# Indicative timeline for Water Services Delivery Plan development

An indicative timeline for Water Services Delivery Plans development is outlined below. This builds on the Plan development process set out in the Guidance material and is intended as a guide only (the only formal requirement for Councils is to submit a Plan by 3 September 2025).

<b>Financial viability assessments</b>  Councils assess their standalone financial positions	<b>Financial sustainability and delivery model</b>  Councils consider their preferred delivery model and explore alternative models	<b>Community consultation</b>  Councils decide on their preferred delivery models and consult their communities	<b>Finalise Plans for submission</b>  Councils finalise Plans for submission	<b>Department review and acceptance of Plans</b>  Councils submit their final Plan. The Department reviews Plans and works with councils who are required to do further work on their Plan.
September – October 2024	November 2024 – January 2025	February – April 2025	May – July 2025	August – September 2025 (and ongoing)
<p><b>Phase targets:</b></p> <p>All councils have assessed their own standalone financial positions and discussed with the Department.</p> <p>Councils have completed a stocktake of their current water services delivery arrangements and understand where information gaps are.</p>	<p><b>Phase targets:</b></p> <p>Councils are considering their preferred delivery model and exploring alternative models.</p> <p>Councils are discussing with the Department how they plan to address any barriers to financial sustainability.</p>	<p><b>Phase targets:</b></p> <p>Councils have decided on their preferred delivery model and have begun consultation with their communities.</p> <p>Some councils may undertake consultation at a later date alongside their annual Plan.</p>	<p><b>Phase targets:</b></p> <p>Councils are finalising their Plans for submission to the Department.</p> <p>Councils can request the Department to review their draft Plan.</p> <p>Councils that require an extension have requested an extension (before 3 August 2025).</p>	<p><b>Phase targets:</b></p> <p>Councils submit their final Plans (by 3 September 2025).</p> <p>The Department communicates either acceptance or need to resubmit.</p> <p>Clear pathways of support are identified to ensure all Plans are received by 3 September 2025.</p>