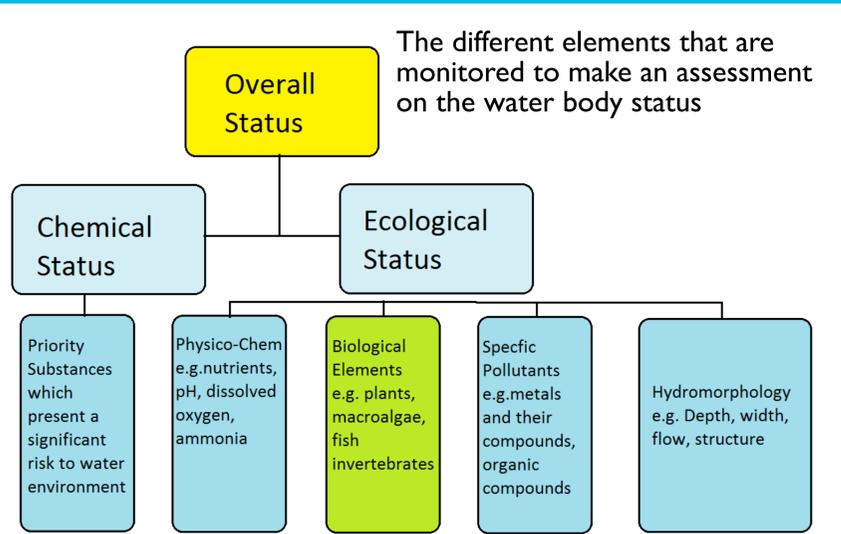


# Engaging with Water Framework Directive

## Why should Local Authorities be Involved?

- a high quality water environment is vital for local economies & communities, & it's a statutory duty

*The Water Framework Directive (WFD) is a European Directive which came into effect in 2003, establishing a legal framework for the protection and promotion of sustainable water management of surface waters and groundwater.*



The WFD requires all inland & coastal waters to achieve “good” water body status through a catchment-based system of River Basin Management Plans (RBMPs). A combination of ecological and chemical status gives the overall status of each body of water (see chart on left).

## Meeting WFD Objectives

- Key local authority functions contributing to WFD objectives
  - Local planning policies including Local Plans and Infrastructure Delivery Plans
  - Development management and building control functions
  - Drainage, flood risk management and SuDS
  - Environmental health & pollution control functions
  - Managing a local authority's own buildings, assets and greenspace
  - Local authority highways functions

## What is the Catchment Based Approach?

A river catchment is a geographic area defined naturally by surface water hydrology. As the river is affected by activities that take place within the area, a catchment based approach is the natural scale to consider this aspect of the environment. A catchment-based approach looks at activities & issues in the catchment as a whole, rather than considering different aspects separately in different locations. The map shows the Catchment Partnerships in operation in England

## What are Catchment Partnerships?

- are groups that work with key stakeholders to agree and deliver the strategic priorities for the catchment. Many departments within local authorities should engage as together we can achieve more for the water environment and have good economies and

## Catchment Partnerships in Operation

