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Dear Denise

The Regional Development Minister, Michelle McIlveen, has published Sustainable Water - A Long-Term Water Strategy for Northern Ireland (2015-2040).

The Strategy, which has been endorsed by the Northern Ireland Executive, presents a clear framework for action which will facilitate a range of initiatives aimed at delivering a sustainable water sector in Northern Ireland.

The Strategy can be viewed or downloaded from the DRD website at:

<https://www.drdni.gov.uk/publications/sustainable-water-long-term-water-strategy-northern-ireland-2015-2040>

The Strategy sets out the Executive's approach to:

- (i) Drinking Water Supply and Demand;
- (ii) Flood Risk Management and Drainage;
- (iii) Environmental Protection and Improvement; and

(iv) Water and Sewerage Services.

Given Councils new planning responsibilities and the important role they can play in helping to deliver the aims of the Strategy, especially in respect of flood risk management and drainage, I would ask you to make relevant staff aware of the Strategy.

Yours faithfully



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