

Our Priorities for Analysis

As part of our Strategic Plan we have identified a number of issues that we intend to focus our analytical work on during the next three years. These are:

Air

- Progress against air quality targets/standards, with an initial focus on particulate matter

Biodiversity and Ecosystem Resilience

- Biodiversity decline, with a particular focus on pressures and mitigation strategies
- Control and impact of invasive non-native species

Climate Change

- Progress against greenhouse gas emission targets
- Progress on climate change adaptation, including planning for extreme weather events

Cross-cutting Environmental Governance

- Developing a better understanding of access to environmental justice, including compliance with the Aarhus Convention

Land and Soil

- Developing a better understanding of the current status of soil health, controls and monitoring

Population, Human Health and Cultural Heritage

- Developing a better understanding of antimicrobial resistance, controls and impacts
- Developing a better understanding of current noise levels, controls and the impact on human health

Resource Use and Waste

- Illegal disposal and management of waste
- Progress against waste and recycling targets and the development of the circular economy

Water

- Sewage discharge into the aquatic environment
- Developing a better understanding of threats to the marine environment
- Understanding water quality issues, with an initial focus on progress against River Basin Management Plan objectives