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| **Environmental Data Initiatives Update** |
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| **Organisation** | **Environment Agency, Data, Mapping, Modelling and Information (DMMI)** |
| **Recent activities** | * **Structural reorganisation of the EA** to reduce staff level from 11,300 to 9,700. DMMI function vital in enabling data, mapping, modelling and information service operations to be carried out once, rather than 6 or 16 times.
* **Defra KIM Strategy** published and EA looking to play its part in data sharing, open data, information services, raising skill levels and knowledge management initiatives.
* Defra **Open Data Strategy** published and EA working with the Defra Network to develop an Open Data Pipeline and contribute to the National Information Infrastructure.
* **Map Edit** was voted WINNER at the recent Real IT awards for Innovation in Business. The project was also runner up in the “Best Project” category. Map Edit, it is part of the DMMI Mapping work stream under “Improving Data Quality” and DMMI staff supported its delivery.
* New **WFD Water Body and Detailed River Network** data products released. EA has worked with customers in EA FCRM, E&B, Area Environmental Planning teams and external organisations to make changes to help them better manage the water environment and our flood risk management assets. We believe this work, and our ongoing maintenance plan, puts our data in a better position to support production and implementation of the next round of River Basin Management plans and to make good our investment in the new FCRM asset management system AIMS.
* Managed services for **Natural Resources Wales (NRW),** such as ePR, Datashare, WIYBY/Easimap and Directive Reporting are running well. Focus has now moved towards knowledge transfer and transition arrangements.
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| **Forthcoming activities** | * EA Restructuring
* Defra Open Data Strategy implementation
* Defra Knowledge Strategy implementation
* DMMI service improvements
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| **Actions/requests for DAG (with deadlines)** | * None
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