

Water Futures: Efficiency Standards in Local Planning

23 June 2026, 10:00 – 12:00

Virtual via MS Teams

AGENDA

Time	Session
10:00	Welcome and opening remarks Matthew Stewart, Policy and Programmes Manager, Local Government East (LGE)
10:05	Scene setting James Blakey, Planning Policy Officer, Uttlesford District Council
10:15	Project Zero Stuart Stevenson, Sustainable Homes Manager, Affinity Water
10:25	Enabling Water Smart Communities George Warren, Integrated Water Manager, Anglian Water Services Ltd
10:35	Newly Launched Water Efficiency Campaign Presented by Tim Wagstaff, Principal Water Efficiency and Innovation Lead, Ofwat and Wendy Manuel, Client Partner, 23 Red <i>The Water Efficiency Fund (WEF) is a £100 million initiative by Ofwat aimed at stimulating a transformative, sustained, and measurable reduction in water demand across England and Wales by using a range of water efficiency approaches. It aims to foster collaboration and innovation on water efficiency at a scale never seen before.</i>
10:50	Question and answer session with morning speakers
11:15	Open discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What initiatives are happening across the region on water efficiency • What are the challenges? • What are the opportunities?
11:55	Wrap up and closing remarks Matthew Stewart, Policy and Programmes Manager, Local Government East (LGE)
12:00	Close