

# IMPROVING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND

ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN



**QUALITY** of the ENVIRONMENT

OPPORTUNITIES to develop **THE ECONOMY**

People's **HEALTH** and **WELLBEING**

**AIR QUALITY** & greenhouse gas emissions **IMPROVING**

**15 of 18** themes showed limited progress

**26 of 38**  targets and outcomes are **not on course** to be achieved

**FEW** measurable improvements

**PROGRESS** is too slow

**PROSPECTS** are largely off track

Policy backlog **IS CLEARING**

**ACTION** must speed up and scale up

**WHAT IS HOLDING BACK PROGRESS?**

- DELAYED** strategies & policies
- ACTIONS** don't address all major causes
- INSUFFICIENT** resources
- ABSENT** action and delivery plans
- WEAK** coordination

Current actions are putting in place the foundation for future progress

## RECOMMENDATIONS 8 actions for a more positive future

- Priority areas for action**
1. Effectively address nutrient pollution
  2. Speed up action on the circular economy
  3. Ensure nature's recovery

- Actions for future success**
4. Implement the EIP effectively
  5. Address delays
  6. Strengthen governance and partnership working
  7. Improve resourcing
  8. Build monitoring, evaluation and learning