

ADDENDUM

Somerset West and Taunton Council

Creation of phosphate credits to offset development in the River Tone sub catchment

Phosphates Planning Sub Committee – 21 July 2022

Addendum to Reports to the Sub Committee

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 Following the publication of papers for the Phosphates Planning Sub-Committee on 13 July 2022, Officers have had further discussion necessitating the need for a short addendum report.
- 1.2 This addendum presents the proposed additions/amendments to both the Sub-Committee Reports previously published which should be read in conjunction with this note.

2. Creation of phosphate credits to offset development in the River Tone sub catchment

2.1 The following minor factual changes are proposed to this report:

- A correction at Paragraph 2.1b, the price per kg quoted will not have VAT added as it will be charged through a Section 106 agreement which are not liable to VAT.
- At Paragraph 10.1 the date should read October 2021.

2.2 Further to discussions with finance colleagues, upon reflection it would be more appropriate to recommend an indicative price per P credit of c. £55,000/kg rather than the exact figure quoted in the report.

2.3 For the avoidance of doubt, it should be noted that Shape legal has confirmed that the Phosphates Planning Sub Committee has delegated authority following the decision by Full Council in October 2021 to approve the pricing as set out in the report.

3. Creation of phosphate credits to offset development in the River Tone sub catchment

- 3.1 Following further discussion after publication of the report to the Sub-Committee with colleagues in Natural England, the Environment Agency and the other Somerset Authorities, an additional recommendation is proposed as follows:
- Delegate to the Assistant Director Strategic Place and Planning in consultation with the Chair of Phosphates Planning Sub Committee, authority to publish the PTP/Septic Tank Guidance Note jointly prepared by the Somerset Authorities, Natural England and the Environment Agency once it has been finalised.
- 3.2 This is to ensure that further minor amendments to the note can be agreed prior to its publication on the websites of the Somerset authorities.
- 3.3 It should also be noted that discussions are ongoing with the Somerset Authorities in relation to the maintenance and monitoring arrangements for PTP/Septic Tanks to establish a consistent approach in the context of Somerset local government reorganisation (S LGR).

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