



(Officer Decision – 25 October 2023)

DECISION TAKEN BY THE MONITORING OFFICER

Decision title: Appointments of Substitutes on the Somerset Rivers Authority

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Date of Decision: 25 October 2023

Details of the decision:

The 2023-24 Somerset Rivers Authority (SRA) Local Memorandum of Understanding and Constitution states:

2.9.4 Nomination of Deputies to Attend Meetings:

Each of the Parties shall nominate a deputy for its appointed Board member, to attend and to vote at any meeting of the Board in place of the appointed Board member, who for any reason is unable to attend.

In accordance with this the deputy arrangement will be to appoint:

- Councillor Richard Wilkins as deputy for Councillor Mike Stanton (Chair)
- Councillor Oliver Patrick as deputy for Councillor Dixie Darch
- Councillor Ben Ferguson as deputy for Councillor Harry Munt
- Councillor Tony Grimes as deputy for Councillor Mike Caswell
- Councillor Heather Shearer as deputy for Councillor Ros Wyke
- Also to remove Councillor Sarah Dyke from the Board.
- Add Councillor Simon Coles to the Board. Councillor Dawn Johnson will be appointed as his deputy.

Delegated authority sits with the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the leaders of the political groups, to update the list of Substitutes. This authority was given at the meeting of full Council on 24 May 2023.

Reasons for proposed decision:

This decision the Monitoring Officer will ensure the Somerset Rivers Authority Memorandum of Understanding is complied with.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

Group leaders have been consulted on the proposals set out in this report. Not filling the positions of Substitute on the Somerset Rivers Authority was rejected as an alternative approach.

Implications considered:

None.

Background papers:

Somerset Rivers Authority Memorandum of Understanding June 2023

The following consultation has been completed:	Councillor	Date
Local Somerset Councillors consulted where the decision directly affects their Division	N/A	N/A

Relevant Executive Member(s) consulted	Bill Revans as Leader of the Council	
Opposition Spokesperson(s) consulted/informed	David Fothergill, Martin Dimery, Leigh Redman and John Hunt as Leaders of the other political groups	

Decision Maker

I am aware of the details of this decision, have considered the reasons, options, representations and consultation responses (where applicable) and give my approval / agreement to its implementation.

Signed:

Scott Wooldridge, Deputy Monitoring Officer

Name: Scott Wooldridge

Post: Deputy Monitoring Officer

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