

## Somerset Rivers Authority Joint Scrutiny Panel Paper

### 2018-19 Review

#### RECOMMENDATION

The SRA Joint Scrutiny Panel is asked to:

1. Review and comment on SRA financial performance and project delivery in 2018-19.

#### Purpose of the item

To inform the SRA Joint Scrutiny Panel about SRA activities in 2018-19 and give members the chance to comment and ask questions.

#### Background and context

The SRA Joint Scrutiny Panel meets twice a year. One traditional purpose of the Panel's summer meeting is to give members a chance to look back at the year gone-by, while the winter meeting is meant to look ahead to the SRA's proposed programme of works for the next financial year.

Appendix 1 provides a summary of SRA finance at the end of 2018-19 financial year and Appendix 2 provides members with a detailed account of things that happened between the start of April 2018 and the end of March 2019. Information in Appendix 2 is broken down by SRA workstream and where appropriate, activities are broken down into geographical areas. Note that as Taunton Deane Borough Council and West Somerset Council were not superseded by West Somerset and Taunton Council until 1 April 2019, old district boundaries are still used.

A presentation will accompany this item. The presentation will provide Panel members with some detailed examples of SRA funded projects from each workstream and across the county. It is particularly hoped that new members of the Panel will find this whole item a useful introduction to the full range of SRA works.

#### Latest status

At a meeting on 21 June 2019, SRA Board members also looked back at 2018-19. New SRA Board Members commented on the large variety of projects that the SRA was in the process of delivering. The Board highlighted the need to raise awareness as much as possible of the work the SRA is delivering. The Board discussed the current mix of projects and considered whether we have the correct balance of projects across the workstreams. SRA Board Members also discussed the fact that the current Flood Action Plan is 5 years old and due for review. It was agreed that as part of that review it would be important to consider what the priorities of the SRA should be in the short, medium and long term.

**Next steps**

The detailed information provided in Appendix 1 and 2 will provide the basis for the SRA's formal annual report for 2018-19 which will formally approved by the SRA Board at its September Board Meeting.

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