

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 project delivery in 2018-19.

Purpose of the item

To inform the SRA Joint Scrutiny Panel about SRA activities in 2018-19, as detailed in the SRA Annual Report 2018-19, and give members 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 first meeting is to give members a chance to look back at the year gone-by, while the second meeting is meant to look ahead to the SRA's proposed programme of works for the next financial year.

Appendix 1 gives members the full SRA Annual Report 2018-19, a detailed account of things that happened between the start of April 2018 and the end of March 2019. Appendix 2 is a shorter version of the SRA Annual Report 2018-19, offering a summary. Information in both appendices 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 Note that as Taunton Deane Borough Council and West Somerset Council were not superseded by West Somerset and Taunton Council until 1 April 2019, old district boundaries are still used.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 the meeting on 21 June 2019, the SRA Board took a preliminary look back at 2018-19. New 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 SRA's current mix of projects and considered the balance of projects across workstreams. Members also signalled their wish for a review of the SRA's short, medium and long-term priorities.

Next steps

At the forthcoming SRA Board meeting on 27 September, members will decide whether to formally approve the official publication of the SRA Annual Report 2018-19 (in both its long and short versions).

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