

JOINT SCRUTINY PANEL OF SOMERSET RIVERS AUTHORITY (PLEASE NOTE – ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS ARE TAKING PLACE VIRTUALLY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE).



**Friday 12 February 2021
2.00 pm Virtual Meeting**

To – The Chair and members of the Joint Scrutiny Panel of Somerset Rivers Authority

Cllr S Coles (Chair) (Somerset West & Taunton), Cllr John Hunt (Vice-Chair) (Somerset CC), Cllr B Smedley (Sedgemoor), Cllr A Betty (Sedgemoor), Cllr A Groskop (Somerset CC), Cllr L Lisgo (Somerset West & Taunton), Cllr P Maxwell (South Somerset), Cllr S Osborne (South Somerset) and D Vigar (Parrett Internal Drainage Board) and W Welland (Axe Brue Internal Drainage Board)

All Somerset County Council Members are invited to attend.

Issued By Scott Wooldridge, Strategic Manager - Governance and Democratic Services
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AGENDA

Item Joint Scrutiny Panel of Somerset Rivers Authority (Please Note – all public meetings are taking place virtually until further notice).- 2.00 pm Friday 12 February 2021

****Public Guidance notes contained in agenda annexe****

1 Membership update (Pages 11 - 14)

To update the Panel on changes to membership since the last meeting.

Mendip Council - 2 vacancies on the Scrutiny Panel

Cllr Cottle and Cllr Leyshon have both stood down as members on the Panel. Mendip Council have advised that they intend to fill the vacancies at its Council meeting on 22 February 2021.

The current terms of reference of the Scrutiny Panel are attached for information.

2 Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair for 2021

To seek nominations for the Chair and Vice Chair positions for 2021.

3 Apologies for absence

4 Declarations of Interest

Details of all Members' interests in District, Town and Parish Councils can be viewed on the Council Website at [County Councillors membership of Town, City, Parish or District Councils](#). The Statutory Register of Member's Interests can be inspected via request to the Democratic Service Team.

5 Minutes from the previous meeting held on 17 July 2020 (Pages 15 - 20)

The Panel will consider the accuracy of the attached minutes.

6 Public Question Time

The Chair will allow members of the public to ask a question or make a statement about any matter on the agenda for this meeting. **These questions may be taken during the meeting, when the relevant agenda item is considered, at the Chair's discretion.**

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7 **Quarter 2 2020/21 Finance Report** (Pages 21 - 26)

To consider the report.

Note:

The 2020/21 detailed commercially sensitive update has been circulated to the Panel.

8 **SRA Enhanced Programme and Budget 2021-22** (Pages 27 - 46)

To consider the report.

Note:

The Confidential 2021-22 enhanced programme list with costs (Appendix 3 to the report) has been circulated to the Panel.

***** Possible exclusion of the press and public**

Please note: -

Although the main reports for **agenda items 7 and 8** are not confidential, there are supporting appendices to these agenda items, available to the Panel, which contain exempt information and are therefore marked as '**confidential – not for publication.**'

At any point, if the Panel wishes to discuss information within the appendices then the Panel will be asked to agree the following resolution to exclude the press and public:

Exclusion of the Press and Public

To consider passing a resolution under Regulation 4 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 to exclude the press and public from the meeting on the basis that if they were present during the business to be transacted there would be a likelihood of disclosure of exempt information, within the meaning of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972:

Reason: Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

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9 **Heart of The South West Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Project Update**
(Pages 47 - 48)

To consider the report.

10 **Flood Action Plan Review**

Verbal Update

11 **Raising Awareness of Riparian Responsibilities** (Pages 49 - 54)

To consider the report.

12 **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Friday 2 July 2021 – 10.00 – 13.00.

13 **Any other urgent items of business**

The Chair may raise any items of urgent business.