

Joint Scrutiny Panel of Somerset Rivers Authority (virtual meeting)

Friday 2 July 2021

10.00 am Virtual Meeting



To: The Members of the Joint Scrutiny Panel of Somerset Rivers Authority (virtual meeting)

Cllr S Coles (Chair, Somerset West & Taunton)
Cllr J Cousins (Mendip), Cllr J Nash (Mendip)
Cllr B Smedley (Sedgemoor), Cllr A Betty (Sedgemoor)
Cllr John Hunt (Somerset CC), Cllr A Groskop (Somerset CC)
Cllr L Lisgo (Somerset West & Taunton)
Cllr P Maxwell (South Somerset), Cllr R Pailthorpe (South Somerset)
D Vigar (Parrett Internal Drainage Board)
W Welland (Axe Brue Internal Drainage Board)

All Somerset County Council Members are invited to attend the meeting.

Issued By Scott Wooldridge, Strategic Manager - Governance and Risk and Monitoring Officer – 24 June 2021

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AGENDA

Item Joint Scrutiny Panel of Somerset Rivers Authority (virtual meeting) - 10.00 am
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****Public Guidance notes contained in agenda annexe****

1 Membership update and Terms of Reference of the Panel (Pages 9 - 12)

To update the Panel on changes to membership since the last meeting and review of Terms of Reference.

2 Apologies for absence

3 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.

4 Appointment of Vice Chair for 2021

To seek nominations for the Vice Chair position.

5 Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, 12 February 2021 (Pages 13 - 18)

The Committee is asked to confirm the minutes are accurate.

6 Public Question Time

If submitted by the deadline (the deadline for public questions for this meeting is 5 pm on Monday 28 June 2021), 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.

7 Draft SRA Annual Report (Pages 19 - 92)

To consider the report from Jonathan Hudston, Communications Manager, Somerset Rivers Authority.

The Chair has asked that if Panel members have any questions on the draft report it would be helpful if these could be submitted prior to the meeting. Please email fabbott@somerset.gov.uk

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Panel members are also invited to suggest items for consideration at future meetings of the Scrutiny Panel.

8 **Update on work of the SRA Board since last meeting of the Scrutiny Panel**
(Pages 93 - 96)

To consider the report from David Mitchell, Senior Manager Somerset Rivers Authority

Note:

The Confidential 2020/21 Enhanced Programme List, with costs has been circulated separately to the Panel.

Possible exclusion of the press and public

PLEASE NOTE: Although the main report for **agenda item 8** is not confidential, a supporting appendix available to the Panel contains exempt information and is therefore marked '**confidential – not for publication**'. At any point if the Panel wishes to discuss information within the Appendix, 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 having been duly proposed and seconded under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 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).

9 **Flood Action Plan Review** (Pages 97 - 100)

To consider the report from David Mitchell, Senior Manager, Somerset Rivers Authority

10 **Key project updates**

Presentation from John Rowlands

Update on Sowy KSD Phase 1 channel works

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11 **Annual Finance Report** (Pages 101 - 106)

To consider the report from Ian Tier, Finance Manager.

Note:

The 2020-21 Finance Report detailing commercially sensitive information has been circulated separately to the Panel

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12 **SRA precepting legislation update**

Update from David Mitchell, Service Manager, SRA

13 **Any other urgent items of business**

The Chair may raise any items of urgent business.

14 **Proposed Meeting Dates for 2022**

To confirm the dates of future meetings, as follows:-

Friday 28 January 2022 10.00 – 13.00

Friday 8th July 2022 10.00 – 13.00