

Somerset Rivers Authority Board Paper

Title: TAUNTON STRATEGIC FLOOD ALLEVIATION IMPROVEMENT SCHEME - Update

RECOMMENDATION

The SRA Board is asked to:

1. The Board note the contents of the report and progress made on the Taunton Strategic Flood Alleviation Scheme for Phase 2 and consider this as an appropriate basis for continued joint project working.

Purpose of the item:

To update the Board on the progress with Phase 2 (Design & Development) of the Taunton Strategic Flood Alleviation Scheme.

Background and context

This is an essential scheme to enable future growth in Taunton and protect thousands of business and residential properties from the many impacts (economic, social and environmental) that flooding would bring.

The scheme seeks to carry out the project development and delivery phases of the Strategic Flood Alleviation Improvements urgently needed for Taunton. It builds on phase 1 work undertaken in 2014 which considered the strategic options to manage flood risk and the associated adverse effects of climate change. Phases 2 will involve a detailed options appraisal leading to outline design of the preferred option(s), securing full planning permission and clarity on land assembly. Phase 3 will follow and will involve detailed design and construction of the strategic flood risk improvements scheme.

Latest status

Since the last SRA board update in July, good progress continues to be made with developing and refining the options for this project, with investigations taking place on affected land and discussions with relevant land owners.

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