

# THE SRA BOARD SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

21<sup>st</sup> July 2017

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Item No.	Title	Decisions
2	<b>Election of chair and vice chair</b>	John Osman was elected as chair and Tony Bradford was elected as vice chair.
4	<b>Minutes of previous meeting March 13<sup>th</sup> 2017</b>	The Board signed off the minutes as accurate with one amendment relating to Anthony Trollope-Bellew's comments on pg1. The final minutes will be published on the website shortly.
6ai	<b>Strategic Approach to Mitigation - Funding requests</b>	As recommended the Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Recognised the benefits of a strategic solution approach to mitigation and approve the development of a strategic approach to mitigation for the Flood Action Plan.</li> <li>2. Noted the relationship between this work and the work in W1 to develop a long term flood risk management strategy for Somerset.</li> <li>3. Requested that £50,000 funding is allocated to the development of this work. Project to be led by Natural England, to be completed within this financial year 2017/18.</li> </ol>
6aii	<b>Cripps &amp; Hixham overrun – Funding request</b>	As recommended the Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approved a bid to the 2016/17 <b>contingency fund</b> of £19,187.28; £10,345.92 of which to cover extension of works linked to the de silting of the Cripps River in Spring 2016 and £8,841.36 to cover additional cost on de-silting of the Hixham Rhyne in Summer 2016.</li> </ol>
6b	<b>First quarter 2017/18 report</b>	As recommended the Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noted the financial performance at the end of 2016-17 and at the end of Quarter 1 2017-18.</li> <li>2. Approved the use of £4.7k contingency to cover the small scale overspend of five activities at the end of the financial year 2016-17.</li> <li>3. Approved LEP funds as the funding source for the</li> </ol>

		£50k funding request from Natural England for the development of a Strategic Approach to Mitigation.
<b>7a</b>	<b>Bridgwater Tidal Barrier update</b>	As recommended the Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noted the progress made in the technical appraisal of the preferred option for the scheme and the plans to further consult stakeholders and the public on the appearance of the scheme in summer / autumn 2017.</li> </ol>
<b>7b</b>	<b>Taunton Strategic Flood Alleviation Improvements Scheme (TSFAIS) update</b>	As recommended the Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noted the contents of the report and progress made on the TSFAIS for Phase 2 and considered this as an appropriate basis for continued joint project working.</li> </ol>
<b>7c</b>	<b>Dredging Strategy and Plans update</b>	As recommended the Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noted the progress made and the encouraging results.</li> <li>2. Noted the action to establish long term sediment flux monitoring on the River Parrett and Tone.</li> <li>3. Noted the action to develop the Brue Hydraulic Model</li> </ol>
<b>7d</b>	<b>Sowy River/ King's Sedgemoor Drain</b>	As recommended the Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noted the continuing progress towards delivery of the scheme.</li> <li>2. Acknowledged the complexities relating to stakeholder buy-in.</li> <li>3. Accepted the challenges likely to arise during engagement with landowners.</li> <li>4. Noted that an optimistic date for tendering is Christmas 2017, with preparatory works starting in late summer 2018.</li> </ol>
<b>8a</b>	<b>Review and revision of W1: Dredging and River Management</b>	The Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approved the Management and Reporting of Work stream W1 to be divided in two and that workstream W1a will be managed and reported by the EA and that W1b will be managed and reported by the IDBs, subject to confirmation that the Axe/Brue Board have agreed.</li> <li>2. Noted that the Management Group has asked the SRA Senior Manager to prepare a paper to look at</li> </ol>

		how best to progress the outstanding FAP action to develop an FRM strategy (plus all the remaining actions from W6), including who would lead it.
<b>8b</b>	<b>Dredging commitment</b>	As recommended the Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noted the sensitivities that exist between the relative priorities and programmes of the Sowy Enhancement Scheme and further pioneer dredging on the River Parrett.</li> <li>2. Committed to “Dredge the River Parrett between Oath and Burrowbridge as soon as a legally compliant and affordable scheme can be found”.</li> </ul>
<b>8c</b>	<b>Spreading risk across the Partnership</b>	The Board felt that more work was needed before they could endorse the proposed approach. The paper needs to be amended taking into account the financial severity of risk and after consultation with individual councils.
<b>8d</b>	<b>2016/17 End of Year report</b>	The Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approved the publication of the SRA End of Year Report 2016-17 with minor amendments to better explain the finance table.</li> </ul>
<b>8e</b>	<b>Precepting legislation</b>	As recommended the Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noted the contents of the paper and approved the proposed Next Steps.</li> </ul>