

## ITEM 8d

### Somerset Rivers Authority Board Paper

**Title:** SRA End of Year Report 2016-17

#### RECOMMENDATION

The SRA Board is asked to:

1. Approve the publication of the SRA End of Year Report 2016-17

#### Purpose:

The End of Year Report 2016-17 provides the Board with a detailed account and analysis of the SRA's performance during 2016-17. The report's wider publication and distribution would demonstrate the SRA's accountability and show partners, councillors, stakeholders and residents the full range of SRA-funded works across Somerset.

#### Background and context

After the close of the 2015-16 financial year, the SRA compiled a report for Government ministers showing how it had spent that year's interim funding, which included £1.9m from Defra. This report was also shared with the Board.

The End of Year Report 2016-17 follows on from the 2015-16 report but with two main differences. Firstly, the 2016-17 report covers all SRA funding sources, key projects and workstreams, whereas 2015-16 focused just on interim funding. Secondly, subject to the Board's approval, the 2016-17 report is intended for a wider audience. In 2016-17, the SRA received £2.777m in council tax and contributions from Somerset's IDBs. It is important to show people who pay for it the full range of what the SRA is achieving. The 2016-17 End of Year Report therefore replaces the much briefer Q4 summary of progress that would usually be assembled for the Board at the end of March.

#### Latest status

The End of Year Report 2016-17 has been reviewed and approved by the SRA's Technical Group and Management Group. If it is approved by the Board, it will be circulated widely, and its contents made available on the SRA's website.

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