

## **Somerset Rivers Authority Board Paper**

**Title:** Somerset Rivers Authority 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016/17 Enhanced Programme

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The SRA Board is asked to:

1. Note the overall progress and key risks of the SRA's Enhanced Programme for the year, as shown in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2016/17 Enhanced Programme Performance Dashboard.

### **Purpose of the item:**

To update the Board, by exception, on the progress of the SRA's 2016/17 Enhanced Programme as at the end of the third quarter 2016/17.

### **Background and context**

The second quarter 2016/17 Enhanced Programme Performance Report was presented at the SRA Board meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

### **Latest status**

Progress has continued in all work streams during the last quarter. The dredging trials taking place in the Parrett have been completed successfully and the results are being analysed together with monitoring data which will continue to be collected. The opportunity was taken to extend the work done in the trials to deliver this year's maintenance dredge at the same time, thereby saving money. Pioneer dredging of the River Brue is now planned for 2017-18 in line with the dredging strategy. The works started in the summer at Beer Wall have now been completed, together with the work at Dunball to remove the lump of concrete. Work continues to resolve the outstanding and complex issues on widening the Sowey/KSD channel, with the emphasis on identifying a legally compliant scheme under Habitats Regulations to enable going out to tender in April/May. Desilting of Hixham Rhyne, extra maintenance on West Sedgemoor rhynes and bank repair work at Isle Brewers have all been completed and funds saved from SRA projects elsewhere are now being used to deliver extra de-silting as part of the EA's Wessex de-silting programme.

Work continues, on target, at Cannington with the new channel construction now underway. Extra drainage maintenance work on Highways has now started in earnest. There has been no demand from LPA's for SuDs inspections so the LLFA have a meeting planned with LA Planning Control Managers in the New Year to discuss why.

A total of 75 Capital Grant scheme applications have been submitted, 49 of which have been completed. Budget risks have remained the same since the 2nd quarter, but delivery risks have increased, with a further 8 actions now flagged as red against their original delivery dates. However of these 5 have revised delivery dates for completion by the end of this financial year, and the remaining 3 involve working with the community which is taking longer than originally envisaged and so will carry forward to 2017/18.

Good progress has been made on investigating and developing Land Management solutions to 107 flooding hotspots referred by Highways, the Lead Local Flood Authority and/or West Somerset Flood Group and many solutions have been found. However completion of the investigations and/or follow up work has been stalled as a result of a shortage of funding. Proposals have been put forward under a separate item to secure a small amount of additional funding to complete the outstanding work this year.

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the SRA Board:

1. Note the overall progress and key risks of the SRA's Enhanced Programme for the year, as shown in the 3rd Quarter 2016/17 Enhanced Programme Performance Dashboard.

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