

# THE SRA BOARD SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

**21<sup>st</sup> October 2015**

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<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of the meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2015</b>	Cllr Trollope-Bellew raised West Somerset's concerns about Sedgemoor not paying the precept (paragraph 4, page 2); Cllr Hall said that he had sent apologies but these were not recorded. The minutes of the Board Meeting held on 23rd September 2015 were otherwise signed as correct.
<b>4</b>	<b>Financial Report – Progress Update</b>	More information is to be provided on future spreadsheets about funds from Heart of South West LEP and interim funding.
<b>5</b>	<b>Enhanced Maintenance Programme – Progress Update</b>	Larger print-outs of EMP spreadsheets are to be sent to Board members for ease of reading.
<b>6</b>	<b>Common Works Programme – Progress Update</b>	The River Sowry to be described on future spreadsheets as being in South Somerset as well as Sedgemoor. Brief update requested on Cannington flood alleviation scheme at next SRA Board meeting. Larger print-outs of CWP spreadsheets to be sent to Board members for ease of reading.
<b>7</b>	<b>Upper Tone Strategic Flood Alleviation Scheme Update</b>	Brief update – especially as regards funding – required for next SRA Board meeting.
<b>9</b>	<b>Pioneer Dredge</b>	The Board voted in favour of Option 1: Go ahead with the 750m dredge downstream of Northmoor Pumping Station as planned, at a cost of £2.14m (incl. of £200k of client held risk), recognising the limited additional physical benefits that these works provide in terms of flood risk reduction on Northmoor. As

		<p>this option would require bringing forward some of the 2016/17 LEP funds earmarked for dredging, this option includes investigating more cost-effective dredging techniques and sites before deciding on the dredging programme beyond this financial year.</p>
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>Ring Bank Consultation</b></p>	<p>The Board voted unanimously in favour of the recommendations as presented, with one amendment.</p> <p>1. Note the summary of results of the public consultation of residents and landowners at Moorland, Chadmead and Fordgate on the principle of ring banks at these communities as outlined in this paper.</p> <p>2. Consider the recommendations of the SRA Management Group:</p> <p>That no further investigation is carried out on the Fordgate ring bank at this time and a summary of both the consultation responses and this decision should be sent to the residents and landowners by the EA on behalf of the SRA.</p> <p>That a two stage approach is adopted for Chadmead and Moorland:</p> <p>Stage 1 - The SRA to commission further work with the communities with a view to developing a greater degree of consensus. This would involve addressing as many of the concerns and issues as possible, prior to investment in appraisal and design. It would require some community officer and technical support.</p> <p>Stage 2 - Depending on the outcome of this work and the scale of the issues and concerns that remain, the SRA would then consider whether to invest in further appraisal and design work (circa £200k).</p> <p>It was agreed that Cllr John Osman (Somerset County Council) and Cllr Anne Fraser (Sedgemoor District Council) would meet to discuss which one of their respective organisations would be best placed to lead the Stage 1 work.</p>

<b>12</b>	<b>AOB</b>	Defra to define their information requirements re SRA Board member organisations' preparedness for winter and SRA Senior Manager to collate information and feedback to Defra.
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