

THE SRA BOARD SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

8th February 2017

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Item No.	Title	Decisions
2	Minutes of the meeting on 16th January 2017	The minutes of the Board Meeting held on 16 th January 2017 were signed as correct.
5	Review and revision of Work Stream 6: Assessing the flood risk long-term choices and options for a sustainable future	<p>As recommended, the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Closed down workstream W6 in its current form as most of the actions are either completed or substantially underway. 2. Endorsed the need for further work to quantify and understand the residual risk of flooding on road, rail and communication networks following the implementation of infrastructure improvements and on-going flood and water management activity. 3. Endorsed the need for further work with agencies and communities to consider the long term sustainable future of the levels and moors in the light of the available evidence base, activity progressing under W5, 2 & 3, and possible agricultural policy change linked to Brexit.
6	Review and revision of Work Stream 4: Resilient Infrastructure	<p>As recommended, the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted the progress made in delivering all original actions. 2. Approved the proposals to update W4 and supported Grant Proposals aligned to the revised workstream.
7	SRA 2017-18 Enhanced Programme	<p>As recommended, the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved the proposed SRA 2017-18 Enhanced Programme, subject to funding being confirmed. 2. Approved the proposed SRA Policies in relation to fundable actions.

8	SRA 2016-17 Quarter 3 Performance reports	<p>As recommended, the Board:</p> <p><i>8a.</i> Approved a bid to the 2016/17 contingency fund of £12.5k to extend the land management follow-up work on referrals from Highway/LLFA (£5k) and West Somerset (£7.5k) local flooding hotspots.</p> <p><i>8b1.</i> Noted 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.</p> <p><i>8b2.</i> 1. Noted the contents of the attached 3rd Quarter financial summary report.</p> <p>2. Approved setting aside £654k remaining funding from the 2016-17 Local Partner Funded Maintaining Dredged Profiles as a provision for the Sowey/KSD and/or pioneer dredging.</p> <p>3. Approved setting aside £426k savings from the Growth Deal funded Pioneer Dredging as a provision for the Sowey/KSD and/or pioneer dredging.</p> <p>4. Approved setting aside the £200k remaining funding from the 2015-16 Interim Funds funded Funding Mechanism as a provision for the Sowey/KSD and/or pioneer dredging.</p> <p>5. Approved the increase in budget of £12.5k for Land Management activities, funded from 2016-17 contingency.</p>
9	Flood Action Plan specific updates	<p>As recommended, the Board:</p> <p><i>9a.</i> Noted the contents of the report and progress made on the Taunton Strategic Flood Alleviation Improvements Scheme for Phase 2 and endorsed this as an appropriate basis for continued joint project working.</p> <p><i>9b.</i> Noted the progress made in the technical assessment to identify a preferred option for the Bridgwater Tidal Barrier.</p> <p><i>9c.</i> Noted the progress made with the dredging strategy and the encouraging interim results of investigations.</p> <p><i>9d.</i> 1. Noted the funding options available at present to cover the Sowey/KSD shortfall and agreed to set aside the underspend of £1,080k to be used for either the Sowey/KSD or further pioneer dredging.</p> <p>2. Endorsed the funding strategy of drawing down LEP funds first.</p> <p>3. Approved setting aside £200k of contingency and £150k from next year's shadow precept for the Sowey/KSD scheme (the latter figure to be subject to review as soon as an agreed scheme has been costed).</p>

10	2017-18 Constitution and MoU	As recommended, the Board agreed that the existing SRA Memorandum of Understanding and Constitution should be rolled over to 2017-18 without amendment, save minor updates in relation to changes in personnel, dates and funding amounts relevant to 2017-18.
11	Risk sharing across the partnership	As recommended, the Board noted the current situation with regard to risk management in preparation to receiving a future report about agreeing a way to manage financial risk between partners, primarily in relation to Local Enterprise Partnership funding.