ITEM 5

SRA Scheme of Delegation

SRA Decision making processes

For as long as the SRA remain an informal partnership and not a legal entity, any decisions of the SRA Board are decisions 'in principle' and are subject to formal approval by its host authority and the accountable body for the funding it has access to. For 2015/16 and 2016/17 the host authority and accountable body for all the SRA funding is Somerset County Council (SCC), who makes the necessary formal decisions with regard to programmes of work and spend according to the SCC decision making processes including the SCC scheme of delegations. These decisions, however, are informed by the SRA Board's decisions, and the decisions it makes under its own scheme of delegation; it is expected that SCC's decisions will follow the SRA Board's decisions, unless they are either illegal or go against SCC's own code of conduct.

SRA Delegations

The general principles guiding the SRA's scheme of delegations are as follows:

- The SRA Board approves all Programmes of work
- No works in any of the Board approved Programmes can be deleted without SRA Board approval
- No change can be agreed that means the total SRA expenditure exceeds the total funding available across all Programmes.
- All individual works within Programmes have tolerances set
- These delegations will be reviewed after one year

The Programmes of work to which these delegations apply are shown below

1. The SRA *current year* Enhanced Programme. This comprises the flood risk management works for which funding has been agreed by the SRA Board. In the case of 2016/17, this includes those works funded by local partners funding and those funded by Growth Deal funding as approved by the SRA Board on 23rd March 2016.
2. The outstanding works of the 2015/16 Enhanced Maintenance Programme

Changes to the Programmes can be made by the SRA Senior Manager, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the SRA Board, subject to the following:

- Each change requires a formal decision paper and a record of that decision will be kept
- A report of all changes made within the previous quarter will be reviewed by the SRA Board at the SRA Board meeting at the end of that quarter.
- Each month the SRA Management Group will review all changes made the previous month.

The following changes can be made:

1. Additional works can be added as long as they are the next affordable works on the prioritised list of works of the SRA Board approved 5 Year Enhanced Programme. Tolerance up to £500,000
2. New works proposed by the Technical Group can be added to either Programme. Tolerance up to £20,000.
3. Cost increases to individual works within either Programme. Tolerance up to £500,000 or 30% of the original budget for that works, whichever is the smaller

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