

ITEM 10b

Somerset Rivers Authority Board Paper

Title: 2019-20 Enhanced Programme

RECOMMENDATION

The SRA Board is asked to:

1. Approve the proposed SRA 2019-20 Enhanced Programme.

Purpose of the item:

To formally approve the SRA's 2019-20 Enhanced Programme once funding has been confirmed by each of the funding partners at their budget setting meetings during February.

Background and context

At the Board meeting on 7 December, 2018, the Board approved the 2019-20 Enhanced Programme subject to funding being confirmed.

SRA funding is currently collected via a 'shadow precept' of 1.25% on council tax. This additional notional amount is a power granted by government explicitly for the purpose of funding the SRA; it is separate to other council tax funds and does not impact on the funds available to each council for core business.

Each year the councils must formally approve the raising of the shadow precept at February budget setting meetings. The Internal Drainage Boards also confirm their contributions at budget setting meetings.

At the time of writing not all partners had held their budget setting meetings. All councils have confirmed their intention to raise the shadow precept for 2019-20. The Axe Brue and Parrett Internal Drainage Boards confirmed their contributions at Board meetings on 7 February, Sedgemoor District Council and Somerset County Council confirmed their contributions on 20 February.

By the time of the Board meeting on Friday, 1 March all contributions will be confirmed. **A finalised version of this paper will be presented at the meeting for approval.**

The table below sets out the value of each contribution based upon the tax base of each council.

For information: On 1 April 2019, a new Somerset West and Taunton Council will replace Taunton Deane Borough Council and West Somerset Council. This is why the new council is shown in the table below.

SRA Shadow Precept and IDB contribution 2019-20

Authority	Contribution	Confirmed / TBC
Somerset County Council	£2,547,400	20/02/2019
Somerset West and Taunton Council	£99,090	21/02/2019
Sedgemoor District Council	£73,816	20/02/2019
Mendip District Council	£74,512	25/02/2019
South Somerset District Council	£111,492	26/02/2019
Somerset Internal Drainage Boards	£20,000	07/02/2019
Total	£2,926,310	

The following are attached with this report:

- Appendix 1 2019-20 Enhanced Programme Summary
- Appendix 2 2019-20 Enhanced Programme List (public)
- Appendix 3 2019-20 Enhanced programme map
- Appendix 4 2019-20 Enhanced Programme List (CONFIDENTIAL with costs)

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