

AGENDA

Somerset Rivers Authority Board Meeting

10.00 am – 12.00pm, Friday 6 March 2020

at the headquarters of Sedgemoor District Council

in the Council Chamber, Bridgwater House, King Square, Bridgwater, TA6 3AR.

Members of SRA Board:

Cllr David Hall – *Chair*, Somerset County Council (SCC)

Tony Bradford - *Vice-Chair*, Parrett Internal Drainage Board (IDB)

Ray Adlam, Axe Brue IDB

Emma Baker, Environment Agency

Cllr Mike Caswell, Sedgemoor District Council (SDC)

Jeff Fear, Axe Brue IDB

Matthew Heard, Natural England

Rebecca Horsington, Parrett IDB

David Jenkins, Wessex Regional Flood & Coastal Committee

Cllr Matt Martin, Mendip District Council

Cllr Federica Smith-Roberts, Somerset West & Taunton Council (SWTC)

Cllr Mike Stanton, South Somerset District Council (SSDC)

In Attendance:

Doug Bamsey, SDC

Dr Rachel Burden, Environment Agency

Roger Burge, Somerset Drainage Boards Consortium (SDBC)

Paul Deal, Mendip District Council

Chris Hall, SWTC

Rebecca Hall, SCC

Paula Hewitt, SCC

Jonathan Hudston, SRA

David Mitchell, SRA

Iain Sturdy, SDBC

Martin Woods, SSDC

Apologies:

Michele Cusack, SCC

PLEASE NOTE: The main reports for Items 7 and 9 are not confidential, but additional detailed financial information has been made available only to SRA Board Members. The additional detailed financial information contains exempt information and is therefore marked Confidential – Not for Publication. At any point if Members wish to discuss the detailed financial information within these papers then the Board will be asked to agree the following resolution to exclude the press and public:

Exclusion of the Press and Public

To consider passing a resolution under Regulation 4 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 to exclude the press and public from the meeting on the basis that if they were present during the business to be transacted there would be a likelihood of disclosure of exempt information, within the meaning of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

Reason: Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

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Item No	Title	Purpose	Lead
1	Apologies for absence	Clarification	Chair
2	Declarations of interest	Transparency	Chair
3	Minutes of previous meeting 10 January 2020	To agree accuracy	Chair
4	Public Question Time	To give the public chance to ask questions	Chair
5	Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and Constitution	To approve and sign the 2020-21 MoU and Constitution	Chair
6	SRA Joint Scrutiny Panel	To feedback any comments and recommendations from the SRA Joint Scrutiny Panel	David Mitchell
7	Quarter 3 2019-20 Finance Report	To update the Board	Rebecca Hall
8	Key project updates a. River Sowey / King's Sedgemoor Drain b. Brue catchment schemes	Papers to seek a decision from the Board, notify them of a material change or a milestone reached	Rachel Burden Iain Sturdy / David Mitchell
9	2020-21 SRA budget and Enhanced Programme	To review and approve the 2020-21 SRA budget and Enhanced Programme	David Mitchell
10	Flood Action Plan Review	To update on progress	David Mitchell
11	Precepting legislation	To update the Board on progress	Chair
12	SRA representation on the Somerset Local Nature Partnership Board	To consider a request for the SRA Chair sit on the Somerset Local Nature Partnership Board	Chair
13	Any Other Business (AOB)	Please notify the Chair of AOB in advance of the meeting	Chair
14	a. Papers to Note	a. Bridgwater Tidal Barrier b. Taunton Strategic Flood Alleviation Improvements Scheme c. River Parrett Dredging - Oath to Burrowbridge	Chair

		d. Strategic Approach to Mitigation	
Next meeting: 12 June 2020			

Somerset Rivers Authority (SRA) GUIDANCE NOTES

for the SRA Board meeting, 10am-12noon, Friday 6 March 2020
at the headquarters of Sedgemoor District Council

in the Council Chamber, Bridgwater House, King Square, Bridgwater, TA6 3AR.

For further information about the meeting, please contact Somerset Rivers Authority on (01823) 355111 or email sra@somerset.gov.uk

This meeting will be open to the public and press.

The agenda, reports and background papers are available on request prior to the meeting in large print, Braille, audio tape & disc and can be translated into different languages. They can also be accessed via Somerset Rivers Authority's website on www.somsetriversauthority.org.uk/meetings



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1 Inspection of Papers

Any person wishing to inspect reports or the background papers for any item on the agenda should contact Somerset Rivers Authority on (01823) 355111 or email sra@somerset.gov.uk

2 Notes of the Meeting

Details of issues discussed, and decisions taken at the meeting, will be set out in the Minutes, which the Board will be asked to approve as a correct record at its next meeting. In the meantime, details of the decisions and draft minutes will be available on the SRA website seven days after the meeting has taken place:
www.somsetriversauthority.org.uk/meetings

3 Public Question Time

At the Chair's invitation you may ask questions and/or make statements or comments about any matter on the Board's agenda. You may also present a petition on any

matter within the Board's remit. **The length of public question time will be no more than 30 minutes in total.**

A slot for Public Question Time is set aside near the beginning of the meeting, after the minutes of the previous meeting have been signed. However, questions or statements about any matter on the agenda for this meeting may be taken at the time when each matter is considered at the Chair's discretion.

If you wish to speak at the meeting or submit a petition then you will need to submit your statement or question in writing to Somerset Rivers Authority by 5pm on Monday 2 March 2020. Email sra@somerset.gov.uk or send a letter to Somerset Rivers Authority, C4 County Hall, Taunton, TA1 4DY.

You must direct your questions and comments through the Chair. You may not take direct part in the debate.

The Chair will decide when public participation is to finish.

If there are many people present at the meeting for one particular item, the Chair may adjourn the meeting to allow views to be expressed more freely.

If an item on the agenda is contentious, with a large number of people attending the meeting, a representative should be nominated to present the views of a group.

An issue will not be deferred because you cannot be present at the meeting.

Remember that the amount of time you speak will be restricted normally to three minutes only.

4 **Access and Attendance**

The Board meeting in Bridgwater House is open to the public and press but there is limited capacity for health and safety reasons. All those attending the Board meeting should use the main entrance and sign in at reception. This may take a few minutes so please arrive early.

The Council Chamber has a maximum capacity of 100, and this cannot be exceeded. If numbers attending exceed capacity then priority will be given to those who have registered to speak at Public Question Time and thereafter admittance will be on a first come, first served basis.

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5 **Hearing Aid Loop System**

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6 **Emergency Evacuation Procedure**

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7 **Recording of meetings**

Somerset Rivers Authority supports the principles of openness and transparency, it allows filming, recording and taking photographs at its meetings that are open to the public providing it is done in a non-disruptive manner. Members of the public may use Facebook and Twitter or other forms of social media to report on proceedings and a designated area will be provided for anyone who wishing to film part or all of the proceedings. No filming or recording will take place when the press and public are excluded for that part of the meeting. As a matter of courtesy to the public, anyone wishing to film or record proceedings is asked to provide reasonable notice to Somerset Rivers Authority so that the Chair can inform those present at the start of the meeting.

We would ask that, as far as possible, members of the public aren't filmed unless they are playing an active role such as speaking within a meeting and there may be occasions when speaking members of the public request not to be filmed.

Somerset Rivers Authority makes audio recordings of Board meetings in order to have verbatim records of what was discussed.

A copy of the Recording of Meetings Protocol should be on display at the meeting for inspection, alternatively contact Somerset Rivers Authority in advance.