

## AGENDA

### Somerset Rivers Authority Board Meeting

2pm – 4pm, Friday 5 March 2021

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

#### Members of SRA Board:

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

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

**Cllr Mike Stanton**, South Somerset District Council (SSDC)

**Cllr Sarah Wakefield**, Somerset West & Taunton Council (SWTC)

**Maurice Wall**, Axe Brue IDB

#### In Attendance:

**Dr Rachel Burden**, Environment Agency

**Roger Burge**, Somerset Drainage Boards Consortium (SDBC)

**Dave Coles**, SDC

**Michele Cusack**, SCC

**Chris Hall**, SWTC

**David Mitchell**, SRA

**Ian Tier**, SCC

**Haylee Wilkins**, MDC

#### Apologies:

**Paula Hewitt**, SCC

**Martin Woods**, SSDC

**Doug Bamsey**, SDC

#### Minute taker:

**Emma Morgan** (SRA)

**PLEASE NOTE:** The main reports for Items 8 and 10 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 The additional detailed financial information contains exempt information and is therefore marked Confidential – Not for Publication.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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<b>Item No</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Lead</b>
1	Apologies for absence	Clarification	Chair
2	Declarations of interest	Transparency	Chair
3	Minutes of previous meeting 11 December 2020	To agree accuracy	Chair
4	Public Question Time	To give the public a chance to ask questions	Chair
5	Joint Scrutiny Panel	To feedback any comments and recommendations from the SRA Joint Scrutiny Panel	David Mitchell
6	Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and Constitution	To approve and sign the 2021-22 MoU and constitution	Chair
7	Heart of the SW Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) funded projects	Review of progress	David Mitchell
8	Quarter 3 2020-21 SRA Finance Report	To update the Board	Iain Tier
9	Key project updates	<p>Papers to seek a decision from the Board, notify them of a material change or a milestone reached:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• River Sowey – King’s Sedgemoor Drain</li> </ul>	Rachel Burden
10	2021-22 Enhanced Programme and Budget	<p>a. To review and approve the 2021-22 SRA Enhanced Programme</p> <p>b. To review and approve the 2021-22 SRA budget</p>	David Mitchell
11	Flood Action Plan Review	To update the Board on progress	David Mitchell
12	Any other business (AOB)	Please notify the Chair of AOB in advance of the meeting	Chair
13	Papers to Note	<p>a. River Brue dredging</p> <p>b. Bridgwater Tidal Barrier</p>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. Taunton Strategic Flood Alleviation Improvements Scheme</li> <li>d. River Parrett Dredging – Oath to Burrowbridge</li> <li>e. River Parrett Dredging – Northmoor to M5</li> <li>f. Strategic Approach to Mitigation</li> </ul>	
<b>Next meeting: 23 July 2021</b>			

## Somerset Rivers Authority (SRA) GUIDANCE NOTES

for the SRA Board meeting, 2pm - 4pm, Friday 5 March 2021  
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For further information about the meeting, please contact Somerset Rivers Authority on (01823) 355111 or email [sra@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:sra@somerset.gov.uk)

This meeting will be open to the public and press. Please contact [sra@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:sra@somerset.gov.uk) to obtain meeting dial-in details.

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.somersetiversauthority.org.uk/meetings](http://www.somersetiversauthority.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](mailto: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.somersetiversauthority.org.uk/meetings](http://www.somersetiversauthority.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 1 March 2021.** Email [sra@somerset.gov.uk](mailto: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**

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### 5 **Recording of meetings**

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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.

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

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