

AGENDA

Somerset Rivers Authority Board Meeting

10am – 12pm, Friday 23 July 2021

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

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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)

Cllr Dixie Darch, Somerset West & Taunton Council (SWTC)

Jeff Fear, Axe Brue (IDB)

Rebecca Horsington, Parrett IDB

David Jenkins, Wessex Regional Flood & Coastal Committee

Cllr Matt Martin, Mendip District Council (MDC)

Claire Newill, Natural England

Cllr Mike Stanton, South Somerset District Council (SSDC)

Maurice Wall, Axe Brue IDB

In Attendance:

Dr Rachel Burden, Environment Agency

Dave Coles, SDC

Michele Cusack, SCC

Chris Hall, SWTC

David Mitchell, SRA

Ian Tier, SCC

Haylee Wilkins, MDC

Jonathan Hudston, SRA

Katy Menday, South Somerset District Council (SSDC)

Iain Sturdy, Somerset Drainage Boards Consortium (SDBC)

Apologies:

Matthew Heard, Natural England

Donna Gowler, Natural England

Roger Burge, Somerset Drainage Boards Consortium (SDBC)

Minute taker:

Emma Morgan (SRA)

PLEASE NOTE: The main report for Item 7 is 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 The additional detailed financial information contains exempt information and is therefore marked Confidential – Not for Publication.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).

AGENDA

Item No	Title	Purpose	Lead
1	Apologies for absence	Clarification	Chair
2	Declarations of interest	Transparency	Chair
3	Minutes of previous meeting 5 March 2021	To agree accuracy	Chair
4	Public Question Time	To give the public a chance to ask questions	Chair
5	SRA Joint Scrutiny Panel	To update the Board on any recommendations from the SRA Joint Scrutiny Panel meeting	David Mitchell
6	Quarter 4 2020-21 SRA Finance Report	To update the Board	Ian Tier
7	2020-21 Annual Report	To review the report	Jonathan Hudston
8	Peat Strategy SW Task Force	Verbal update to the Board on discussions at the Task Force.	Tony Bradford
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"> a. River Sowey Kings Sedgemoor Drain b. River Brue dredging 	<p>Rachel Burden</p> <p>Roger Burge</p>
10	Flood Action Plan review	Verbal update to the Board on progress	David Mitchell
11	Riparian Responsibilities	Response to Law Commission consultation	Jonathan Hudston
12	Any other business (AOB)	Please notify the Chair of AOB in advance of the meeting	Chair
13	Papers to Note	Key project updates	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Bridgwater Tidal Barrier b. Taunton Strategic Flood Alleviation Improvements Scheme c. Strategic Approach to Mitigation 	
Next meeting: 10 September 2021			

**Somerset Rivers Authority (SRA)
GUIDANCE NOTES**

for the SRA Board meeting, 10am – 12pm, Friday 23 July 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

This meeting will be open to the public and press. Please contact 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.somsetriversauthority.org.uk/meetings



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 19 July 2021. 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 Virtual Board meeting is open to the public and press. If you would like to join the virtual meeting please contact sra@somerset.gov.uk to register your interest and obtain dial-in details. All those attending the Board meeting should register prior to the meeting.

5 **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.

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.