

ITEM 8b

Somerset Rivers Authority (SRA) Board Paper

Quarter Three 2025-26 Enhanced Programme Performance Monitoring Report

RECOMMENDATION

The Somerset Rivers Authority (SRA) Board is asked to:

1. Note the overall delivery status of the schemes and activities within the current SRA Enhanced Programme for Quarter 3 2025-26.

Purpose of the item

To provide Somerset Rivers Authority (SRA) Board members with an overview of project progress across the SRA Enhanced Programme.

To enable the SRA Board to oversee progress towards meeting SRA objectives and ensuring effective use of funding.

Background and context

The SRA Strategy 2024-2034 published in March 2024 sets out a reporting structure for how the SRA Board can assess what is being achieved through the SRA's Enhanced Programme.

It specifies that annually the Board will receive:

1. Total number of schemes and activities funded year on year.
2. Total number of funded schemes and activities that are new.
3. Number of partnership projects – projects involving two or more organisations.
4. A summary of schemes and activities completed in the last financial year with a statement on outputs and outcomes.
5. Analysis of the programme assessing how schemes and activities are contributing to achieving our objectives.

Quarterly the Board will receive:

1. Amount of spend per quarter on scheme delivery as a percentage of total funds available.
2. Summary of total programme spend assessed against funds available and forecast future spend.
3. Summary of progress on delivery of the programme assessed against originally agreed timescales.
4. A report on completed schemes and activities with a statement about outputs and outcomes.

Quarter Three 2025-26 Overview

The first two metrics for quarterly reporting are covered in ITEM 7a Quarter Three 2025-26 Finance Report.

1. Summary of progress on delivery of the programme assessed against originally agreed timescales

Table A and Chart A below provide an overview of how projects that set milestones are progressing compared to the milestone deadlines they set in their Grant Agreements. Examples of milestones 1 - 4 are shown at the end of this paper, on page 5.

Table A

Milestone Description	Milestone 1	Milestone 2	Milestone 3	Milestone 4
Completed Early: Ahead of schedule	1		2	1
Completed As Planned: Completed within schedule	35	33	22	7
On Track: Not yet completed, on track to be completed within schedule			3	19
Behind Schedule: Not yet completed, behind schedule	1	1	7	12
Completed Late: Completed but behind schedule	13	16	14	10

Chart A

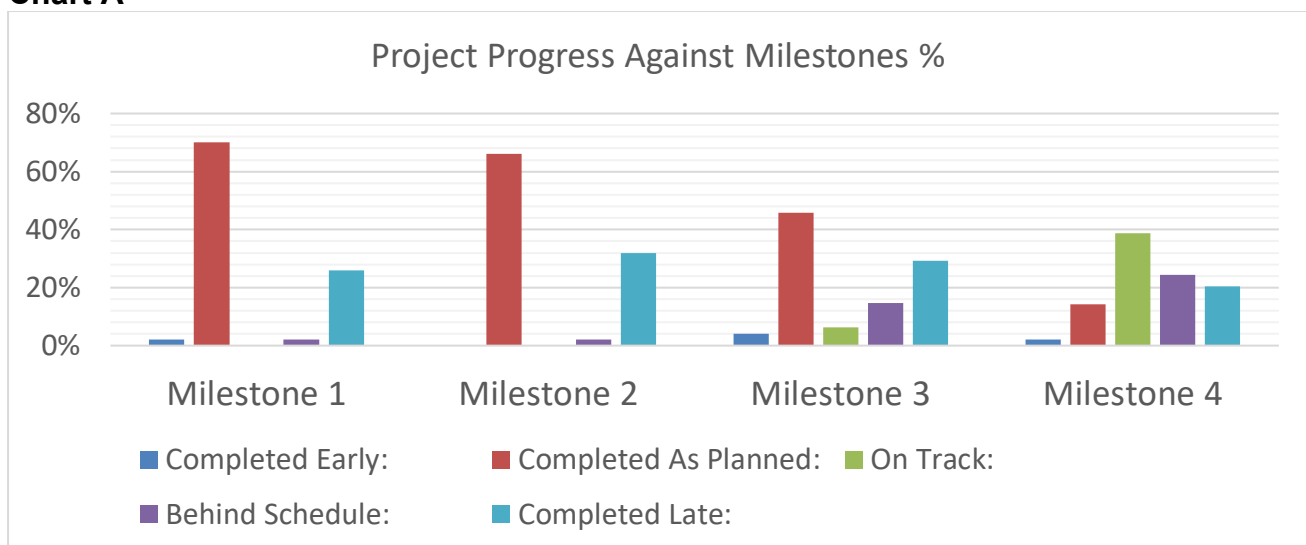


Table B below is a summary of the number of projects that are behind schedule for hitting their next milestone and how far they are currently behind.

Period Behind Schedule	Up to 6 Months	Up to a Year	Up to 2 Years	Up to 3 Years	Over 3 Years
Number of Projects	3	3	2	3	8

2. Report on completed schemes and activities with a statement about outputs

For the purposes of this report, a 'completed scheme' is one where the final claim has been submitted to the SRA for payment. The project activity may have been completed in an earlier reporting quarter. Three schemes were completed in Quarter Three 2025-26. Funding Year relates to the year that the activity was originally funded.

Table C

Completed Schemes and Activities Q3 2025-26	Funding Year
Structures Silt Removal Programme (Little Bridge, Stoke Trister, near Wincanton)	2024-25
Structures Silt Removal Programme (Hawkaller Bridge, A38 Blackbird Bends)	2023-24
River Sowey – King's Sedgemoor Drain Enhancements Scheme including outfalls (Environment Agency delivery)	2022-23

Table D provides the list of outputs from the Enhanced Programme that have been delivered between October and December (Quarter Three 2025-26) by workstream category.

Table D

Type of Output	Quarter 3
W1: River and Water Management	
No of commercial properties - reduced flood risk	370
No of homes better protected - reduced flood risk	223
Main river maintenance - No of locations (outfall jetting and weed clearance)	8
Agricultural land - reduced flood risk (ha)	1557
Minor roads - reduced flood risk (km)	6
Main line rail network - reduced flood risk (km)	2.5
W2: Land Management including Natural Flood Management	
No of new grants offered for the Hills to Levels programme	4
No of Hills to Levels grant schemes completed	10

No of land/soil management visits	5
No of Highway flooding issues referred to FWAG SW for consultation	3
No of natural flood management (NFM) flood stakeholder groups set up	3
No of grants offered for Trees for Water Action Fund	8
No of Trees for Water Action Fund schemes completed	1
No of Trees/shrubs planted	650
No of older NFM schemes revisited/monitored	2
No of NFM features: Leaky, woody or trash dams constructed	7
No of NFM features: Creation of bund	1
No of NFM features: Scrapes	2
No of NFM features: in channel features, flow spreader, bank regrading, swales etc	2
No of NFM features: attenuation area, pond restoration	9
W3: Urban Water Management	
No of CCTV Surveys made:	1
W4: Resilient Infrastructure	
No of gullies cleansed	2488
W5: Building Local Resilience	
No of Adapting Somerset (Act To Adapt) visits/workshops (Som Wildlife Trust)	1
No of Climate Adaptation Plans completed (Som Wildlife Trust)	1
No of community Flood Group meetings attended (Community Outreach Team)	8
No of Somerset Prepared Roadshows	2
No of community visits by (Community Outreach Team)	9
No of communities visited by Community NFM adviser	11
No of equipment/training grants awarded	3
No of Local Community Network, council meetings attended (Community Outreach Team)	6
No of school/college visits	4
No of public events attended (Community Outreach Team)	8
No of public events attended (FWAG SW)	2
Total Number of people in workshops/community self-governing events/schools visits/TC and TC meetings BLR	1713
Partner/collaborator meetings	7
Community Flood Action Fund	
No of Community Flood Action Fund grants awarded (fourth round)	1
No of Community Flood Action Fund applications received (fourth round)	3
No of Community Flood Action Fund Schemes completed	2

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Appendix: Examples of Milestones

Milestone One:

- Initial scoping and assessment
- Initial survey and methodology
- Define partners and stakeholders
- Development of framework
- Outline design

Milestone Two:

- Commence programming of work
- Data Review and tender
- Procurement
- Consents and permissions
- Detailed design

Milestone Three:

- Works tendered and awarded
- Construction start date
- Works commencement date
- Engagement and communication
- Draft report

Milestone Four:

- Construction or works complete

- Final report publication
- Launch date