Appointment of Members to Somerset Rivers Authority Scrutiny Panel

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Purpose of Report

The Somerset Rivers Authority (SRA) is an established partnership involving all Somerset local authorities and other key delivery agencies. An informal Joint Scrutiny Panel for the SRA has been in place since the beginning of the year, with the first meeting being held in February. The purpose of this report is to appoint two representatives from SSDC Scrutiny Committee to the informal joint Scrutiny Panel.

Action Required

Two members of SSDC's Scrutiny Committee are appointed to the Somerset Rivers Authority Informal Joint Scrutiny Panel.

Background

The Memorandum of Understanding and Terms of Reference for the informal Joint Scrutiny Panel are attached to this report.

As an informal Joint Scrutiny Panel, any recommendations or actions proposed by the Panel will need to be endorsed by the Scrutiny functions of each partner authority. Working together informally should facilitate wider engagement of elected members in the work of the Somerset Rivers Authority and provide a more effective mechanism for fulfilling the statutory scrutiny functions of local authorities.