

## **Confirmation of Appointment of a Councillor to the Parrett Internal Drainage Board (outside body)**

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### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To report an amendment to the outside bodies appointments made at Council on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

### **Public Interest**

2. Each year at their annual meeting, Council agree to appoint Councillors to represent SSDC on outside and partner organisations. These can include community groups, national and regional bodies, and partnerships.

### **Recommendation**

3. That Council approve the appointment of Councillor Nick Weeks as the SSDC representative on the Parrett Internal Drainage Board.

### **Report**

4. At the Annual meeting of Council in May 2018, three councillors were appointed to sit on the Parrett Internal Drainage Board. The three seats were held by virtue of two that SSDC were entitled on the basis of the percentage of special levy raised by the district, and one which was gifted to SSDC from Sedgemoor DC's allocation.
5. Legislation has since been introduced reducing the number of elected Members on the Drainage Boards. The impact of this is that the number of Local Authority appointed members on the Boards has reduced by half. For SSDC this means we now only have one place.
6. It was originally thought that these changes would come into effect in the autumn but circumstances have changed and the statutory instrument has been implemented earlier than anticipated, therefore, the change in representation requires confirmation by Council.
7. The allocation of seats is now as follows:-

### Allocation of Seats (Parrett IDB) – Board Size 25

			Board size	25	
District Council	Special Levy 18/19	Percentage of Special Levy		Appointed member seats by percentage contribution	Allocation
Sedgemoor DC	£665,084.98	87.53%		13	
South Somerset DC	£62,032.12	8.16%		11.38	11
West Somerset	£2,875.22	0.38%		1.06	1
Taunton Deane DC	£24,989.70	3.29%		0.05	0
Mendip DC	£4,852.59	0.64%		0.43	0
<b>Total</b>	£759,834.61	100.00%		0.08	0
			<b>TOTAL</b>		1**
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\*\* - this seat is allocated by agreement between all contributing authorities

- SSDC has suggested that the one remaining seat on this board be offered to Taunton Dean BC as they are currently not represented, or, an Independent person, with knowledge of drainage and waterways.

### Background Papers

- Minutes of Full Council – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018