

Appointment of Members to Somerset Rivers Authority Scrutiny Panel

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Purpose of Report

The Somerset Rivers Authority is now an established partnership involving all Somerset local authorities and other key delivery agencies.

It is now proposed to establish effective Scrutiny arrangements to support the work of the Rivers Authority and the purpose of this report is to appoint 2 representatives from SSDC to sit on an informal joint Scrutiny Panel.

Action Required

That two members of SSDC's Scrutiny Committee are appointed to sit on the newly created Somerset Rivers Authority Informal Joint Scrutiny Panel.

Background

The draft Memorandum of Understanding and Terms of Reference for the proposed informal Joint Scrutiny Panel are attached to these report. The intention is for the informal Joint Scrutiny Panel to operate along much the same lines as the Joint Waste Scrutiny Panel.

As an informal Joint Scrutiny Panel, any recommendations or actions proposed by the joint Scrutiny Panel would need endorsing by the Scrutiny functions of each partner authority, but working together informally in this way will hopefully allow wider engagement of elected members in the work of the Somerset Rivers Authority as well as providing a more effective mechanism for fulfilling the statutory scrutiny functions of local authorities.
