

Proposed Cabinet response to recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny on Rivers/ Sewage.

Recommendation arising from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 27 February 2024

| Recommendation | Agree (Y / N) | Comment | Responsible Cabinet Member | Lead Officer |
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| 1. That the Council writes to Severn Trent requesting an interactive flooding map. | Y | Feedback from the Industry has indicated that maps will be made available in the spring. | Councillor Lisa Spivey, Communities and Public Safety | Phil Martin, Assistant Director for Business Services |
| 2. That the Council forms a Rivers and Sewage Working Group, considering the composition and scope through its terms of reference. | N | <p>The current series of meetings that I am holding with the water companies serving the district are informal meetings held at my request as Cabinet Member with responsibility for sewage and flooding. These discussions are not formal meetings and I would not want them to be. I will be meeting with other individuals and groups in the wider context of sewage and flooding and, again, these meetings will be informal and for information sharing. This is part of the preparation work I am doing ahead of the sewage summit I plan to hold in May which will be a public event and which will be reported back to full council. At this point I do not see any benefit in forming a working group, and in</p> | Councillor Lisa Spivey, Communities and Public Safety | Phil Martin, Assistant Director for Business Services |



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| | | <p>fact, I believe this would hinder progress. I did consider setting up such a group when I began this work, but based on the model deployed by colleagues in West Oxfordshire and on hearing from them directly, I opted for the current approach, which although at its infancy, is proving positive.</p> <p>Thus, at this stage, I do not feel that it would be beneficial to constitute an official working group.</p> | | |
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