

Terms of reference of Phosphates Planning Sub Committee

This will be a Phosphates Planning Sub Committee of the Planning Committee.

The Sub Committee will consist of no more than 5 Councillors from the Planning Committee.

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Co-opted Members are not entitled to vote.

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- (a) To have oversight of the programme and delivery of projects to support a series of interim measures to offset additional phosphates resulting from affected new developments within the River Tone catchment area affecting the Somerset Levels and Moors Ramsar site (as approved by Full Council on 5 October 2021);
- (b) To have oversight of the monitoring of the performance of the above interim projects once delivered;
- (c) To provide performance reports on (a) and (b) to Planning Committee on a quarterly basis;
- (d) To agree the criteria to be used for the allocation of any phosphate credits generated from the above interim projects and the creation of a legally robust and transparent process for such allocation (including the terms of any S106 obligations with developers/landowners);
- (e) To review the terms of the draft Supplemental Planning Document (SPD) on the strategic solution to the nutrient enrichment issue (to be reported to Full Council for prior to consultation and for adoption).

Note: for the avoidance of doubt the role of the Phosphates Planning Sub Committee does not include the determination of any planning applications

The view of SWT Legal Services and Governance is that, these terms of reference fall within the Planning Committee's delegated powers i.e. functions relating to town and country planning and development control as specified in Section A of Schedule 1 to the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000.