

## Executive Response: Restoration of the River Wye - Options for Public Inquiry and Policy Review

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022, the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee considered an item on **Restoration of the River Wye - Options for Public Inquiry and Policy Review**. With regard to the proposed Cabinet Commission The committee resolved 'That the following be recommended to the executive:'

<b>Recommendation 1.</b>	<b>That the proposed Cabinet Phosphates Commission on the Restoration of the River Wye include in its membership councillors from across the Council who have a particular knowledge of the subject matter.</b>
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<b>Executive Response</b>	<b>The Executive Welcomes the recommendation and partly agrees with the suggestion. The Commission will undertake an independent review of the present mechanisms and arrangements which support the Nutrient Management Plan and will suggest improvements. The Executive recognises and values the expertise that exists both inside and outside the Council. We will therefore find ways to include such expertise appropriately within the Commission processes ensuring that an independent review is undertaken and their expertise is fully considered. The process and means of delivering the commission will be worked up over the summer recess through a detailed delivery plan. As details have not been fixed yet the Executive will actively explore appropriate inclusion for those with important expertise to bring and regards this as essential to the success of the commission. Further details, will be available for the September meeting of the ESSC.</b>
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<b>Recommendation 2.</b>	<b>That the Cabinet ensure that every effort is made to promote active participation from the neighbouring local authorities in the work of the proposed Commission.</b>
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<b>Executive Response</b>	<b>The Executive Welcomes and agrees with the recommendation and agrees cross border and cross council cooperation is essential to any lasting solution. Active steps to include participation from neighbouring authorities together with our statutory partners at Natural England, Natural Resources Wales and the Environment Agency too, are well underway.</b>
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