

Summary of recommendations to the executive and executive responses
Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee
22 January 2024

Recommendation 1	After almost 10 years of operation, plus a change in Governance, the executive should consider rescinding the chair and secretariat to another partner, in accordance with the original nutrient management plan that the Nutrient Management Board chair should be rotated among partner members.			
Executive Response				
Action –	Owner	By When	Target/Success Criteria	Progress

Recommendation 2	To achieve value for money from the Nutrient Management Board, the executive should set business objectives with key performance objectives for what is expected from our Nutrient Management Board membership.			
Executive Response				
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Recommendation 3	Complementary to the Nutrient Management Board, the executive should pursue an informal alliance with Herefordshire sectors responsible for diffuse pollution, including agriculture and livestock representatives, to sharpen the focus on reducing it through voluntary arrangements.				
Response					
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Recommendation 4	The executive to look at the resources available for the new environmental advice service to ensure that it is properly resourced, to react in a prompt way to any private mitigation initiatives, and that statutory partners respond at pace to such initiatives.				
Executive Response					
Action	Owner	By When	Target/Success Criteria	Progress	

Recommendation 5	The executive to approach the cabinet commission and statutory officers group to shape future planning to delineate between actions requiring reasonable scientific certainty and other actions for the general benefit of the river.				
Executive Response					
Action	Owner	By When	Target/Success Criteria	Progress	

Recommendation 6	The executive should set key performance indicators to reflect the recommended delineation between actions requiring reasonable scientific certainty and other actions for the general benefit of the river.				
Executive Response					
Action	Owner	By When	Target/Success Criteria	Progress	

Recommendation 7	The executive to contact Welsh Water to ask for data from the redacted Water Industry National Environment Programme in order to identify collaboration opportunities with Herefordshire Council.				
Executive Response					
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Recommendation 8	The executive should seek clarification from the statutory officers group on its plans for a timetable of action on nutrient recovery towards a possible end result of introducing a water protection zone, the so called glide path.				
Executive Response					
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