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**To: Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4)**

**Date: 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**Subject: Water Quality**

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## **1 Purpose of the Note**

- 1.1 To update the Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board on the progress of the 5-year plan to reduce surface water entering the sewage system, mitigate flood risk, and improve water quality, including a pilot programme for the use of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS)

## **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 The Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board are recommended to:
- 1) Consider the presentation provided at Appendix 1, as well as additional information provided at the meeting
  - 2) To identify any feedback to Severn Trent on the draft 5-year plan
  - 3) To identify and recommendations for the appropriate Cabinet Member

## **3 Information and Background**

- 3.1 Further to the briefing note provided to the Board in January, this item will provide an opportunity for Member to question Severn Trent about the 5 year plan which covers:
- A 5-year plan to 2030 and a pilot program for the use of sustainable drainage (SUDs) over a wider area.
  - A £65 million investment which aims to reduce surface water entering the sewage system, mitigate flood risk, and improve water quality.
  - A Green Futures project based on a pilot in Mansfield that has been included in the 5-year business plan.
- 3.2 Due the General Election pre-election period, OfWat will not provide comment on the draft plan until 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Therefore, the plan has not yet been finalised.
- 3.3 Representatives from Severn Trent will present further information at the meeting and request comments which will be considered as part of the public consultation on the draft plan.

#### **4 Health Inequalities Impact**

- 4.1 On-going projects to improve water quality support the Marmot principle of creating and developing healthy and sustainable places and communities

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