**Isles of Scilly Water & Sewerage Forum**

Terms of Reference

* It is proposed that the Water & Sewerage Forum should adopt the following statement as a focus for its work:

***“Working in partnership to help to protect, maintain and enhance the environmental quality of the Isles of Scilly through the provision of excellent Water & Sewerage services that meet local needs and legislative and regulatory requirements.”***

* The Water & Sewerage Forum will seek to provide support on the following key issues:
* **Legislative Reform**
* **Models of delivery**
* **Barriers, Challenges and Resilience**
* **Revenue Costs**
* **Capital Investment**
* **Future needs and growth**
* **Provide local intelligence, context and case studies**
* The Water & Sewerage Forum is intended to be representative of the geography and demography of the Isles of Scilly, and to provide a context for review and discussion on key issues relating to Water & Sewerage services, operations, management, strategy and investment, and to provide constructive feedback to Defra, the Drinking Water Inspectorate (DWI), OFWAT, the Environment Agency (EA), the Council, the Duchy of Cornwall and Tresco Estate on the development and implementation of Water & Sewerage Legislation and ongoing improvements to Water & Sewerage systems and services.
* Members of the Water & Sewerage Forum will seek to become informed of the issues surrounding Water & Sewerage management across the Isles of Scilly, and to understand and remain up to date with these issues.
* The Water & Sewerage Forum will consider any wider actions that may be necessary to improve the delivery of Water & Sewerage services on the islands. Special consideration will also be given to the challenges facing the smaller off-Islands (St Agnes, Bryher, St Martin’s and Tresco) and the measures required to ensure that Water & Sewerage meets future regulatory requirements in a cost effective and sustainable manner.
* The Water & Sewerage Forum will provide the context for educating and informing the population of the Isles of Scilly on matters relating to the sustainable management of Water & Sewerage, and to stimulate an open and informed debate on the subject across the Islands.
* The Water & Sewerage Forum will provide the Water & Sewerage Working Group and their specialist advisers appointed to provide key technical support with continually refreshed views on Water & Sewerage management issues.

Scheme of Appointment

* The Water & Sewerage Forum will consist of no fewer than 10, and no greater than 20 members.
* The Water & Sewerage Forum shall be drawn from those groups effected by the issues surrounding Water & Sewerage management across the Isles of Scilly, these include (but are not limited to) representatives of:
  + **St Mary’s residents**
  + **Residents of each of the off-Islands**
  + **Residential Public Water & Sewerage customers**
  + **Commercial Public Water & Sewerage customers**
  + **Public Water Operatives**
  + **Tresco Estate Sewerage and Water Operatives**
  + **Duchy of Cornwall Sewerage and Water Operatives**
  + **Water Quality Operatives**
  + **Private Water Suppliers**
  + **Private Water Supply Customers**
  + **Duchy water & sewerage customers**
  + **Private sewerage discharge permit holders**
  + **Local environmental organisations (statutory and/or non-statutory) including the Wildlife Trust**
  + **Other Council of the Isles of Scilly services (eg Planning, Environmental Health etc)**
* The make-up of the Water & Sewerage Forum should, wherever possible, adequately represent the Isles of Scilly in terms of geography and demography.
* Membership of the Water & Sewerage Forum is voluntary, rotational and individuals shall normally be limited to a period of between 1 and 3 years continuous involvement.
* Membership of the Water & Sewerage Forum is not constrained to individuals: nominated representatives from a group or organisation can take part. But only one nominated member from that group has voting rights on each matter.
* The Water & Sewerage Forum will meet at least 6 times each year. A discussion period shall take place at the beginning or end of every meeting.
* TheWater & Sewerage Forum is not a Council body. It is entirely independent of the Council and is an autonomous body.
* Actions will only be taken on the basis of consensus or majority agreement.
* The Terms of Reference shall be reviewed annually.