

ABINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Report to	Full Council
Report author	Thames Water
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Dear Mr Warner

Following the consultation on water resource planning undertaken by Water Resources Southeast (WRSE) earlier this year, I am writing to you as the clerk to Abingdon Town Council to suggest a meeting with town councillors to update them on progress since the consultation and to hear their views and any concerns they may have on water resources planning in Oxfordshire and the wider Thames Water area.

The main point of the meeting is to listen to their thoughts and views, but we would aim to update them on the following areas:

- A brief overview of the process including the recent consultation of the Water Resources Southeast (WRSE) Emerging Regional Plan
- An outline of the next steps, including the WRSE Best Value Regional Plan consultation and Thames Water's Water Resources Management Plan 2024 consultation
- A short description of the five Strategic Resource Options (SROs) that Thames Water is examining, in collaboration with other partners
- An outline of the role the Abingdon Reservoir could play in the context of wider water challenges and supply

I propose that the meeting includes greater detail on the reservoir because it has the most potential impact in the local area but we'd be happy to provide more on the Severn Thames Transfer and the other SROs if that would be of interest – please let us know.

I would like to emphasise that we are in the very early stages of the strategic planning process and that no decisions have been made about what options will go ahead.

A member of the Thames Water team will be in touch shortly to discuss potential timings with you. In the meantime, if the town councillors decide they would like a meeting, please let me know whether they would prefer face to face or via Project Teams/Zoom and when would be most convenient for them.

Many thanks