

MEMBER QUESTIONS

CABINET MEETING –21 September 2022

Question 1: Cllr Chris McFarling	Respondent: Cllr David Gray
<p>Agenda Item 5: Restoring our Rivers Scrutiny Task Group</p> <p>With reference to the Restoring our Rivers Scrutiny Task Group report which is before you; could you please let me know what urgent, meaningful actions cabinet members suggest need to be taken to save our rivers, most notably in my division the River Wye, from life-threatening degradation as a result of continued raw sewage discharge, a legacy of phosphate pollution from the intensive poultry industry, and water abstraction during this extended drought, as evidenced in the report?</p>	<p>The Restoring our Rivers Scrutiny Task Group has achieved a great deal in terms of bringing together those accountable for watercourse pollution. Especially bearing in mind that Gloucestershire County Council has no statutory remit for water quality. With regards to meaningful action that can be taken, the report's recommendations are in the process of being actioned by the relevant identified GCC service areas and the Task Group.</p>
Question 2: Cllr Chris McFarling	Respondent: Cllr David Gray
<p>Agenda Item 5: Restoring our Rivers Scrutiny Task Group</p> <p>Does the cabinet agree that the river is a shared responsibility and that we can all play our part to influence the positive outcomes we all want for this wonderful but sadly dying natural asset?</p>	<p>The county's watercourses are indeed a shared responsibility, with many stakeholders involved. Whilst Gloucestershire County Council has no official jurisdiction regarding water quality, it does have a role in bringing together those that do, and has had measurable success in this regard, as identified in the report.</p>