

## **Membership & Terms of reference for River Management Working Group 2025**

Agreed at meeting of P&E 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026

The River Management Working Group has no power to spend any budget that might be agreed by the Planning and Environment Committee & as such this Working Group is not bound by local government legislation with regard to the convening or publication of meetings held.

### **1. Membership**

- 1.1 Membership will consist of members of Malmesbury Town Council (MTC), and other interested individuals by resolution of the Planning and Environment (P&E) Committee.

Ray Sanderson (Chair) (Malmesbury Town Councillor, Malmesbury Flood Group (Rotary) & Malmesbury Operational Flood Group)	Phil Exton (Malmesbury Town Councillor)	Kim Power (Malmesbury Town Councillor) (Malmesbury & District Conservation Group)	Steve D'Arcy (Malmesbury Town Councillor)
Karen Drake (Malmesbury Town Councillor) (Caerbladon)	Jumana Akhtar (Malmesbury Town Councillor) (Magic Malmesbury)	Malmesbury & District Natural History Society representatives	Malmesbury Bowls Club
Malmesbury Flood Group (Rotary)	Malmesbury Operational Flood Group	Malmesbury Civic Trust	Warden & Freeman
Athelstan Players	Malmesbury River Valleys Trust	Malmesbury & St Paul Without Parish Council	Town Team
Wiltshire Council	Environment Agency	Greening Tetbury	Sustainable Sherston
Avon & Bristol River Valleys Trust	Wessex Water		

- 1.2 The Chairman Ray Sanderson was elected at meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

- 1.3 The Vice Chairman Georgi Breeze was elected at meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

### **2. Meetings**

- 2.1 Meetings will be arranged by the Chair and will notify other members accordingly.
- 2.2 In the absence of the Chairman, meetings will be chaired by another elected chairman for that meeting.
- 2.3 Notes will be taken at the meetings for future reference and circulated to all members of the Working group.
- 2.4 Meetings can be held remotely or in person or a combination of both.

### **3. Purpose/Governance of the Working Group**

- 3.1 Clarify roles and responsibilities across statutory and voluntary sectors.
- 3.2 Identify opportunities for joint action and shared resources.
- 3.3 Identify sources of external funding
- 3.4 Develop a framework for ongoing collaboration and communication.
- 3.5 Launch a public-facing programme to engage residents in river stewardship and climate resilience.

- 3.6 Review flood resilience measures.
- 3.7 Define a River Management Masterplan for Malmesbury.
- 3.8 Public engagement – including river clean-up and habitat walk, educational stalls and workshops, citizen activities e.g. water testing, wildlife logging.
- 3.9 Art and creative activities including river festival, river themed art installations, community submissions and youth art, public exhibition to raise awareness of river health and climate impact.
- 3.10 Any other opportunities identified by the working group.
- 3.11 To report to P&E regularly, requesting expenditure which may be incurred.
- 3.12 All Members of P&E are able to attend meetings of the Working Group and ask for any relevant documentation.
- 3.13 To ensure that MTC staff are kept up to date with developments of the group and its outcomes.
- 3.14 Any requests for action by MTC staff is made at the earliest opportunity.