MEETING NOTE

Meeting: Winchester City Council and Southern Water

Attendees: Bethany Edwards and Katherine Dove (WCC); Ryan Lownds (Southern Water)

Date: 29 September 2026

Time: 11:00am - 11:30am

Purpose of Meeting

To provide an overview of the Winchester District Local Plan 2044 Scoping Consultation to assist the statutory consultee with responding to the consultation and understanding the matters most relevant to their organisation.

Key Discussion Points

- WCC provided an overview of the Local Plan 2044 Scoping Consultation, including the consultation process, timescales and key topic areas where input from Southern Water would be valuable.
- Discussion focused on water supply, wastewater infrastructure and the importance of ensuring infrastructure planning aligns with future growth across the district.
- Southern Water highlighted the importance of early engagement on strategic growth locations and understanding future infrastructure requirements.
- WCC explained the consultation structure and noted that responses could focus on those matters most relevant to Southern Water's responsibilities.

Areas of Potential Interest to Southern Water

- Question 1: Preferred methods for engagement during the preparation of the Local Plan 2044.
- Question 2: The stages of Local Plan preparation at which updates should be provided.
- Question 3: Additional spatial development options that should be considered to meet future housing and employment needs.
- Question 4: Whether the adopted Local Plan 2040 Vision should be carried forward and the priority issues it should address.

- Question 7: Whether the water efficiency standard of 100 litres per person per day should be carried forward into the Local Plan 2044.
- Question 26: Locations within the Plan area that experience flooding from sources such as heavy rain, rivers or groundwater.
- Question 27: Locations where new development or green infrastructure could help reduce flooding through natural flood management.

Outcome and Next Steps

- WCC agreed to send Southern Water a highlighted copy of the Scoping Consultation document, identifying the questions most relevant to their responsibilities and areas of interest.
- Southern Water agreed to review the Scoping Consultation and submitting comments on the areas most relevant to its responsibilities.
- Southern Water noted that, given the consultation timescale, a proportionate response focused on key matters would be the most practical approach.