

RUGBY BOROUGH COUNCIL

QUESTION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 10

COUNCIL – 12 JULY 2023

QUESTION C

Councillor Ms Livesey to ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor Poole:

“At full Council on 28th December 2022 the then Leader of the Council committed in an answer to my question, that officers would again write to Severn Trent, requesting a response to a letter sent on 4th November. The answer given also referred to the Green recovery and Bathing Rivers project.

- a) When was this second letter sent and what was the response?
- b) What progress has been made in Rugby with the development of the Green Recovery and Bathing Rivers project, proposed by Severn Trent?”

Councillor Poole, Leader of the Council, to reply as follows:

“I can confirm that officers wrote again, and the letter was sent on 13 December 2022.

A response was received from Severn Trent dated 28th January 2023 and this was made available to all Councillors within the relevant SharePoint folder:

[Letters following Notices of Motion for Council 28 September 2022.](#)

Officers received a presentation from Severn Trent colleagues in December 2022 outlining Green Recovery and Bathing Rivers projects. This presentation will be made available for all Members within the Councillors’ SharePoint page. The projects look to improve the infrastructure within Rugby at three potential sites to improve the wild swimming options “down stream”.

In Rugby they are not managed waterways, so the Rivers Leam and Avon are not encouraged as wild swimming areas. They are treated as private land owned by the land either side so technically trespassing if you swim in it. Severn Trent has stated that it is concentrating on wild swimming in managed waterways such as Leam in Warwick and Avon in Stratford.”