

Appendix Q

South Staffordshire Water PLC

Board Approval for submission of South Staffs Water Draft WRMP

Assurance Statement

In approving the submission of the South Staffs Water draft WRMP24, the Directors confirm that they are satisfied the following criteria have been achieved. This statement also sets out how the Board has assured itself of each provision.

1. We have met our obligations in developing our plan

We have followed the WRPG guidelines when developing our plan, and covers the key requirements for the plan. We have sought assurance from Jacobs to confirm this, as well as on key aspects of the plan such as 1 in 500 drought resilience and our data tables.

We have undertaken pre-consultation with our Board regulators, customers and stakeholders since summer 2021. We have undertaken enhanced consultation with Ofwat, the Environment Agency and CCWater throughout 2022 as we have been developing our plan.

2. Our plan reflects any relevant regional plan, which has been developed in accordance with the national framework and relevant guidance and policy, or provides a clear justification for any differences

We have been a core part of Water Resources West. We have adopted agreed approaches across WRW to key development areas of the plan, to ensure consistency. We have provided our demand and supply information which is directly represented in the WRW plan. There are no differences between our WRMP and the regional plan.

3. Our plan is a best value plan for managing and developing our water resources so we can continue to meet our obligations to supply water and protect the environment, and is based on sound and robust evidence including relating to costs

We have used the ValueStream tool, as developed at Water Resources West, to assess the value of options and to produce the best value plan in a range of planning scenarios. Our best value plan is the same as our least cost plan. We have undertaken extensive customer engagement and can demonstrate that our plan reflects our customers' priorities and preferences.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 29 September 2022 and signed on its behalf.

Andy Willicott
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