

**Question from Cllr Craig Monks Beaminster Ward**

In the summer of 2024, I asked Full Council what steps were being taken to deliver on promises to clean up Dorset's rivers and seas. The Leader of the Council stated that water company representatives would be invited to meet with Councillors to discuss improving our waterways. When I followed up at Cabinet in the autumn, I was informed this work would be referred to the relevant overview committee as part of a new policy.

Having reviewed the **Dorset Local Nature Recovery Strategy**, I see no direct mention of a stand alone policy to improve water quality, nor are water companies listed as consultative bodies. Could the Committee clarify why there is no proposed policy to directly address water quality and with water companies being invited to work with the Council as a consultative body?