



Tamar Water Stewardship Business Board for Cornwall and Devon

Terms of Reference

Vision and Purpose

The **Tamar Water Stewardship Business Board for Cornwall and Devon** aims to work across the landscape in the South West (Cornwall and Devon) to maintain and secure sustainable supply chains and ecosystem services, delivering impact within the Tamar Catchment.

The Business Board will be linked to the vision of the Tamar Catchment Partnership, coordinated by [Westcountry Rivers Trust](#) and other relevant environmental and business partnerships & networks in the South West, such as the Chamber of Commerce or Local Enterprise Partnerships.

The Board will represent businesses who rely on suppliers in Cornwall and Devon to secure their supply chains and ecosystem risks with a focus on the Tamar.

The Board is primarily focused on improving environmental management & consolidated simple messaging for businesses.

The Board's purpose is to enable and demonstrate the effective contribution of private sector businesses in delivering this vision through collaborative action.

The Tamar catchment will be an impact area to allow the Board to focus and demonstrate impact. The learnings from this exemplar will be shared with the surrounding catchment partnerships.

Commitment

The members of the board are motivated, but not limited to;

- Understand the environmental impacts at a catchment level within the Tamar
- Understand and mitigate risks within the supply chain
- Map areas of high priority and identify areas of shared interest
- Develop a coordinated approach to improve the consolidation and streamline messaging meeting the needs of the South West
- Encourage multi-sector collaboration to safeguard water resources for all users
- Provide integrated advice to encourage best practice within agricultural processes
- Support the role of businesses in creating and maintaining sustainable supply chains
- Promote and support existing practice and connectivity in the industry
- Identify innovative solutions for water management challenges





Board members agree to:

- Attend a minimum of 1 meeting per year
- Operate under Chatham House Rules
- Represent the broad interests of their organisation
- Be committed to developing and delivering actionable projects that align to the Tamar Catchment Partnership and surrounding Catchment Partnership strategies
- Where possible, share information centrally which is accessible by all Board members
- Be an advocate of the Tamar catchment partnership, its vision and strategy

Membership

Board Member	Organisation	Role
Ed Mitchell	South West Water	Chair
Hazel Kendall	Westcountry Rivers Trust	Technical Secretariat
Katie Spooner/Roxarne Owen	BITC	Coordinator
Thomas Farrell	ABP Food Group	Member
Matt Bardell	Dairy Crest	Member
Steve Harris	Dairy Crest	Member
Dr Julie Finch	Kepak Group Ltd – St Merryn	Member
Lee Haughton	Premier Foods	Member
TBC	TBC	Member

Meeting Logistics

- The Board will meet a minimum of three times per year,
- The meeting will be chaired by South West Water for a minimum of 12 months
- BITC will coordinate the initial meeting and South West Water will provide the secretariat for the meetings,
- Minutes will be produced by the Secretariat and Coordinator in accordance with Chatham House Rules
- When agreeing on position statements for the Board, a majority voting system will apply. Opposing companies will be asked to recognise the Board’s position without the need to support it.

Measuring Success

- The Chair will rotate on an annual basis
- The Board shall review membership and progress on an annual basis

