

Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority

Full Authority Meeting – 7th December 2023

A meeting of the Full Authority was held at 2pm on 7th December at the RNLI The RNLI College, West Quay Road, Poole, Dorset, BH15 1HZ

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Present

Cllr. Mark Roberts	Dorset Council (Chairman)
Cllr. Paul Fuller	Isle of Wight Council (Vice Chairman)
Cllr. Rob Hughes	Dorset County Council
Cllr. Matthew Winnington	Portsmouth City Council
Cllr. John Savage	Southampton City Council
Cllr. Pete Miles	BCP Council
Dr Richard Morgan	Natural England
Dr Antony Jensen	MMO Appointee
Mr Richard Stride	MMO Appointee
Mr Neil Hornby	MMO Appointee
Ms Louise MacCallum	MMO Appointee
Mr Gary Wordsworth	MMO Appointee
Mr Colin Francis	MMO Appointee
Ms Rachel Irish	MMO Appointee
Dr Simon Cripps	MMO Appointee
Ms Elisabeth Bussey-Jones	MMO Appointee
Ms Pia Bateman	Chief Executive Officer (CEO)
Mr Sam Dell	Deputy Chief Officer (DCO)
Dr Sarah Birchenough	Deputy Chief Officer (DCO)
Ms Emily Condie	Senior IFCO
Ms Maria Chaplin	Office Manager

Mrs Gemma Roberts (Accountant) attended virtually.

363. Welcome

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Cllr. John Savage (Southampton Council), Cllr. Pete Miles (BCP Council). The Chairman welcomed those attending the meeting from the virtual public gallery, Georgina Roberts (FMP Evaluation Programme Cockles) from Howell Marine Consulting and Mr Tim Smith of the AIFCA.

Apologies

364. Apologies for absence were received from Stuart Kingston-Turner (EA).

Declarations of Interest

365. The following non-pecuniary interests were declared: Gary Wordsworth (9), Dr Richard Morgan (9).

Minutes

366. Members considered the Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st September 2023 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on the 26th September 2023.

DCO Birchenough provided an update on Recommendation 350, which related to the graphics and relevant documents produced to accompany the Net Fishing Byelaw when it was ratified. Accordingly, an email with this information was sent out to Members on the 22nd of September.

DCO Birchenough provided an update on Recommendation 352 regarding the BTFG Byelaw 2023, in that the byelaw has now been submitted to the MMO for Quality Assurance, with initial indications the first iteration of comments would be due on the 10th December.

Chairman's Announcements

367. The Chairman informed Members that he met with the leader of Portsmouth Council, Cllr. Matthew Winnington, DCO Dell and a number of fishers at the Camber in Portsmouth in recent weeks, prior to a trip out to the Solent scallop grounds. The group also took the opportunity to tour the new retail fish premises at the Camber, which is still under construction.

The Chairman discussed his recent visit to Ribcraft alongside DCO Dell and Senior IFCO Parry, describing the opportunity to see the build progress of FPV Vigilant. Additionally, the Chairman discussed his attendance at the AIFCA Fisheries Management Plan Conference in Poole, where both Dr A Jensen and IFCO Mullen were in attendance on behalf of Southern IFCA.

Sub-Committees

368. Members received the Minutes of the Executive Sub-Committee held on the 19th September 2023.

Members received the Minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee held on the 24th August 2023. Ms E Bussey-Jones requested an amendment on page 4, from "catch per unit effort levels were lower in autumn 2022 than in 2023" to "catch per unit effort levels were lower in autumn 2023 than in 2022".

Resolved

369. Cllr. P Fuller proposed that the Minutes of both meetings be confirmed and signed. All Members were in favour.

PROGRESS REPORTS

Budget Control Statement to September 2023

370. The CEO presented the BCS accurate to 30th September 2023 which shows a deficit of income against budget of 130k. The CEO explained that the main reason for this is due to a deficit in projected income of 252k, which relates to outstanding receipt of Defra grant money (£150k) for this financial year, in addition to the disposal of vehicles and anticipated disposal of FPV Stella Barbara following FPV Vigilant entering service later in financial year than originally planned).

The CEO confirmed that the expenditure under the Major Budget Headers all showed a positive variance. The positive variance captured under the Compliance & Enforcement Header (c.57k) is mainly due (c.33k) to a new approach to accounting (in accordance with best recognised practice), where monies to replenish the Patrol Vessel Reserve fund are to be transferred at the end of the financial year, rather than in-year. Marine Insurance was c.7k lower than anticipated, relating to FPV Vigilant and the point in which she will enter service and costs associated with prosecutions (c.11k) remain lower than budget. Berthing fees for FPV Vigilant entering service were budgeted from June 2023.

The CEO described the positive variance captured under the Research and Policy Header (c.9k) which reflected the monies ringfenced for byelaw adverts and money which is ringfenced for legal scrutiny of byelaws if required. Further, the positive variance captured under the Business Service Header (c.22k) is due to a reduction in staff salary and pension contributions as a result of in year staff movements, specifically due to vacancies earlier in the year for Office Manager, Finance Administration and Senior IFCO Research & Policy roles. Finally, the CEO explained that the positive variance under the Capital Equipment Header (c.33k) was due to budgeting for FPV Vigilant to enter service earlier than anticipated.

The CEO and Chairman thanked Mrs G Roberts for all her work in the Accountant role since she joined us in March, wishing her luck for her future endeavours.

Chief Executive Officer Updates

371. The CEO provided an update on staffing matters, which included the departure of Accountant G Roberts at the end of December, in addition to IFCO I Griffith. The CEO discussed in brief the termination of an IFCO contract during a period of probation, due to a breach of behavioural codes.

The CEO welcomed Hester Churchouse, who joins the Research and Policy Team as an IFCO, and informed Members of the current recruitment campaign to recruit three Project Officers.

The CEO provided an update on General Memberships, confirming that Mr T Legg, after nearly a decade in post had recently stepped down from his position as a commercial fishing sector representative, due to an inability to attend meetings in person. Mr T Legg has requested the opportunity to continue to contribute his knowledge and expertise in a virtual capacity. The CEO confirmed that following discussions at the recent Executive Sub-Committee Meeting, that both Chairmans were supportive of this request.

The CEO said that following the resignation of Mr T Legg, the MMO had begun a recruitment campaign to find a commercial sector representative. As part of this campaign the MMO were trialling a rolling campaign, whereby gaps in Memberships can be avoided, with interviews being run quarterly in order to secure a merit list of sector expertise.

Dr S Cripps asked that the balance of the Membership be maintained, stating that if Mr T Legg continues to attend the meetings in a virtual capacity but not voting in addition to a new commercial sector representative joining the Authority, then there may be an imbalance in commercial fishing representation. The Chairman noted this point and agreed that it would be monitored.

The CEO informed members that Ms L MacCallum had recently extended her tenure as a General Member until March 2025. The CEO thanked Ms MacCallum, recognising the time commitment associated with the General Member role. The CEO thanked the Members more widely for all their commitment and dedication to Southern IFCA.

The CEO discussed a recent Chief Officer Group meeting held in York, where MMO representative Sean Douglas presented along with the AIFCA . In addition, a recent meeting with Defra and national IFCA's confirmed that Defra's priorities continue to focus on MPA 2024 delivery.

The CEO congratulated DCO Dell for his recent work with Ms R Irish of the MMO, where the two organisations had hosted a number of Saudi Arabia fisheries delegates for the purposes of understanding approaches to MPA enforcement.

The CEO closed on a recent item that was featured on the BBC's Countryfile. The CEO discussed the brilliant opportunity to discuss the importance of the Poole Harbour fishery, as supported by co-management initiatives which allow for well managed fisheries to thrive in MPAs. The Countryfile clip was played to the Members.

Marine Asset Review

372. DCO Dell provided an update on the build progress of FPV Vigilant, which included receipt of the MECAL Surveyors report in October that supported the decision to proceed to third stage payment; the criteria of which being completion of positioning and fixing of cabin to hull.

Officers had since attended Ribcraft Ltd on the 31st October to review progress with a focus on technical fit out, this included review of the cabin lay out, electrical and instrument installation. DCO Dell updated Members on the delivery timeline with a delay anticipated due to new equipment being fitted, meaning sea trials were now likely to commence at the beginning of February 2024.

Compliance and Enforcement Quarterly Report

373. DCO Dell updated members on the Compliance and Enforcement Quarterly Report which contains statistical data relating to Southern IFCA enforcement activity for the reporting period August to October 2023. DCO Dell informed Members that these figures are reported on an annual basis to Defra via the AIFCA as well as being published on our website.

DCO Dell briefed members on the Solent Scallop fishery, whereby the weather at the start of the season has been challenging for the inshore fleet. With regard to effort, the first month's catch returns are imminent which will provide information on areas of capture and quantity of scallops caught during the first month of the fishery. To date the Compliance & Enforcement Team have conducted 4x sea patrols, 11x boarding inspections, 18x vessel sightings, 3x shore patrols, 5x landing inspections and detected 1 Infringement re: compliance with minimum size.

ITEMS FOR DECISION

374. Budget Forecast 2024-2025

The CEO explained that the budget forecast was primarily designed to enable the delivery of the Authority priorities in accordance with the IFCA's statutory functions.

The CEO provided the headline in that the forecast shows that prior to inflationary projections and assuming a standstill in levy contributions, the budget forecast for the financial year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 anticipates a loss of c.161k. The projected loss is a direct result of necessary changes which have been made to the Southern IFCA business model to enable maintained delivery of statutory functions, the most obvious being the operational costs associated with supporting and maintaining FPV Vigilant's operational function, specifically costs associated with the creation of a Senior Marine Operations IFCO post, berthing & fuel costs. The CEO described that the combined costs associated with Vigilant amount to approx. 80k.

The CEO discussed improvements that had been made to business function to ensure continuity over the last year, which has included the creation of an additional part time Accounts Administrator role, as well as a full time Office Manager post. Additionally, payroll and pension functions are now sourced externally.

The CEO also explained that the budget forecast importantly recognises the rise in cost of living, most notably the costs associated with NJC pay awards, where a 5% provision has been made based on previous nationally agreed awards.

The CEO discussed 'Business as Usual' functions, inviting Members to view Annex 1 of the background paper, as well the budget setting components that have informed the budget forecast to ensure that Southern IFCA continue to deliver its duties under various legislations to include the MaCAA, Conservation Regs, WCA (SSSI) and Poole Harbour Fishery Order requirements.

In addition to what we are required to do to achieve delivery of our statutory functions, Annex 1 also highlights any new projects that Southern are planning on undertaking, to include three additional surveys, the costs of which were relevant will be met using ringfenced reserves set aside for such purposes, for example the Research Reserve, Poole Order Reserve and Fisheries Act Reserve respectively. The CEO explained that all costs associated with Fisheries Act work, which are referred to as 'additional functions' in the Annex, are met by the Defra funding provision. This includes a number of exciting new projects which are related to either FMP or MPA work, to include two projects where we will be working with D&S IFCA to explore the use of AI and REM (Remote Electronic Monitoring) in quantifying salmonid interactions as well as looking at effective solutions for managing pot limitations.

With regard to the R&P team, the CEO discussed the plan to undertake a pilot CPUE whelk study to contribute to data gaps in the whelk FMP as well as support our own understandings of the whelk fishery within our district. DCO Birchenough's team will also be exploring the use of drop-down cameras to aid management of the Solent scallop fishery, as well as contribute to wider FMP output and objectives.

The CEO invited Members to look at Annex 2, the unknown variables which must be taken into account when budget forecasting and include the rate of inflation, projected future pay awards, levy contributions and receipt of DEFRA funding.

Our Accountants financial modelling has allowed Southern to anticipate a likely surplus of approx. 75k at year end, sourced from savings associated with a smaller staff footprint than optimal, in addition to saving in capital equipment due to delayed depreciation of FPV Vigilant, who was budgeted to be operational from June 2023, now early 2024.

Addition the CEO described where in-year cost savings & incomes have been achieved, via chartering of FPVs to other government agencies, reduction in vehicle fleet from 4-6, unforeseen income associated with the oil spill and savings on staff training following a successful bid to FASS (Fisheries and Seafood Scheme) to support compliance training needs.

The CEO concluded that the projected loss of 161k for the 2024-2025 financial year, reflects the necessary changes to the Southern IFCA business model to enable maintained delivery of statutory functions and that the unforeseen savings and income during the current financial year (both realised and

anticipated) will allow Southern to achieve a balanced budget, drawing from the General and Ringfenced Reserves to match the anticipated deficit.

Resolved

375. That Members approved the principles informing the budget forecast for the Financial Year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025, as proposed by Dr S Cripps and seconded by Ms L MacCallum. All Members were in favour.

376. Levy Contributions 2024-2025

The CEO discussed that Southern IFCA are seeking a 4% or 32k increase in levy contributions across our six LA for the forthcoming financial year in accordance with the Southern IFCA Order 2019, whereby expenses incurred by the Authority are to be defrayed by relevant councils.

The CEO explained that whilst Southern IFCA are able to achieve a balanced budget due to unforeseen savings during the current financial year, drawing from the reserves to match the anticipated deficit, around 33k of this deficit is related to anticipated nationally agreed pay awards across the core staff body. Southern have met this cost over the last three years, drawing from its reserves a figure totally around 90k.

The CEO recognised the extreme financial pressures that our Local Authorities are under, which sadly is a picture replicated nationally, however, noted that competent management of Southern IFCA finances over a number of years shouldn't negate consideration of an increase in levy contributions, which is less than the rate of inflation, and that this increase would be solely to recognise as a minimum the cost of nationally agreed pay awards.

The CEO discussed the situation across other IFCA, and that the proposal today is consistent with all other IFCAs and the AIFCA, who are seeking baseline increases which are directly related to the impact of the nationally agreed pay awards.

The CEO described what a 4% increase meant in monetary terms, whereby increases in levy contributions ranged from an additional contribution of £1,400 for Southampton and £13,000 for Hants, which combined across all six Local Authority's totals 32.5k, which projected across the financial year, per month this equated to an addition £116 for Southampton to just over 1k a month for Hampshire.

The CEO described that if a levy increase of 4% is agreed, then the projected budgetary shortfall will be reduced to 128k with Southern IFCA drawing this figure from its reserves to achieve a balanced budget.

The Chairman discussed with Members that since 2010 that the levy increase had been minimal, with some years achieving a 2% increase, and others a standstill 0%, none of which have aligned with inflationary rises.

Cllr. J Savage advised members that Southampton are in a challenging financial situation and as a result he hasn't had the chance to discuss the rise in contributions, and therefore will find it difficult to make a decision.

Cllr. Paul Fuller recognised that there is going to be budgetary pressure on increasing costs, and that in the IOW there have been major staff cuts, with the IOW cabinet indicating that they cannot afford a levy increase, however recognised the importance of this small rise and informed Members that he will be supporting the 4% increase.

Cllr. M Winnington (Portsmouth) has informed members that he will not be voting for the Levy and will be abstaining. Cllr. P Miles agreed to vote for the 4% increase.

Cllr. M Roberts proposed the recommendation which was seconded by Cllr. P Fuller. Cllr. P Miles and Cllr. R Hughes were in favour. Cllr. J Savage and Cllr. M Winnington abstained.

Resolved

377. That Elected Members approved that Southern IFCA's six constituent Local Authorities are levied at a rate of 4% for the financial year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025, which equates to an increase of £32k.

378. Authorisation for Portland Seed Mussel Fishery 2024

DCO Birchenough reminded Members that they had considered this item at a virtual meeting of the TAC in November 2023 (held virtually due to inclement weather), however were unable to cast a vote virtually.

DCO Birchenough provided background on the issuing of an authorisation for fishing for seed mussel at Portland under the Southern IFCA Mussels Byelaw and the assessment requirements in relation to the Studland to Portland SAC. DCO Birchenough described that areas of the SAC which contain reef habitat have been protected under management for bottom towed fishing gear (BTFG) since 2013, the current BTFG byelaw 2016 protects all mapped reef features, incorporating a buffer of at least 106m, and the prohibited areas are proposed to remain, unchanged, under the BTFG byelaw 2023.

DCO Birchenough described the historic issuing of authorisations for this activity and that conditions are applied to the authorisation which have included spatial restrictions, effort restrictions and reporting requirements. The Authority received a request for the authorisation to be granted for 2024 and, as part of this request, that the spatial restrictions applied under the authorisation previously be removed. This would enable access to two small areas of the Studland to Portland SACF which are not closed to BTFG.

On the basis of the request and consideration of the activity in relation to the Studland to Portland SAC, an appropriate assessment has been developed, which concludes that based on the conditions proposed under the draft 2024 authorisation, presented to Members as an annex to this item, the activity will not have an adverse effect on the SAC and will not hinder that site from achieving its Conservation Objectives, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects. DCO Birchenough explained that the rationale for this is given in the conclusion section of the HRA and is based on the fact that the features of the SAC have been managed for all types of BTFG, which includes mussel dredging, through prohibited areas under the BTFG byelaw 2016 (and proposed BTFG byelaw 2023). It was also outlined that the mussel dredging operation is low level, with one vessel undertaking a maximum of 8 tows per day equating to approximately 40 minutes of towing time. The reef feature of the SAC has been assessed in 2020 as part of the BTFG review Phase 1 and, on the basis of best available evidence, the two areas which remain open contain no reef feature.

DCO Birchenough outlined that the reporting requirements under the authorisation will aid in ensuring compliance with the conditions and that a new requirement for detailed catch reporting will allow for improved spatial data on where the activity is taking place. Previous survey work on this specific fishery indicated that the mussel dredging was not having an adverse impact on areas both outside and within the SAC historically and that there had been more mussels present in areas which had been previously dredged than those which had not. The HRA has been submitted to NE for Formal Advice.

Dr S Cripps stated that he was uncomfortable with BTFG activity occurring within an MPA but recognised the importance of the mussel seed fishery in supporting aquaculture within Poole Harbour.

Ms L MacCallum stated that the request for an authorisation is different to general management of BTFG as the authorisation gives the ability to harvest mussels below the MCRS, therefore it is a separate activity which can be subject to further restrictions than other types of BTFG. The spatial restrictions that currently apply under the 2023 authorisation should be maintained; this activity should not be allowed to remove juvenile mussels from within an MPA.

Ms E Bussey-Jones commented that in the TAC discussion, Members had recognised that under Phase 2 of the BTFG Review, there could be consideration of further BTFG management and that whilst the detail of this is not yet established, it wouldn't be appropriate to grant access to the two areas of the SAC not currently closed to BTFG if those areas might be closed under further BTFG Reviews thus requiring any access granted to be removed again. It was also recognised that the TAC had discussed the issue of treating this particular type of BTFG differently to other types of BTFG.

Mr G Wordsworth reiterated that the dredging activity only took place over approximately 40 minutes per day and that the dredges filled up quickly. He outlined the importance of aquaculture activity in Poole Harbour and the ecosystem services provided by the mussels, the continuation of which is based on the ability to gather the seed mussel.

Cllr. R Hughes stated that he had reservations for any BTFG due to the seabed impacts and that it would be difficult to vote on allowing that activity to take place within an MPA.

Mr R Stride commented that there is risk of the Authority being inconsistent in rejecting the request for access to those two areas of the SAC but allowing access to other types of BTFG under the current BTFG management and that this could be perceived as discriminating between different types of BTFG. He indicated he would support the recommendation on this basis.

Dr A Jensen outlined that the Southern IFCA Mussels Byelaw was introduced to regulate collection of mussel populations which were known to be ephemeral, and thus the byelaw ensured that any removal from those ephemeral beds remained in the District. The reduced area available for relaying within the aquaculture beds put a natural cap on the extraction effort. Dr A Jensen outlined that the mussels are ephemeral because they are subject to wind and tide pressures, the mussels settle in shallower areas and then, at a size of 1-2cm they detach and settle in deeper waters on adult beds. It was stated that these areas do not contain as much biodiversity as possibly expected due to the water depth and nature of how the beds form. Dr A Jensen commented that the BTFG management by Southern IFCA creates a spatial restriction and that there is a concern that if the authorisation is not granted, there will be increased pressure to source mussels from elsewhere, likely outside the district, which comes with a risk of introducing pathogens or invasive species. It is more beneficial for the seed mussel to come from the district to be re-laid in the district. He outlined that the discussion of these areas could feature in Phase 2 of the BTFG Review, however the outcomes of Phase 1 provide confidence that designated features within the SAC are being protected. Dr A Jensen indicated he would support the recommendation.

Ms L MacCallum agreed that mussel seed should come from the district and that she would support the recommendation if access to the MPA was removed.

Dr R Morgan commented that he had discussed the proposed authorisation with relevant site leads. NE would prefer from a broader ecological perspective that there would be no dredging in MPAs, as the small open areas may be providing support to the reef communities. Dr R Morgan agreed that the current approach to management was feature based and that this was the approach taken in developing BTFG management, as a statutory advisor on the HRA for the authorisation, NE would agree with the conclusion drawn. Dr R Morgan indicated that as there are differing views within NE on this he would abstain from voting.

Dr A Jensen reiterated that currently the IFCA manage designated features rather than at a site level, and that the latter can be considered more under Phase 2. Dr A Jensen also raised that there are potential difficulties for Compliance and Enforcement Officers in outlining that mussel dredging may be subject to different restrictions in the same area where other BTFG can operate.

Dr S Cripps commented that allowing an authorisation which supports aquaculture activity is positive and the Authority should be encouraging aquaculture and the services it offers in relation to climate change and ecosystem services. However, there is concern that the same area is dredged on a yearly basis to obtain the mussels.

Ms E Bussey-Jones commented that the concern is with the two areas of the SAC rather than a concern over expanding the spatial area of the authorisation in general. She suggested that the consideration should be of those two areas specifically and that the fisher would already be gaining more ground even if access to those areas was restricted.

Mr N Hornby questioned how the mussel dredging activity related to any other BTFG occurring in terms of background levels of activity and how allow mussel dredging outside of the current spatial closures might add to additional activity levels.

The CEO commented that altering the spatial access under the authorisation will not result in a socio-economic impact to the fishing operation as the current spatial footprint is much smaller and, if the MPA were not included, there are large areas which would be accessible for fishing outside the MPA which are

not currently fished. The CEO asked Members whether they would be happy to consider the recommendation to grant an authorisation for the coming year but that there could be a change to the spatial element included in recommendation (1a) if Members felt this would address the discussion had and the expertise put forward by Members on this matter.

Dr S Cripps proposed an amendment to recommendation 1a, replacing ‘...outside of the BTFG Byelaw 2023 prohibited areas’ with ‘...outside of the Studland to Portland SAC or any other MPA. This was seconded by Ms L MacCallum.

Seven Members were in favour, five voted against (Mr N Hornby, Mr R Stride, Dr A Jensen, Cllr. R Hughes and Cllr. J Savage) and Cllr. M Roberts, Mr G Wordsworth, Dr R Morgan and Cllr. P Miles abstained.

Ms L MacCallum proposed recommendation 1b. Dr S Cripps seconded. All members were in favour with the exception of Cllr. R Hughes, Mr G Wordsworth, Mr N Hornby & Cllr. J Savage who abstained.

Cllr. M Winnington proposed recommendations 2 and 3, with Ms E Bussey-Jones seconding. All Members were in favour except Mr G Wordsworth who abstained.

379. Resolved

- (1) That Authorisation shall be provided for the fishing vessel Nicola L (WY37) to continue to remove mussel seed for the purposes of aquaculture during 2024, provided that this activity is in line with the provisions outlined in the 2024 Authorisation, to include:
 - a. The removal of spatial restrictions outside of the Studland to Portland SAC or any other MPA.
 - b. The addition of a requirement to submit a catch return.
- (2) That Officers are delegated to make inconsequential changes to the Habitats Regulation Assessment following receipt of any Formal Advice from Natural England.
- (3) That the Authority consider the benefits of a long-term management plan for the mussel seed fishery under Phase 2 of the BTFG Review.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Compliance and Enforcement Report

380. DCO Dell provided an overview of work undertaken by Compliance and Enforcement Team for the period September to December 2023.

Research and Policy Team: Behind the Scenes

381. DCO Birchenough provided a quarterly overview from the officers in the Research and Policy Team for the period September to December 2023.

AIFCA Cockle Presentation

382. Tim Smith from AIFCA presented a PowerPoint presentation on the progress of the Cockle FMP.

The Sector Group Meetings

383. Members received the minutes from recent meetings of The Fisherman’s Council.

Meeting Venues 2024

384. Members received a paper from the Office Manager which listed to venues for the Authority meetings in 2024.

Date of Next Meeting

385. To confirm the date of the next Authority meeting on the 14th March 2024 at Wessex Royal Hotel, 32 High West Street, Dorchester, DT1 1UP

The meeting concluded at 17:25