

## **Draft Terms of Reference (to be agreed at the first meeting)**

1. Further to the Council resolution of 27 January 2022, it was agreed to form an all party working group of a maximum six councillors to take evidence, in public.
2. The working group will investigate additional options available regarding the protection of the wildlife and diversity of the Seething Wells Filter Beds.
3. To receive evidence from stakeholders and interested parties regarding the Seething Wells site and assess proposals for a way forward to be presented to the Place Committee for consideration.
4. To continue to support the site being designated as MOL and a SINC.
5. The membership of the group is to be formed of six Councillors representing the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames identified through a request to all councillors to state their interest.
6. The chair of the working group is to be selected at the first meeting. The working group may meet on more than one occasion to ensure it has sufficient time to hear from all parties and assess potential next steps.
7. Note that the Seething Wells All Party Working Group is not a formally constituted committee of the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames and therefore is not subject to the same statutory provisions in terms of political proportionality.
8. The meetings will be held in public at The Guildhall for working group members and for those wishing to attend and to make representations or ask questions in person. Those unable to attend can send representations or questions in advance.
9. The meetings are to be webcast
10. Questions will be addressed through the chair of the working group, but at their discretion they may allow residents present to ask questions of officers and vice versa.