Policy in a Box Proposal

# Document Control

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| 1 | Draft | 15/5/24 | M Smith |  |
| 2 | Live | 16/5/24 | S Ashton | Minor amends including expectation that all documentation will be open to partners. |

# Document Purpose and Application Process

The RSPAWIR are actively looking to find real world applications for advanced wireless technologies in the fields of water resources, rural industries and the public sector.

The purpose of this document is to capture some basic information about problems, challenges or opportunities faced by the public sector and where it is theorised that new policies, processes or strategies (moving forward referred to as ‘policy’) that could encourage and enable advanced wireless technologies could help to mitigate the issues or realise the potential.

Fill in as much information as possible but don’t be deterred if there are gaps. This initial proposal process is about identifying ideas in order to work towards solutions.

Proposals can be submitted at any time to [matt.smith@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:matt.smith@shropshire.gov.uk) and appraisals will be conducted within 1 week of submission.

Appraisals will be conducted by the RSPAWIR Programme Management Office, Technical Design Authority and Public Sector Working Group Lead.

Applicants may be asked to withdraw and resubmit their proposal based on the appraisal and in the event that additional information is required to form a recommendation. The clock will stop while additional information is gathered by the applicant.

Proposals that achieve a score of 5 or more and which do not obtain a “fail” mark in any section will be recommended for approval subject to budget. Thereafter, Shropshire Council will fund up to £20,000 worth of officer time / resource to explore the concept in detail and develop policy proposals, and documentation.

The funding available is finite.

Decisions on funding approval will be taken by the RSPAWIR Senior Responsible Owner following recommendation by the RSPAWIR Delivery Board and those decisions are final.

Unsuccessful Proposals can re-apply at any time.

Successful proposal sponsors are required to make all documentation available and actively share their learning and support other public authorities within the River Severn Partnership to adopt the policy developed. Should the work not result in the policy being adopted / adopted by the end of the project, the sponsor authority should still produce a report on lessons learned and how the policy will be taken forward by them or might be taken forward by others.

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| **General Section** |
| 1. Concept title |
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| 2. To which part of the public Sector does this proposal relate? |
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| Fail - The proposal does not relate to any area of the Public Sector |
| 1. Explain the problem, challenge or opportunity faced. Note whether this affects a single location or is more generic and, if resolved, how widely the policy and any resulting solutions could be adopted. |
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| Score 2 - The issue and any related policy could have wide-reaching implications for the public sector.  Score 1 - The issue and any related policy could resonate with a narrow range of interests in the public sector.  Score 0 - The issue and any related policy is unlikely to resonate with other interests in the public sector. |
| 1. Explain how you think a policy that encourages and enables Advanced Wireless Technology might be used to help to resolve the problem, address the challenge or realise the opportunity.   *No technical detail is required here. Use your own words and do not worry about terminology.* |
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| Score 2 - The potential for a policy to support the deployment, adoption or exploitation of advanced wireless technology is clear.  Score 1 - The potential for a policy to support the deployment, adoption or exploitation of advanced wireless technology is not clear but would benefit from further exploration.  Score 0 - There is no clear link between a policy to support the deployment, adoption or exploitation of advanced wireless technologies and the problem, challenge or opportunity. |
| 1. What could be the benefits if a policy was adopted that supported the deployment, adoption or exploitation of advanced wireless technologies   Consider cost/time/resource savings or new income streams or environmental benefits |
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| Score 2 - The potential impact of a Policy could be significant if adopted more widely across the sector.  Score 1 - The potential impact of a Policy could be limited if adopted more widely across the sector.  Score 0 - The potential impact of a Policy is likely to be negligible or non-existent. |
| 1. Do you know if this has been tried elsewhere? |
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| Score 3 - This policy concept is unique.  Score 2 - Other authorities have attempted but failed to arrive at an adopted policy in this area.  Score 1 - Other authorities outside the River Severn Partnership have successfully adopted similar policies.  Score 0 - This policy is widespread already |
| 7. Main Contact Name and Organisation |
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| 8. Main Contact @ and Telephone Number |
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| 9. If successful, would you be interested in leading the development of the Policy in a Box? |
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| 10. If your response to Q9 was yes, please give details of the following   * The name and role of any officers you could release to work on the policy development, * An estimate of the number of working days it would require to complete the policy development * The expected timelines for development of the policy * How much Funding, based on the officer/s salary and the estimated effort, would be required to enable you to deliver the policy development work to the point it can be released to decision makers / partner authorities |
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| No score but, the funding is finite and lower cost proposals may be favoured, notwithstanding the relative merits and potential benefits of the policy itself. |