

NORTH EAST LINDSEY DRAINAGE BOARD

Minutes of a meeting of North East Lindsey Drainage Board held on Tuesday, 29th November 2022 in Stallingborough Grange Hotel at 2pm.

Present: Cllr P Batson
Cllr P Clark
Mr J Finch
Mr J Fussey
Mr. L Grooby **Vice Chairman**
Cllr S Harness
Cllr R. Hannigan
Mr J Hargreaves
Mr. P J Hoyes **Chairman**
Mr R Kirk
Mr. S Shepherd
Cllr D Wells

In Attendance: Mr E Faulding, Member of the Public, Observer.
Miss J. Flower, Executive Assistant
Mrs. J. E. Froggatt, Chief Executive
Mr. G. Hird, Head of Engineering & Technical Services
Mr. S. Larter, Director of Finance & Governance
Mr M J Shilling, Director of Engineering & Technical Services

1. Apologies.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr I Lindley Cllr B Parkinson, Cllr N Pettigrew and Cllr S Shepherd.

2. Declaration of Members' Interests.

Members nominated by North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire Councils declared interests relating to their respective Councils. The Chairman declared an interest in any planning matters raised in respect of NELC pertaining to Stallingborough.

3. Election of Chairman.

Cllr Peter Clark proposed Mr. Philip Hoyes as Chairman for the ensuing year, seconded by Mr. Robert Kirk. There being no further nominations, and this being unanimously AGREED by members, Mr. Philip Hoyes was duly elected as Chairman

4. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed all members to the November meeting of the Board and this being the Annual Public Meeting, he began by thanking members for re-electing him as Chairman.

He reminded members of the 3 vacancies on the Board for the following electoral wards:

- Brocklesby, Habrough, Keelby, Kirmington, North Killingholme & South Killingholme. The Board has 2 vacancies for this electoral ward.

- Barnoldby, Bradley, Cleethorpes, Humberston, Irby, Laceby, Riby, Waltham & Weelsby.

If members have details of colleagues who may be interested in co-opting to the Board, they were asked to please let the Chairman or Jane Froggatt know.

He indicated the Board is currently in good financial health. However, many cost pressures mean although the position looks stable as of 31st October, the Board faced a difficult few months for the remainder of the financial year and severe challenges in setting a balanced budget for 2023/24.

A significant challenge was in relation to escalating electricity costs at pumping stations, a challenge being felt across the IDB industry. Members would have time to focus on understanding what is happening to electricity costs and, following the recent ADA Annual Conference, Jane Froggatt will be accompanying ADA colleagues to meet with Defra officials tomorrow [30.11.22], to outline the significant electricity financial pressures on IDBs and to lobby for some flexibility over the next couple of years.

In addition, the range of inflationary pressures nationally are well known, and these are impacting upon IDBs too. There were concerns about potential increases in the IDB Penny Rate for next year, which affects Council Special Levies and Drainage Rates account holders. The Chairman had been invited to attend a meeting, with Jane, to discuss these pressures with the Leader of North Lincolnshire Council on Monday 12th December.

5. Election of Vice Chairman.

Cllr Richard Hannigan proposed and Mr John Finch seconded Mr Lionel Grooby as Vice Chairman for the ensuing year. There being no further nominations, and this being unanimously agreed by members, Mr Lionel Grooby was duly elected as Vice Chairman. Lionel thanked members for electing him as Vice Chairman.

6. Election of Members to the Joint Services Committee.

Three members were proposed, seconded and there being no further proposals, were elected to membership of the Witham & Humber Drainage Boards' Joint Services Committee for the forthcoming year. These were the Chairman, Vice Chairmen and Mr. Julian Hargreaves.

7. Calendar of Proposed Board Meetings 2023.

A proposed calendar of 2023 meetings had been circulated with the agenda.

Each Board usually meets 4 times per year [January, May, September and for the November Annual Public Meeting]. It was proposed that in 2023 the Boards each meet on 3 occasions, with the usual January and May meetings, but combining the September and November meetings into one meeting in November, incorporating the Annual Public Meeting. The suggestion from members was to timetable these 3 meetings for each Board, and if additional meetings are required for any purpose, these can be convened as in-person, videoconference or hybrid meetings.

The September joint Annual Inspection [held this year on 29.09.22] has been brought forward from September, at the request of some members, to Thursday, 20th July 2023. It was noted that it would be NELDB's turn to host the Annual Inspection.

Members noted the Inspection date of 20th July 2023 and APPROVED the following Board meeting dates for 2023:

- Wednesday 25th January
- Wednesday 24th May
- Tuesday 28th November [& Annual Public Meeting]

8. Register of Members Interests.

A copy of the Register of Members' Interests form had been circulated with the agenda. Members were requested to complete this and return it to Officers present at the meeting or to Witham House, so that an up-to-date Register for November 2022 to October 2023 was maintained. Members were advised of the importance of this being an accurate record. The information in the Register may be subject, for example, to an FOI request and public disclosure and serves as both protection for the Board and for individual members.

9. Minutes of the Board meeting held on 27.11.22

The minutes of the Board's previous meeting held on Tuesday, 27th September 2022 were proposed, seconded and APPROVED as an accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING:

9.1 Chief Executive's Report, FloodEx22 Exercise (minute 5.2 refers)

The national flood simulation exercise to involve 20 Local Resilience Forums [LRFs] was scheduled to take place 10.09.22 to 23.09.22. This was rescheduled for Monday 14.11.22 to Friday 18.11.22. The 3 relevant LRFs for Witham & Humber Drainage Boards are Humber LRF, Lincolnshire LRF and Nottinghamshire LRF. SCG, TCG and relevant cell meetings were rearranged, and the Boards participated in the response and recovery phases of the exercise. The review day on 18.11.22 was an opportunity for IDBs to feed in nationally some of the lessons learned.

'FloodEx2022' was a significant regional simulation exercise involving all the LRFs along the Trent Catchment as well as all the East Coast LRFs, covering both Tidal and Fluvial Flooding.

The exercise tested the interaction between LRFs including the Humber which looked at a scenario like the tidal event in 2013 that affected NELDB.

The exercise involved several virtual meetings, physical meetings, attendance at the control room and workshops. This involved IDB officers from our Boards and others in Lincolnshire.

It gave an opportunity to consider how we engage with the LRF(s) and the exercise to maximise protection of the districts, reduce the impact of flooding and potentially have access to national resources for future events.

Whilst funding for 'in event' additional costs incurred is potentially available through the Bellwin Formula, this is providing certain trigger criteria for the relevant District or Unitary Council are met [and IDB costs may not trigger such]. There is no funding mechanism available for the post-emergency response phase, for the recovery phase. So, for example, there is no additional money to clear away the sand and debris washed in by the sea, clear and reinstate the drainage channels or repair pumping stations or embankments. It was an opportunity to raise this issue in the National Forum.

10. Chief Executive's Report.

10.1 ADA Annual Conference, 09th November 2022.

ADA's Annual Conference had a change of venue this year, meeting at Dyson's Farms venue, The Hive in Nocton rather than the usual London venue. Places were limited to 80 in-person and several delegates attended online. The opening address by Robert Caudwell, Chairman, was followed by a presentation from Hazel Durant, Defra's Head of Resilience and Flood Policy. New Secretary of State appointed is Dr Therese Coffey and Rebecca Powell has returned to Defra as Floods Minister. Early indication is that the SofS is supporting 'The Future Farming Programme', the new Environment Act and the targets within it. The following headlines were highlighted as some of the issues raised:

On floods, the emphasis is on 'delivery', and the maintenance of watercourse assets not just hard assets. During the EA's last 6-year capital programme, the 300,000 homes better protected national target was exceeded [314,000]. The current new programme for 6 years is £5.2 billion, some slippage on this programme. Revenue funding to EA is £179 million, of which £121 million is via the RFCCs. Defra view stated as circa £240 million pa as optimum funding level to maintain asset base. Budget Statement awaited Thursday 17.11.22, but next Comprehensive Spending Review [CSR] not until 2024. Some of the policy priorities outlined, included Asset Reviews, do FRMAs know exactly what assets they own, are assets mapped correctly and information shared [study to report in 2024, currently 170 issues identified]. Water agenda- regulatory role of the EA, have increased the maximum civil fine from £250k to £250 million. Water quality and supply both key issues.

Sustainable Drainage- Schedule 3 around SuDs and a review of responsibilities underway. Defra working with the EA on the 'floods agenda', both on policy and process, the emphasis being on VFM. Environmental Guide. Water Security for agricultural growth [cited were storage plans and abstraction plans, plus the easing of the process for creation of agricultural reservoirs]. IDBs to move water around, debate about the current legislation does not support this role [legislative changes to enhance role to what is needed to protect, reserve water as well as land drainage].

Presentation from Cllr Matthew Riddle, Chairman of Lower Severn IDB and Councillor on South Gloucestershire Council. Set the debate going about

whether the Special Levy charges to Councils for IDBs should be disaggregated from Council Tax, he was promoting that ADA lobby for this disaggregation.

Presentation from Luzette Kroan from a Dutch Water Authority. 350,000 hectares in N Holland, 660,000 inhabitants. Province of Friesland. Water authorities as the 'oldest democracy'- drawing distinction between general democracy institutions and 'functional democratic' institutions like Water Boards. Role of Water Boards encompassing flood protection, water quality and waste water treatment and soil [quality, subsidence and salt water intrusion, peat]. Maintain dykes, treat waste, operate >8,000 pumping stations which discharge directly to the sea. 300 Water Boards originally, now 21 [3.5 billion Euros pa collected for Water Boards + Delta Fund, which largely funds the building of dykes]. There was a move to integrate Water Boards into local democratic authorities, this proposal has now been dropped.

Panel discussion and audience debate covering: 'water storage not for potable water supply' [2 proposed reservoirs in Lincolnshire and Cambridgeshire]. Theme followed up by David Thomas of MLC, with the Land Drainage Act [1991] described as not fit for purpose and the need for change to facilitate water levels management, abstraction and irrigation. Comparison with the Po Valley in Italy, with 10,000 reservoirs and Hazel Durant of Defra citing that of 25,000 cubic litres and above, there are only 2,200 in England. Ian Hodge, EA's Chief Engineer, outlining the challenge of storage reservoirs tend to be offline or online but to main river, and not potable reservoir storage. General agreement that an integrated water strategy is required- EA, PFWAT, Policy Staff at Defra, Water Companies, IDBs etc.

Keith Casswell, Chairman of BSIDB, then raised the issue of increased electricity costs for IDBs and the potential impact on IDBs- citing that if we had a series of rainfall events like Autumn 2019/20, the pumping costs to BSIDB would be £1million and the IDB would not be sustainable. Much debate and participation followed, this being the key 'here and now' issue for IDBs and a major cost pressure for the remainder of 2022/23 and a challenge for setting financially balanced budgets for 2023/24.

10.2 Capital Programmes.

For the last few months work has been underway to develop for each of the 4 Boards a Capital Programme to lever in and maximise FDGiA monies, where practicable, and to model what annual contributions would be required from each Board to support and sustain the capital programme. Thanks to all members of Management Team for this work, and a particular thanks to our Capital Programme Manger Georgina Nichols [who works across our 4 IDBs and 3 others].

We have completed a first iteration of a Capital Plan for pumping station refurbishments over the next 20 years for each of the Boards and will present this work informally with members of JSC on 12.12.22, to confirm and challenge its robustness. Capital Programmes will then come to individual Boards in January 2023.

10.3 Pay Award 2023/24.

The ADA Lincolnshire Branch's Pay & Conditions Committee met on 10.10.22 to receive the staff side pay claim for next year 2023/24 and to negotiate a proposed pay settlement. The 4 Boards' representative on the Committee is Cllr Lance Pennell, Upper Witham member [supported by the Chief Executive]. The staff side and employer's side reached agreement as follows:

"To use the ONS Earnings 01 Average Weekly Earnings Indicator of Total Pay in Great Britain, using the provisional figure, as published in September, for the public sector, 12-month average [August of the previous year to July of the current year] of the single month changes [KAC8], % change year-on-year. This to be for a 2-year deal, with it continuing beyond, unless either party gives 12 months' notice to re-enter negotiations. In addition, for 2023/24 an unconsolidated payment of £1,500 will be paid in addition to the salary over 12 months".

Applying the formula as set out, that corresponded to a 2.1% uplift across all pay scales in the ADA Lincolnshire White Book of Terms & Conditions from 01st April 2023 plus a further sum of £1,500 payable monthly from April 2023 as an unconsolidated sum. The reasons for the £1,500 were to recognise the historical nature of the indicator and that CPI inflation is running closer to 10% now, but that similarly in September 2023 neither party knows what KAC8 will be for the previous 12 months and secondly to give a cash sum element to the pay award so that it targets a proportionately larger uplift to the lower paid pay scales. The impact, for example, of the 2.1% recurrent salary uplift plus the £1,500 unconsolidated cash uplift for an Operative on Spine Point 15 is that basic pay rises from £25,824 in this year 2022/23 to £27,866 in 2023/24 [a 7.91% uplift].

Employers agreed to take this pay settlement to the ADA Lincolnshire Branch for endorsement, and the Branch adopted the recommended pay settlement at its meeting on 20.10.22.

Staff side agreed to take the pay settlement to a UNISON ballot of members, which they did without recommendation of acceptance or refusal. The ballot results were communicated on 11.11.22 as a refusal of the proposed settlement [83% of those who voted having voted against]. A meeting of the employer's side to the Pay Committee has been convened for Monday 05.12.22.

As adoption or not of the ADA Branch pay settlement is a matter reserved to individual Boards, each is usually asked to adopt the pay settlement. Given the staff side rejection of claim and further meetings are planned, members accepted the recommendation that the pay settlement adopted by the ADA Lincolnshire Branch was NOTED and that it is adopted in principle by each Board, with the caveat that the element which is unconsolidated may need further negotiation. An update will be provided.

10.4 Potential Expansion of the Witham & Humber Drainage Boards' Agreement.

The 4 Witham & Humber Drainage Boards work in partnership under a joint services legal agreement, which uses Section 11 of the Flood & Water Management Act [2010] to facilitate provision of services for and on behalf of

another flood risk management authority in a legally binding, but voluntary partnership.

The partnership was originally of two IDBs, then three and from 01st April 2017 it was expanded to include North East Lindsey joining the joint arrangement. It currently works well, hopefully providing a local service for each Board.

With the support of the Chairmen, the Chief Executive is exploring with her colleague Chief Executive, an approach from a neighbouring IDB to consider whether it is feasible to expand the partnership to include a fifth IDB potentially from mid-2023 or April 2024.

It is purely an option at this stage, and the advantages and disadvantages need to be worked through for all Boards concerned. Neither our 4 Boards nor the neighbouring IDB need to take this step, but we are all conscious of the difficult economic times we are operating in, the recruitment and retention issues we will face in future and the need to ensure not just now but in 5 years' time that our IDBs are resilient. Therefore, we need to consider the proposition carefully as a resilience issue for the future.

The Chief Executive's report was received and NOTED.

11. Schedule of Expenditure, 01.09.22 to 31.10.22.

The schedule of expenditure for the two months ended 31st October 2022 had been circulated with the agenda and was presented by the Director of Finance & Governance. The schedule was of invoices paid in the period, and therefore some expenditure incurred in the five months period was excluded. Items highlighted to or raised by members included:

- Items 20 & 68: £various (net) to Eric Carnaby & Son Ltd for PSCA works and mowing contract works up to 30th September 2022.
- Item 67: £12,150.00 (net) to Eric Carnaby & Son Ltd for NCL Replacement of culvert & installation of pipe. Cllr Peter Clark asked the location of this, and it was clarified as being the viewing car park at Pleasure Island.

Members NOTED the schedule of expenditure incurred for the two months 01st September to 31st October 2022, which totalled £312,293.91 gross or **£262,638.36 net** of £49,655.55 VAT. There were £122,397.63 recharges to other bodies during this period.

12. Financial Performance Report 2022/23, as of Month 7 on 31st October 2022.

The Financial Performance Report for 2022/23 to 31st August 2022 had been circulated with the agenda. The Director of Finance and Governance presented the position, summarised as:

	2022/23 Estimate	Profiled Budget	Actual	Variance
	£	£	£	£
Income	(837,597)	(801,211)	(1,011,967)	(210,756)
Board & General Admin	21,900	9,676	9,664	(12)
One Off Schemes	17,000	0	4,810	4,810
Conservation	2,500	1,317	663	(654)
Depot	9,100	5,198	4,907	(291)
Drains	153,020	75,962	79,410	3,448
Pumping Stations	83,200	27,991	20,321	(7,670)
Joint Admin & Witham House (JSC)	109,408	57,107	61,903	4,796
Consents & Enforcement (recharge to LCC)	2,151	0	0	0
Engineering Services (JSC)/Works Supervisor	176,688	96,327	90,608	(5,719)
Contribution to/(from) Reserves	0	0	111,790	111,790
PWLB				0
Rechargeable Works	100,000	83,332	134,273	50,941
EA Precept	162,630	81,315	80,510	(806)
FRS17 Pension Adjustment (net)				0
Wages & Plant Holding Account				0
(Surplus)/Deficit	0	(362,986)	(413,109)	(50,123)

The Board was showing a surplus position of (£413,109) at 31.10.22, a positive variation of (£50,123). Whilst the Board is currently showing a positive position, Members were reminded that this is still early in the financial year and some of the 'high risk' spend areas have not yet been incurred (e.g., electricity during winter months, etc) and inflationary increases are being seen across many budget heads which will impact on the remainder of this year and the next financial year.

On income, Special Levies received totalled (£623k) for the full payment from the 3 relevant councils. Drainage Rates invoices for 2022/23 were on budget, the collection rate for drainage rates income as of 31st October 2022 was 91.5% (compared with 94.7% for the same point in 2021/22). First reminders were despatched on 15th August 2022 and final reminders despatched in October 2022. A court date was set for 27th January 2023.

Rechargeable Works were undertaken again, mainly for the EA through the PSCA. Invoices had been raised up to the end of October (£113k) for PSCA and (£43k) in other recharges to Able UK.

Highland Water claims have been submitted to the Environment Agency for 2021/22 actual with a further balance of (£15,836) and for 2022/23 Estimate (£112,000). The EA has paid 80% of the estimated claim for 2022/23 (£89,600) along with the balance for the 2021/22 actual claim (£15,836), i.e., a total of (£127,836). Correspondingly, the balance adjusted for actual 2022/23 costs incurred will be payable in September 2023.

FDGIA income of (£116,600) has been received for the following schemes:

Scheme	Total Scheme £	Received £	Due £
Immingham & Habrough Catchment Study	(35,000)	(35,000)	0
Mawmbridge Catchment & Asset Condition Study	(96,600)	(81,600)	(15,000)
Total	(131,600)	(116,600)	(15,000)

This income will be expended during this financial year with any balance transferred to reserves for works to be completed in future financial years, if required.

Electricity will be a significant cost pressure in this financial year. The Board has a budget of **£15k** in 2022/23 for the Pumping Station electricity and to date **£7k** has been spent. This is only for the **first 6 months** up to 30th September and equates to nearly **45%** of the annual budget for 2022/23.

However, ESPO have notified the Board that a price increase takes effect from 01st October 2022 (the last increase was October 2021). There is a substantial increase for all 4 Boards, especially in Standing Charges (payable whether the pumps are used or not) as well as in day and night unit rates. These day and night unit rates @30p/KWH are far less than if we were procuring electricity on the open market now @65p to 70p/KWH. A table was provided illustrating the **average increases** in rates (standing charges, day rates and night rates) across all 4 Boards. Whilst the increase in day and night rates are not to the level of the significant increases in the current market rates, due to the way that ESPO 'buy ahead' blocks of units of electricity, there may be a lag in when the increase comes through, i.e., there could be a further increase of unknown magnitude from 01st October 2023. This will depend upon the unit rates at the time the blocks of electricity purchases are made. This therefore means we are budget setting for 2023/24 from 01.04.23 with known increased electricity prices for only a half-year to 30.09.23 and we are having to make assumptions for the remainder of the year.

A significant increase from October 2022 is the electricity standing charges. These have increased due to the national 'OFGEM Targeted Charging Review'. The Targeted Charging Review was initiated by OFGEM to investigate how network charging (DUoS (Distribution) and TNUoS (Transmission) costs) could be made fairer across all consumer groups. The concern was that the costs of maintaining the grid have been steadily increasing over recent years, yet they were passed on to a reducing number of users.

The reason for this is the nature of energy generation and consumption has changed radically in recent times. Energy efficiency measures, embedded generation and load shifting have all meant that a growing number of consumers can minimise or even avoid any reliance on the grid, and therefore their exposure to the current charging regimes of DUoS and TNUoS.

These costs are split into two parts. Firstly residual, which is the cost of maintaining the electricity network. The second, forward looking, covers the cost of expanding the network. This change only effects the residual charge, which is 90% of the cost of TNUoS and 50% of DUoS.

Currently, the residual charge is built into the day & night unit rates. From April 2022, network operators are charging suppliers like ESPO and our provider Total Gas & Power (TG&P) a fixed amount for every business customer's site. Essentially, it means similar sites will pay the same towards maintaining the network. Previously, these costs were recovered over 4 months November to February each year, but now they will be recovered each month. This has led to a 'transitional amount' to cover, not only the previous full year costs which are charged over the winter months (November to February) in full, but also the first 6 months of the new monthly charge regime from April 2022 to September 2023 (so in effect 18-month charges to be recovered in 12 months).

The objective of the OFGEM TCR is supposedly to reinstate fairness for everyone involved, whilst ensuring network operators recover the revenue, they need to maintain the transmission and distribution systems.

OFGEM believes the most effective way to make sure everyone contributes fairly is through a fixed per/day charge (standing charge). In 'normal' times the day/night unit rates will have reduced, due to these charges coming out of the unit rates and into the standing charges. Unfortunately, we are not seeing this increase in standing charges with corresponding reduction in unit rates due to the significant increases in day and night unit rates for other reasons. The level of charge paid is determined by the TCR Band each site is allocated, an allocation that is carried out by the distribution networks. ESPO's flexible energy contract meant that customers started saw the changes from October 2021, with the beginning of the new scheme starting in April 2022 onwards. The full year effect of the charges will be seen in the pricing in October 2022.

These new standing charges will put a significant increase on the 4 Boards' cost of electricity based on a 'normal usage' year. This, coupled with additional usage if a heavy rainfall event occurs, will put a very significant pressure on this budget. A table highlighted the increase in standing charges across all 4 Witham & Humber Drainage Boards:

Standing Charges						
	01/10/2022	01/10/2021	01/10/2020	01/10/2019	Budget 2022/23	% of Budget
NEL	£ 10,670	£ 4,679	£ 1,521	£ 1,223	£ 15,000	71.1%
UW	£ 28,820	£ 12,505	£ 4,427	£ 3,877	£ 48,000	60.0%
W1	£ 54,623	£ 20,362	£ 5,174	£ 5,219	£ 69,000	79.2%
W3	£ 33,803	£ 14,099	£ 4,459	£ 3,595	£ 69,000	49.0%
Total	£ 127,917	£ 51,645	£ 15,580	£ 13,914	£ 201,000	63.6%

The Government has announced a support scheme for energy costs incurred by business, including the Public Sector, to help with meeting these additional costs over the winter months. The scheme, as currently announced, will only cover 01st October 2022 until 31st March 2023. No announcement has yet been made of any further support after March 2023. This support is based upon a maximum unit rate of £211 per megawatt hour (or 21.1 pence per kilowatt hour). At this time, we have no confirmation from ESPO/TG&P of how this will benefit the Boards, as the detail of implementing the scheme is still being worked through.

However, in order to provide Members with the potential financial impact of these increases, the following table was highlighted, setting out the indicative costs for the Board based on different usage levels based upon historical usage levels. **Any flood event will significantly add to the costs of electricity for the Board:**

NEL	Usage KWH	Total								Budget 2022/23
		@10p/kwh	@20p/kwh	@30p/kwh	@40p/kwh	@50p/kwh	@60p/kwh	@70p/kwh		
Dry	150,000	26,747	41,747	56,747	71,747	86,747	101,747	116,747	£ 15,000	
Average	200,000	31,747	51,747	71,747	91,747	111,747	131,747	151,747	£ 15,000	
Wet	300,000	41,747	71,747	101,747	131,747	161,747	191,747	221,747	£ 15,000	
Increase										
Dry		£ 11,747	£ 26,747	£ 41,747	£ 56,747	£ 71,747	£ 86,747	£ 101,747		
Average		£ 16,747	£ 36,747	£ 56,747	£ 76,747	£ 96,747	£ 116,747	£ 136,747		
Wet		£ 26,747	£ 56,747	£ 86,747	£ 116,747	£ 146,747	£ 176,747	£ 206,747		
Penny Rate Increase										
Dry		1.90%	4.34%	6.77%	9.20%	11.63%	14.07%	16.50%		
Average		2.72%	5.96%	9.20%	12.44%	15.69%	18.93%	22.17%		
Wet		4.34%	9.20%	14.07%	18.93%	23.80%	28.66%	33.52%		

The October 2022 rates are @30p per unit so will have the impact as set out in the table for each scenario, based upon this rate for a full calendar year 01st October 2022 to 30th September 2023, including standing and KVA charges. From October 2023, there could be a further price increase of @35% which would then mean the 40p/kwh column would apply (indicatively). Historically, 80% of usage is October to March (so in the second half of the financial year).

For information, the impact for the other 3 Boards within the Witham & Humber group was shown in the following tables, to demonstrate what a significant impact this is for all the 4 Boards:

UW	Usage KWH	Total								Budget 2022/23
		@10p/kwh	@20p/kwh	@30p/kwh	@40p/kwh	@50p/kwh	@60p/kwh	@70p/kwh		
Dry	275,000	65,226	92,726	120,226	147,726	175,226	202,726	230,226	£ 48,000	
Average	400,000	77,726	117,726	157,726	197,726	237,726	277,726	317,726	£ 48,000	
Wet	500,000	87,726	137,726	187,726	237,726	287,726	337,726	387,726	£ 48,000	
Increase										
Dry		£ 17,226	£ 44,726	£ 72,226	£ 99,726	£ 127,226	£ 154,726	£ 182,226		
Average		£ 29,726	£ 69,726	£ 109,726	£ 149,726	£ 189,726	£ 229,726	£ 269,726		
Wet		£ 39,726	£ 89,726	£ 139,726	£ 189,726	£ 239,726	£ 289,726	£ 339,726		
Penny Rate Increase										
Dry		1.49%	3.88%	6.27%	8.65%	11.04%	13.42%	15.81%		
Average		2.58%	6.05%	9.52%	12.99%	16.46%	19.93%	23.40%		
Wet		3.45%	7.78%	12.12%	16.46%	20.80%	25.13%	29.47%		

W1	Usage KWH	Total								Budget 2022/23
		@10p/kwh	@20p/kwh	@30p/kwh	@40p/kwh	@50p/kwh	@60p/kwh	@70p/kwh		
Dry	500,000	124,047	174,047	224,047	274,047	324,047	374,047	424,047	£ 69,000	
Average	800,000	154,047	234,047	314,047	394,047	474,047	554,047	634,047	£ 69,000	
Wet	1,500,000	224,047	374,047	524,047	674,047	824,047	974,047	1,124,047	£ 69,000	
Increase										
Dry		£ 55,047	£ 105,047	£ 155,047	£ 205,047	£ 255,047	£ 305,047	£ 355,047		
Average		£ 85,047	£ 165,047	£ 245,047	£ 325,047	£ 405,047	£ 485,047	£ 565,047		
Wet		£ 155,047	£ 305,047	£ 455,047	£ 605,047	£ 755,047	£ 905,047	£ 1,055,047		
Penny Rate Increase										
Dry		5.98%	11.40%	16.83%	22.26%	27.69%	33.12%	38.55%		
Average		9.23%	17.92%	26.60%	35.29%	43.97%	52.66%	61.34%		
Wet		16.83%	33.12%	49.40%	65.69%	81.97%	98.26%	114.54%		

W3	Usage KWH	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Budget
		@10p/kwh	@20p/kwh	@30p/kwh	@40p/kwh	@50p/kwh	@60p/kwh	@70p/kwh	2022/23
Dry	300,000	75,975	105,975	135,975	165,975	195,975	225,975	255,975	£ 69,000
Average	450,000	90,975	135,975	180,975	225,975	270,975	315,975	360,975	£ 69,000
Wet	750,000	120,975	195,975	270,975	345,975	420,975	495,975	570,975	£ 69,000
Increase									
Dry		£ 6,975	£ 36,975	£ 66,975	£ 96,975	£ 126,975	£ 156,975	£ 186,975	
Average		£ 21,975	£ 66,975	£ 111,975	£ 156,975	£ 201,975	£ 246,975	£ 291,975	
Wet		£ 51,975	£ 126,975	£ 201,975	£ 276,975	£ 351,975	£ 426,975	£ 501,975	
Penny Rate Increase									
Dry		0.67%	3.55%	6.44%	9.32%	12.20%	15.09%	17.97%	
Average		2.11%	6.44%	10.76%	15.09%	19.41%	23.74%	28.06%	
Wet		5.00%	12.20%	19.41%	26.62%	33.83%	41.04%	48.24%	

This is a very significant issue for the Boards and their future financial standing. Hopefully, the Government support scheme will assist the Board for the second half of this financial year. But currently the support only lasts until 31st March 2023. Nationally, ADA is aware of the pressures on IDBs.

Inflation

Members will be aware of the inflationary pressures that the country is currently experiencing which is affecting many of the 4 Boards' costs. Electricity, fuel, plant and vehicle maintenance, insurance, mobile phones are all seeing escalating costs. Where possible, these are locked into contracts so not all the impact is being felt currently, but it will feed through into future costs which will put undue pressure on the latter half of this financial year's budgets and next year's budgets. Additionally, the availability of materials, spare parts and suitable companies to carry out works is causing additional downtime and delays. This has not been experienced as much directly on this Board, due to having an external contractor to undertake the drains maintenance works. But it may do so in the future should, say, a major breakdown be incurred by the Contractor.

The bank balances as of 31st October 2022 were set out as follows:

Barclays Bank plc

Payments Account	£ 10,871.65
Receipts Account	£ 84,202.23
General Deposit Account	£ 380,000.00
Developer Contributions Account	£ 132,135.62
Nationwide Instant Access (Dev Cont's)	£ 152,276.94
Total	£ 759,486.44

Members noted the 2022/23 financial performance for the 7 months 01st April 2022 to 31st October 2022.

13. Health and Safety Update.

A report had been circulated with the agenda and was presented by the Director of Engineering & Technical Services in the absence of the Director of Operations due to Covid-19.

With the end of summer maintenance in sight, we continue to review work practises as we move into winter maintenance, to keep staff safe and at work wherever possible. There have been more Covid 19 (C19) cases within teams this year than through the lock-down. Positive cases are assessed individually, and if possible, we give Operatives and other staff the opportunity to work with a positive test result providing a) they feel

well and b) can work with no interaction with others. Failing to meet those criteria would mean staying at home until 2 negative LFT test results (on separate, consecutive days). Our support staff can work from home if they feel well enough to work.

Witham House office is open to the public, contractors, and visitors by prior arrangement. In line with the Government's 'living with Covid' guidance, face masks are not mandatory, however are provided for those who wish to wear one. Testing is no longer a requirement, but WHDB continue to provide LFTs to staff to help reduce the likelihood of Covid transmission within our workplaces.

We remain conscious of the changing picture of C19, both morally for the wellbeing of our staff and for organisational resilience to continue to deliver the works required. C19 arrangements continue to be reviewed weekly at Management Team Meetings, and any change to national guidance is kept under review.

H & S Visits (by Cope Health and Safety Consultancy)

The 4 Boards' Annual H&S Policy Review has been completed. In attendance were Simon Cross (Cope), Jane Froggatt, Ian Coupland and Leila Quirk (WHDB). During the visit the H&S policy, policy statements and booklets were reviewed.

Accidents.

There have been 2 reported accidents, resulting in minor injury. Root cause - assets not robust, e.g., damaged gates. Internal investigations completed, onward reports to the EA who have added to their H&S lists. The assets do not belong to WHDB or EA, so the landowners would need to make the necessary arrangements.

Near Miss Reports.

There have been 3 near misses reported. These involve tractors slipping or edging the banks (fully or in part). All near misses have been or are being investigated.

Pyewipe pumping station – The Board's Contractor was hand digging and struck/exposed a cable. The area was assessed/scanned by the Contractor prior to commencing works but the cabling had not shown up. No damage to the cable. Cables are now rerouted.

Positive points:

- In 2021 there were 8 incidents reported. So far in 2022 there have been 15.
- This figure shows more Near Misses being reported, and these are investigated for the purposes of trend analysis and any lessons learned.

Training.

6 x Operatives undertook masted forklift training, 2 x Chainsaw with felling, 4 x operation of armed flails, 5 x spraying near water, 5 x safe use of Robo-mower, 6 x Abrasive wheels, 3 x basic welding, 4 x Cat H licence and Overhead cable avoidance training was undertaken by most Operatives, with the remainder of Operatives and North East Lindsey's contractor booked early in the new year.

Manual handling, fire awareness, and working at height refreshers are booked for later this year for all staff members [early December].

Updates.

As reported previously, Witham First access bridge to Ringmoor Pumping Station is still being investigated (ascertaining ownership via the Environment Agency). EA colleagues

have stated that this bridge is a riparian responsibility and we have asked repeatedly for the EA's legal department to confirm this to the Board's officers.

Policies and Procedures

Procedures:

- Display Screen Equipment – to include agile working, review of DSE home/office.
- Fire – review of fire policy.
- Young Persons – including RA for young people on work experience.

Emergency Planning:

- FloodEx (National) – WHDB was involved in Lincolnshire & Humberside exercise 14th-18th November 2022.
- Emergency Plan (EP-001) in draft,
- Emergency Procedures Manual (EP-002), in draft with annexes for additional information e.g., loss of utilities, pandemic, fuel, COMAH etc.
- Emergency Flood plan (EP-003) is being reviewed – any lessons learned during National FloodEx, following the debrief, will be incorporated

Corporate Risk:

- The Corporate Risk Register will be reviewed for January 2023 Board meetings.

Risk Assessments / SSOW:

- Board Annual Inspection 20.09.22
- Review RAF4 001 Clearing Dykes
- Review RAF4 005 Use of wheeled and tracked vehicles
- Review RAF4 002 & SSOW lone working
- Review RAF4 General workshop & SSOW Welding and allied processes
- Fire Risk Assessments (and packs) for all Boards

Proactive workstreams:

- Risk matters – 2 sent out to cover pertinent H&S matters (July / November).
- Ongoing visits to Depots/sites to work with our Teams and provide the opportunity to raise any queries as they may arise.

Members received and NOTED the Health and Safety update.

14. Environment Update.

The Environment Update had been circulated with the agenda and was introduced by the Head of Engineering & Technical Services.

As a public body, under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act (2006), Internal Drainage Boards must have regard to the purposes of conserving biodiversity in a manner that is consistent with the exercise of normal functions such as policy and decision-making. 'Conserving biodiversity' may include enhancing, restoring, or protecting a population or habitat. An IDB has a legal duty to protect and enhance the environment, set out in a wide range of legislation.

There was nothing to highlight to members on this occasion.

Members received and NOTED the report.

15. Killingholme Marshes Pumping Station.

A report prepared by the Director of Engineering & Technical Services had been circulated with the agenda and was presented.

This pumping station development is located within the Board's district, serving an area of development between the North and South Killingholme Haven, and outfalls into the Humber Estuary. This area, previously known as Killingholme Marshes, is now being promoted and developed by Able UK Ltd. [AUL] and is known as the Able Marine Energy Park.

The Board had been invited to attend the regular meetings of the Able Marine Energy Park Delivery Board. The Director of Engineering & Technical Services has been invited to the next meeting to be held on 13th December 2022.

Whilst there has been various communication between the Board's officers and AUL, there has been no progress as to the drawing up of the legal agreement necessary between AUL, NELDB and Crown Estates, allowing access to the various parcels of land to be occupied by the new pumping station, discharge pipeline and outfall structure. The Board has appointed Solicitors.

The construction of the pumping station continues slowly, with the provision of the reinforced concrete elements almost complete. But progress is not in line with projected programmes. The piles around the outfall bay remain in situ. Access to the construction site remains open and unfettered for both the Board's officers and their representatives from Stantec, who continue to attend site to monitor work and ensure compliance with the design specification and drawings. However, the engineering check visits by Stantec have been invoiced and paid by the Board, but we continue to chase AUK for reimbursement costs with over £40k outstanding.

The Director of Engineering & Technical Services has participated in several meetings and email correspondence regarding technical aspects of the station's design and performance. Discussions as to how the pumping capacity required of the station is to be met over the lifetime of the station continue.

The installation of the motor control centre is complete along with other electrical cabling around the intake of the station. The canisters that will house the pumps have been delivered to site and their installation is in progress.

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Staff from AUK have been instructed by the pump suppliers, Bedford Pumps Ltd., as to how to maintain the pumps whilst in storage.

Progress on the completion of the station compound, including ground works and site lighting continue.

It is believed that the site is due for commissioning by May 2023, however, this is to be confirmed by AUK. The Board will continue to cooperate fully with this project in the

expectation that it will ultimately take responsibility for the pumping station operation and maintenance, subject to a calculated commuted sum being agreed and paid to the Board.

Members received and NOTED the update.

16. Immingham Pumping Station

Immingham pumping station is situated south east of the town of Immingham and drains the town and surrounding agricultural land into the North Beck Drain which is maintained by the Environment Agency. Immingham has suffered from flooding to people and properties with the sources of flooding attributed to both the drainage system and the surface water system, therefore a combined project with the drainage board, Anglian Water and North East Lincolnshire Council was undertaken.

Modelling Results

The modelling looked at two scenarios. The baseline in which everything is operating as it should and in the second what would happen if the pumping station were not to operate at all. The scenarios were run with numerous return periods, but no account was taken of climate change.

The baseline modelling indicates that the flooding in Immingham is concentrated within the town and is a result of the surface water system being overwhelmed. The condition of the tidal outfall at Immingham dock which is maintained by the EA is critical in protecting people and property from flooding, if the tidal gates do not close the incoming tide backs up the Habrough Marsh Drain taking up storage and causing the flooding from Habrough Marsh Drain. The modelling has also indicated that the capacity of Immingham pumping station is not required, as even in the highest flood not all the pumps are in operation.

The second scenario of a completely failed pumping station indicates that if Immingham pumping station is not working the water backs up through the system and is discharged through the Anglian Water pumping station and is discharged into the Humber Estuary. As the pumping station is not designed to cope with this additional flow the project team anticipated that this would also fail shortly after the Immingham pumping station. Therefore, the do-nothing scenario is the failure of both pumping stations. This indicates that the water levels in the system would back up until it eventually reached 2.6mAOD as there would be no discharge from the system until the embankments were overtopped and discharged to the Humber. In this scenario there are 1463 properties at risk and these would be written off, as they would become uninhabitable.

Asset Inspections

Visual asset inspections were undertaken of both Immingham pumping station and Habrough Slide Penstock in July 2022.

Immingham pumping station was considered by the engineers to be in overall fair condition, with the M&E elements being in good condition and the civils elements being in fair condition. Elements recommended for repair or replacement include repairs to concrete, cracks in the building and cleaning of the grease pumps. The kiosk housing the control panel for the 5th submersible pump is in very poor condition and requires

replacing. There are no welfare facilities on site. Access for vehicles, particularly large plant is very poor at Immingham pumping station, making maintenance very difficult.

Habrough Slide Penstock was also inspected and found to be in good overall condition, no repairs were recommended to the structure.

The pumping station is not considered to be resilient as the level of the M&E infrastructure within the site is below the water level if there were a tidal breach.

Environmental Benefits

There is currently no eel or fish passage into or out of the Immingham pumping station system. The Eel regulations state that if refurbishing the pumping station passage for fish and eels need to be considered and included in the project.

Discussions with the EA have been undertaken to determine the best approach to providing the improvements for wildlife. Consideration needs to be given to fish friendly pumps and changing the discharge pipes, to remove the multiple 90o bends in the pipes, to the allow fish and eels to pass through safely. The operation of Habrough Slide could be altered to allow passage of eels into the system at specific times of year.

Other Projects

Both the EA and North East Lincolnshire Council have projects in the area. The tidal defences and drain outfalls are being improved along the Stallingborough frontage by the EA and North East Lincolnshire Council are looking to retrofit SUDS to the town of Immingham to reduce the risk of surface water flooding.

Both these projects, either now or in the future will require some of the benefits available to the Immingham pumping station as all assets operate together to protect people and property from flooding.

Officers are in discussion with both the EA and NELC to distribute the benefits fairly between the projects. It is anticipated that the refurbishment of the pumping station will be funded through FDGIA, as part of a Capital Programme.

Next Steps

The next phase of the project is to look at the various options for repairing or replacing Immingham pumping station, to ensure its continued operation to protect people and property from flooding. These options will consider the issues identified so far such as condition of the assets, access, environmental benefits and H&S improvements as well as looking at the ongoing operation and maintenance costs to try and reduce the carbon emissions at the site.

An Outline Business case will be developed by consultants and the Capital Programme Manager Georgina Nichols for submission to the EA in spring 2023.

Members noted the update.

17. Operations Report.

The Operations Report had been circulated with the agenda and was presented by the Director of Engineering & Technical Services in the absence of the Director of Operations.

Carnaby's the Boards appointed contractor have 1.5 days of machine work remaining, 1 day on Immingham dock that must be pre-arranged and 0.5 of a day in Barrow market place. This will leave them with the hand work to undertake for approx. 2/3 weeks. Once these works have been completed Darren Scott, Works Supervisor, will oversee the winter works. Currently these works entail bushing at Great Coates, bushing at Barton and levelling a section of bank at Homestead Park to enable the safe access of the machine. We also hope to get approval to undertake some bushing work for the EA as PSCA works, but no official order has yet been received by the Board.

At New Holland Outfall Pumping Station, as reported previously, the cabinet needs replacing. There is a site meeting in December with a company to look at the cabinet options. Our preferred option would be a composite cabinet.

At Barton Weed screen officers are considering a composite option, for this weed screen deck. The advantage composite has over steel in this environment is the weather proofing, it will not corrode with the salt from the coast. We have also gone to Joyce at Great Limber, a local company, for a steel comparison quote. These quotes have not yet been returned for comparison.

Members received and NOTED the report and update.

18. Engineering Report.

A report by the Head of Engineering & Technical Services had been circulated with the agenda.

Pleasingly, there had been no flood events on which to report.

Local Resilience Forum (LRF) Lincolnshire (JA-1400-2014-ORG) Humber (ND-4250-2018-ORG)

'FloodEx2022' is a significant National, Regional and local simulation exercise involving all the LRFs along the Trent Catchment as well as all the East Coast LRFs, covering both Tidal and Fluvial Flooding.

The week-long exercise took place from 14th to 18th November 2022, having been postponed from the original 19th-22nd September, because of the death of Her late Majesty the Queen.

The exercise tested the interaction between LRFs including the Humber which is also looking at a scenario like the east coast tidal event in 2013. For our 4 Drainage Boards the relevant LRFs are the Humber LRF, the Lincolnshire LRF and Nottinghamshire LRF.

It gave an opportunity to consider how we engage with the LRF(s) and the exercise to maximise protection of the drainage districts, reduce the impact of flooding and potentially have access to national resources for future events.

Whilst funding for 'in event' additional costs incurred is potentially available through the Bellwin Formula, this is only providing certain trigger criteria for the District Council are met [and IDB costs may not trigger such]. There is no funding mechanism available post emergency response phase for the recovery phase. So, for example, there is no additional money to clear away the sand and debris washed in by the sea, clear and reinstate the drainage channels or repair pumping stations or embankments. It is an opportunity to raise this issue in the National Forum.

The Recovery Phase of the Flood event is also included in the exercise, for Humber this is on the Thursday and for Lincolnshire on the Friday. The 4 Boards' Officers will be involved and take the opportunity to highlight the complete lack of post event funding available and the difficulties any Drainage Board is likely to face.

A debrief will follow for Lincolnshire LRF on the 09th December 2022.

Ground Water Flooding November 2019, Barton upon Humber (ND-5379-2020-FLD).

Wren Kitchens needs to sign off the Drainage Condition for the latest phase (PA/2021/1832). Part of that is a site emergency plan, a plan has been produced for the new phase, but North Lincolnshire Council LLFA Team is insisting that the full site needs to be included before the condition can be discharged.

A multiagency meeting has been held and Wren have agreed to produce the Site Emergency Plan. No further update was available.

Humber Wader Mitigation (ND-3458-2017-ENV)

This site is designed to attract wading birds as part of mitigation for development in the area. It is located adjacent to Mawmbridge pumping station and will include a small pump to top up the wet areas on the site. The scheme has evolved, and the proposal is now to have the pump location remote from Mawmbridge pumping station. Consents have been issued for most of the works which started in April 2022 and are now substantially complete. The proposed small pumping station to top up the wet areas has been consented, but the detail and North East Lincolnshire Council has not resolved the agreement for the electrical supply from Northern Power Grid.

North Lincolnshire Council Operational Flood Group (ND-4485-2019-GEN)

It is a multi-agency meeting to discuss and resolve local drainage issues. The next meeting is due to take place in December.

Townscroft Drain/Mawmbridge Drain Branch 3 proposed bus bridge, Grimsby. (ND-4366-2018-CON, ND-4835-2019-CON)

North East Lincolnshire Council have a project to construct a bus-only bridge over the Board maintained Townscroft Drain/Mawmbridge Drain Branch 3, to link the two parts of Europarc. This has now been resolved and a Byelaw Consent has been issued. No further updates had been received.

Stallingborough 3 Sea defence improvements - NE Lindsey IDB liaison (ND-5362-2020-ASS)

The EA are advancing the development of the scheme to improve the tidal defences and outfalls along the frontage from Middle Drain to New Cut Drain at Barton. The Outline Business Case was approved in July 2020. One aspect of this scheme is considering how best to sustain the conveyance of Oldfleet Drain. Furthermore, they are also particularly looking at options to improve the defences and outfall at Mawmbridge Drain.

This potentially has an impact on Middle Drain pumped catchment, Mawmbridge pumped catchment and Oldfleet Drain.

An initial meeting was held on with the EA where options to divert flows from Oldfleet Drain into the Middle Drain or Mawmbridge Pumped Catchments were discussed. Initially Middle Drain Branch 3 (6C) adjacent to the Humber bank is favourable. Further analysis and modelling will need to be done to establish how the connection is made and whether the Oldfleet gravity outfall is abandoned. The EA gravity outfall and Board's pumped outfalls will be looked at to see whether it is feasible to combine them like at Middle Drain, to ensure the gravity is not obstructed by silt.

The EA is in the process of getting the four gravity outfalls de-silted to allow inspections and CCTV surveys to be carried out. The locations are Middle Drain, Oldfleet Drain, Mawmbridge Drain and New Cut Drain.

Potentially the schemes can use FDGiA funding either combined with the EA or separately for the Board.

In anticipation of a potential FDGiA scheme for the refurbishment of Mawmbridge Pumping Station, an application has been successfully submitted to the EA for funds to undertake modelling and an asset condition assessment to provide information for the main submission. The watercourse survey has been completed and the modelling has started with results expected early in 2023.

Barton to New Holland sea defence improvements - NE Lindsey IDB liaison (ND-5613-2021-GEN)

The EA are advancing the development of the scheme to improve the tidal defences and outfalls along the frontage from Barton to New Holland. The project considers the next 25-30 years, options will be considered against the assessed benefits for the areas behind the Humber Banks.

Two groups have been set up and have met twice.

Project Steering Group - (including Phil Hoyes, Chairman, together with 2 Councillors and 2 local members of the Anglian [Northern] RFCC).

Resilience Advisory Group (RAG) - (including Darren Scott and Julian Hargreaves)

The provisional time table of the project is:

- Early 2022 - Survey
- 2022/2023 – Options Development
- 2024 – Design/Approvals/Procurement
- 2025 – On site works begin

The third newsletter was published in October 2022 and further information is available on the Citizen Space Link:

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/lincolnshire-and-northamptonshire/barton-to-new-holland-flood-alleviation-scheme>

6.3 Habrough Marsh Drain Outfall (ND-5365-2020-DRA)

A Consent (ND-5976-2022-CON) has now been issued for the replacement of the pointing doors on Habrough Marsh Drain outfall. Works on the pointing doors were undertaken by the contractor working for the EA in early May 2022, but only the doors were replaced as reported verbally at the May 2022 Board meeting. The outfall was observed at high tide and there was still a substantial amount of back flow of water passed the gates. Video footage was reported back to the EA, the contractors produced a report which concluded the 'key fault found was down to excessive wear to the timber quoins'. A contractor has carried out the works on behalf of the EA and whilst there is still some leakage, it is a considerable improvement. The site will continue to be monitored.

Members received and NOTED the report.

19. Planning & Consultations Report.

A report had been circulated with the agenda and was presented by the Head of Engineering & Technical Services. The report provided information on the planning applications received by the Board and detail of the comments submitted to the relevant Local Planning Authority (LPA).

There were no issues to highlight to members on this occasion.

Members received and NOTED the report.

20. Consents and Enforcements Report.

A report had been prepared by the Consents and Enforcements Officers, circulated with the agenda and was presented by the Head of Engineering & Technical Services.

There was nothing to highlight to members on this occasion.

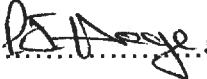
Members received and NOTED the report on consents and enforcement cases.

21. Any Other Business.

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 16:35.

22. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Board was confirmed for Wednesday 25th January 2023 at 2.00pm at the Stallingborough Grange Hotel.

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