

when relationships needed to be strengthened and the organisation needed to think about its future direction.

Julian was at the helm when in 2017 the previous long-standing Chief Executive retired, and also the part time Engineer, the Ratings Officer / Secretary and the works contractor of over 20 years. He led the discussions in early 2017 with the then Chief Executive, the late Trevor Vessey, to determine the future options for the Board and steered the Board towards the joint service arrangements in place since 01.04.17, the Board becoming a partner member of the Witham and Humber Drainage Boards group of four IDBs.

5. Election of Vice Chairman

Although not present due to illness, Mr Robert Kirk was nominated by Philip Hoyes, seconded by Lionel Grooby and, in the absence of further nominations, duly elected as Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year.

6. Election of Joint Services Committee Members.

The current members, namely the Chairman and Vice Chairman were elected to the Joint Services Committee. With Julian Hargreaves having stood down as the third member, in November 2024, members had previously agreed to carry a vacant seat for the third member of the Joint Services Committee. It was impressed upon Members the importance of having representation at JSC and Lionel Grooby was duly nominated and elected to the vacant position.

7. Election of members to the ADA Lincs Branch Environment Committee

This is an open position across all 4 Boards and Members agreed that, as no nominations were forthcoming, it will remain open and the Environment Officer [Nick Downing, Secretary to the Committee] would advise members of forthcoming meetings.

8. Calendar of Proposed Board Meeting Dates 2026.

Members approved the following dates for 2026:

North East Lindsey IDB (Stallingborough Grange Hotel at 2pm):

Wednesday, 28th January.

Wednesday, 20th May.

Wednesday, 25th November (+APM).

Joint Services Committee Meetings (at 10am, Witham House, Meadow Lane):

Monday, 11th May.

Monday, 13th July.

Monday, 07th December.

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Thursday, 16th July. North East Lindsey District Tour, route TBC.

9. Register of Members' Interests.

Members were reminded, in accordance with the Code of Conduct, to complete the annual update to the Register of Members' Interests and submit the completed form to Jayne Flower at the end of the meeting or afterwards to Witham House office.

10. Minutes of the Board meeting, 21.05.25.

The minutes of the Board's previous meeting, held on Wednesday, 21st May 2025, were proposed, seconded and APPROVED as an accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING:

10.1 Chief Executive's Report: Fish & Eel Regulations 2009.

There is still no clarity on the anticipated Fish & Eel Notice of Exemptions for pumping station compliance which were issued by the EA to IDBs on 31.03.25. However, these were only issued for a 12-month period from 01.04.25 and with a requirement that compliance plans are agreed with the EA within six months, otherwise there may be enforcement action against the Board.

This change in approach has caused some concern amongst IDBs, who have largely been reliant on FDGiA funding to replace and refurbish pumping stations whereby fish friendly pumps have been installed to ensure compliance. The Capital Programme of FDGiA for 2025/26 has been severely cut by the EA and this year is now year 5 of a 5-year [not 6] year programme, with no certainty in funding beyond 31.03.26.

A meeting with the EA's national lead was held on Monday, 12th May 2025 but unfortunately did not provide clarity as to what is required. A second event held today was being attended by Officers and an update will be provided to the January meeting.

There were no further items arising, all being covered by the agenda.

11. Minutes of the Joint Services Committee Meeting 14.07.25.

The minutes of the Joint Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 14th July 2025 had been circulated with the agenda and were noted.

MATTERS ARISING:

There were no matters arising, all being covered by the agenda.

12. Chief Executive's Report.

The Chief Executive's report circulated with the agenda was presented, with the following items highlighted:

12.1 ADA Lincolnshire Branch Pay & Conditions Committee update and Proposed Pay Settlement for 2026/27.

The 7 Lincolnshire IDBs party to the joint Lincolnshire negotiating with staff side Unison representatives are our 4 Witham & Humber DBs, Witham Fourth, Black Sluice and South Holland.

Cllr Lance Pennell, UW Board member, is our 4 Boards' representative on the Committee, supported by the Chief Executive [Lance has fulfilled this role for almost 10 years]. Lance is unable to take on the commitment of chairing the Pay Committee but is content to continue to represent our 4 IDBs for a further year. Mark Leggate represents BSIDB, supported by Daniel Withnall [Mark is also a W4th IDB member] and new committee member Cllr Stuart Evans has replaced Peter Richardson as W4th's representative on the committee [supported by Peter Bateson]. Cllr Stuart Evans agreed to chair the 01.10.25 meeting, and the proposal to appoint him as ADA Branch Pay & Conditions Committee Chairman was supported at the ADA Lincolnshire Branch meeting on 23.10.25.

The focus of the Pay Committee 01.10.25 meeting was the pay claim for 2026/27 to be applied from 01.04.26, received in September from Unison on behalf of staff side. This was for a consolidated £500 across all salary and wage scales combined with application of the usual formula - which this year outputs 5%. As a reminder, for some years the formula we have used is the "changes in Average Weekly Earnings [AWE] within the public sector rolling average for the previous 12 months July to July, as published by ONS in September" each year- this is 5% for July 2024-July 2025. ONS also publishes a similar tracker for private sector pay movements [which our membership body ADA uses- which at a meeting in September the CEO noted was running at 5.4% for their proposed staff pay settlement from 01.01.26].

Staff-side colleagues presented their pay claim and particularly why they wished to digress from the formula with an additional consolidated sum of £500- reasons included falling value of pay settlements over the last 5 years in relation to inflation levels, inflation forecasts this year particularly in relation to utilities, food costs and a view that ADA Lincolnshire Branch Pay Committee constituent IDBs are falling behind the salaries/wages relative to those IDBs outside the joint negotiating forum. FYI, the additional pay cost to our 4 Boards of £500 consolidated plus the 5% formula would be £208,920 from 01.04.26 [including oncosts like National Insurance, factoring in assumed overtime etc].

Employers felt the unconsolidated sums of recent past years had attempted to address the historical pay backlog issues and suggested the formula was a fair, impartial application. But formula only, not £500 consolidated plus formula. Targeting internal IDB pay disparities was an individual IDB grading issue, not a pay claim issue for all staff. We felt we would only be able to support the 5% formula element of the pay claim. FYI, the additional pay costs to our 4 Boards of implementing the 5% from 01.04.26 is £169,949 [including NI, overtime assumed etc].

It was stressed that pay costs are one significant IDB cost driver, but in budget setting for 2026/27 we will need to make provision for others- e.g. insurance, electricity, fuel, R&M, any changes announced in the 26th November Budget.

Boards need to contain the costs envelope in order to contain the increase in the penny rate, which drives our drainage rates and Special Levies to Councils when we set budgets in late January 2026.

After discussion, staff side had agreed to drop the £500 consolidated element of the claim and to abide by the formula output of 5%. Unison put this proposed settlement to a ballot of their members, with a recommendation of acceptance. The Unison ballot result was received on 23.10.25 and 77% voted to accept the proposed settlement [with a 52% turnout].

Employers took the recommended 5% pay settlement to the ADA Lincolnshire Branch meeting on 23rd October for ratification. The pay settlement based on the formula output of 5% was endorsed by the ADA Branch and the White Book of Terms & Conditions will be uplifted accordingly from 01.04.26.

As always, it remains a decision reserved to individual IDBs as to whether they adopt the ADA White Book pay settlement. Therefore, each of the 4 Boards is asked to formally approve and adopt for 2026/27 the ADA Lincolnshire Branch's agreed pay settlement of 5%. Following discussion Members APPROVED the pay settlement.

Some updates to Terms and Conditions may be necessary, depending on the final content of the Employment Rights Bill. As a result, there may be a delay in issuing the updated ADA White Book for 2026/27 until after the next Lincolnshire ADA Pay and Conditions Committee meeting, scheduled for 11 March 2026.

The Chief Executive placed on record her thanks to Lance Pennell for his time in doing this work for the 4 IDBs, for almost 10 years now.

12.2 **Highland Water Payments.**

Pleasingly, as of 02nd October 2025 the EA paid in full the 4 IDB Highland Water Claims which were submitted in May 2025 and due for payment by 30th September 2025 [this being: the balance owed on the 2024/25 actual costs incurred in the claim and 80% of the Estimated Claim for 2025/26]. The amount being £830,800 to the 4 Boards, so one of our key income streams- relating to the costs incurred in processing water received from upland areas. There was not a single query raised on the claims this year.

This is reassuring, given the partial payment only by the EA in 2024, and the balance being paid not by the EA but under the largesse of the then RFCC Chairman from Local Levy monies in February 2025.

However, the claims have been processed this year nationally within the EA and informally we understand the EA is undertaking a review of HWC payments, so this remains a potential significant financial income risk for the future.

12.3 **Public Sector Cooperation Agreements (PSCAs) with the EA.**

AS reported to May Board meetings, a meeting was held on 24.02.25 between Ian Coupland and the CEO with Darren Pitcher and Luke Davenport of the EA. The purpose was to agree the revised 5-year PSCA agreements for each IDB with

the EA, which take effect from 01.04.25 to 31.03.30. There was not a lot of room for negotiation, the PSCA template is national, the main new section relates to complaints handling. The PSCAs were signed by both parties and have been operational from 01.04.25.

We discussed the practical implementation of PSCAs and the Defra 5-year commercial review of the PSCA works awarded by the EA, as an exercise was being undertaken this Spring to compare the costs of works commissioned by the EA from their mainframe contractors with works undertaken by IDBs. Whilst the EA mainframe contractor costs were not shared with us, it seems clear in the comparisons we discussed that IDBs offer value for money to the EA, particularly if you factor in the 'exceptional events' which it appears contractors charge the EA as extras and IDBs tend to absorb, e.g., if an access route is blocked and needs clearance works, or works around a tree stump- we undertake within the scope of the job.

In context, the agreements have been a productive way for the Boards to see regular maintenance works on EA maintained main river. PSCAs have been used annually to commission works from each of our 4 Witham & Humber Drainage Boards. The PSCA level of works by the 4 Boards for the EA has averaged £740k per annum over the last 4 years. Only some of the income from these works has been at times been built into baseline budgets, largely to cover the costs of some Operative overtime. So, although the Boards are required to operate at a full costs recovery basis rather than making a profit, each year some of the PSCA income has in effect been fortuitous income for each Board. To put some metrics around the value of the PSCA income to each Board, last year 2024/25 the actual income for PSCA works [which may vary from the original start of year quotations, e.g. due to rainfall event access to riverbanks may be halted and works stopped] was as follows:

- **NELDB: £167,566**
- Upper Witham IDB: £174,893
- Witham First DIDB: £78,987
- Witham Third DIDB: £249,181

The Director of Operations submitted quotations, as requested by the EA, for a similar level of works by each Board for 2025/26 and for 3 of the Boards initially orders were confirmed verbally, then works were halted whilst the EA assessed its available maintenance budgets for 2025/26. NELDB was not affected.

There was discussion with the EA during April as the EA had less maintenance monies available for main river in 2025/26 than the EA Operations team bid for, particularly in the Witham catchments. We were advised that many stretches of 'medium consequence main rivers' would not be maintained this year [stretches of 'low consequence watercourse' maintenance being withdrawn last year].

There are two significant issues here. The impact of reduced maintenance on main river and associated IDB systems affected by that lack of maintenance and secondly the reduced IDB income 2025/26 from EA PSCA works. Members will recall we cover this work through retained plant and machinery and through our floating Operative roles bolstering the workforce.

NELDB was unaffected by the reductions in EA maintenance and the PSCA workload has been sustained. It has reduced significantly in each of the other 3 IDBs, although some PSCA works have still been undertaken. The work to 31.10.25 has recently been quantified and invoices raised with the EA as follows:

- Upper Witham: £130k invoiced for 2025/26.
- Witham First: £40k invoiced for 2025/26
- Witham Third: £231k invoiced for 2025/26
- **NELDB: £129k invoiced for 2025/26**

The Boards have undertaken works cut from the PSCA programmes on main rivers, at IDB cost in 3 of the IDBs [not NELDB]. For one year only and after discussion at JSC in July 2025 about the risk to IDB systems and assets if main river was not maintained. This has been flagged with ADA, as has been the case by Somerset IDBs too.

12.4 IDB Visit by Floods & Water Minister Emma Hardy MP on Thursday 30th October 2025.

Floods & Water Minister Emma Hardy MP visited Upper Witham IDB's Pyewipe Pumping Station on Thursday 30th October; the meeting having been instigated at the request of Hamish Falkner MP for City of Lincoln following his visit on 01.08.25. A representative of the EA's national team [Ian Hodge], the Area Director [Leigh Edlin], the new Anglian [Northern] RFCC Chairman Paul Learoyd and officers attended, together with ADA's Chairman Robert Caudwell, new Vice Chairman Michael Sly and CEO Innes Thomson.

The Minister wished to hear about the use of IDB Fund monies, the 4 Boards having been awarded £17.4 million of the now £91 million available nationally for 33 schemes to be completed by 31.03.26. The schemes were outlined and 4 of the mobile pumps purchased from the IDB Fund were on display and their use outlined.

We took the opportunity to brief the Minister on escalating electricity costs for IDBs over recent years, particularly standing charges which for these 4 Boards had risen from just under £15k in October 2020 to £200k by October 2024. The burden these increases place on those paying Drainage Rates and the Councils paying Special Levies was outlined. And the recent further changes mean the fixed element of IDB electricity costs is rising once again. A commitment was given for Defra to raise this issue with OFGEM.

The impact of reduced maintenance funding for the EA in parts of Lincolnshire was outlined, particularly on IDB lowland systems and assets.

12.5 All-Party Parliamentary Group [APPG] on Sustainable Flood & Drought Management meeting in London, 10.12.25.

The Chief Executive had been invited by ADA to attend a meeting of the APPG on Wednesday, 10th December, to provide a 15-minute presentation followed by 1 hour of MPs' questions on the topic: "the impact of reduced maintenance on EA main rivers on lowland systems and assets".

The Chief Executive's report and update was received and NOTED.

13. Publication of the External Auditors' Notice of Closure on the IDB Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) 2024/25.

A report had been circulated with the agenda and was presented by the Director of Finance & Governance.

The Annual Return 2024/25 was agreed at the Board meeting on 21st May 2025, subsequently published on the Board's website for public inspection and despatched to the Board's appointed External Auditor PKF Littlejohn LLP on 06th June 2025. The public inspection period was from 09th June 2025 until 18th July 2025. The Board had until 30th June 2024 to approve and submit its Annual Return 2024/25.

Notice of Conclusion of Audit.

The External Auditor has a statutory deadline of 30th September to complete their external audit and publish the formal Completion of Audit Certificate (Section 3 of Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)). This was issued and received on 05th September 2025.

Part 2 of section 3 of the AGAR has been completed as follows:

'On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met'.

Under the section 'Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the authority' external audit has reported: '*None*'.

This therefore completes the External Audit for 2024/25 and this Board, along with the other 3 Boards in the Witham & Humber Drainage Boards group, have all received similar clean Audit opinions.

The Notice of Conclusion of Audit was issued on 08th September 2025 and has been displayed as required at the Board's depot, on the Board's website and at Witham House office.

Board Members **NOTED** the External Audit Notice of Closure on the IDB Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2024/25.

14. 2025/26 Financial Report as at 31st October 2027, Month 7.

A report had been circulated with the agenda and was presented by the Director of Finance.

The financial performance as at 31st October 2025 was attached and summarised:

Profiled Budget P7 £	Actual (Surplus)/Deficit £	Variance £
(544,418)	(563,708)	(19,290)

The Board is in a reasonable financial position for 2025/26 to date, with a positive budget variance of (£19,290). However, some of the 'high risk' spend areas may occur

(especially electricity) over the remainder of this financial year.

The main income streams have been posted in terms of Drainage Rates raised (not necessarily paid) at (£32.8k), and Special Levies received at (£877k) for the full year from the 3 relevant councils. Ongoing action is taking place against unpaid drainage rate account holders.

Grant income: (£100k) to date has been received, this being additional to amounts received in previous years for FDGIA schemes Immingham and Mawmbridge pumping stations and these schemes are ongoing. IDB Fund money is being used to install a penstock at Rosper Road pits. The detail of these schemes is in the Capital Update report elsewhere on this Agenda.

Rechargeable Works are being undertaken, mainly for the EA through the PSCA. Invoices have been raised up to the end of October (£167k) for PSCA with expenditure incurred to date to offset this shown in the Rechargeable Works section.

Highland Water claims have been submitted to the EA for the balance of the 2024/25 actual costs incurred of (£22,572) and for the 2025/26 Estimated claim of (£130,000). The EA paid 80% of the estimated claim for 2025/26 (£104,000) along with the balance for 2024/25 actual costs incurred (£22,572), i.e., **a total of (£126,572)**. Correspondingly, the balance adjusted for actual 2025/26 costs incurred will be payable by the EA in September 2026.

Members were advised of the current position on the Drainage Rates collected for 2025/26, including previous years' arrears, as at 31st October 2025. The collection rate stands at **94.9%** (92.9% @P7 2024/25) so it is slightly ahead on last year's collection rate at the same point. First reminders were despatched on 18th September 2025, and final reminders were despatched on 24th November 2025. A court date has been set for August 2026 at Grimsby Magistrates Court, which was the earliest date available. Most historical outstanding rating queries are now resolved and land issues raised in-year are now being actioned.

Investments: a replacement £250k 1-year fixed term cash deposit was made on 20th October 2025 with Furness Building Society at 4.1% (previously Chorley Building Society @4.5%). This was in combination with the other 3 Boards (although 4 separate investments of £250k each Board were made) to achieve this rate, with a combined investment of £1m. This will generate (£10.2k) interest for each of the Boards.

Due to the receipt of the additional grant income, further investments have been made. Overall, for the 4 Boards the investment income from fixed term deposits (so excluding Nationwide) is achieving (£208k) for 2025/26 of income as set out below:

Interest Earned Per Board from Fixed Term Deposits						Total
	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	
NEL	£ 6,780.82	£ 22,606.16	£ 23,769.32	£ 5,644.52	£ -	£ 58,800.82
UW	£ 6,739.73	£ 55,896.05	£ 76,500.89	£ 5,644.52	£ -	£ 144,781.19
W1	£ 6,739.73	£ 34,258.08	£ 51,819.93	£ 5,644.52	£ -	£ 98,462.26
W3	£ 6,739.73	£ 75,144.25	£ 56,461.26	£ 5,644.52	£ -	£ 143,989.75
Tota	£ 27,000.00	£ 187,904.55	£ 208,551.40	£ 22,578.08	£ -	£ 446,034.03

Nationwide accounts: due to operational difficulties with these accounts notice was

served to close them for all 4 Boards. The funds held in the Instant Access accounts were returned immediately and the notice period on the 95-day Notice Account expires on 24th November 2025. This will return the balance owed to UW of £15,906 plus interest and to W3 £466,581 plus interest. The rates on these Nationwide accounts reduced from 1.55% to 1.50% on instant access and 3.60% to 3.40% for 95-day notice account from 18th September 2025.

	Instant Access	95 Day Notice	Total
NEL	£ 1,543.78	n/a	£ 1,543.78
UW	£ 5,132.16	Due 24/11	£ 5,132.16
W1	£ 7,138.07	n/a	£ 7,138.07
W3	£ 9,829.71	Due 24/11	£ 9,829.71
Total	£ 23,643.72	£ -	£ 23,643.72

CCLA: the Boards agreed to set up some Public Sector Deposit Fund Money Market Funds with CCLA. These were opened on 28th August 2025 and are being utilised to ensure the Boards have enough liquidity to pay for the IDB Fund works. The interest rates and interest received to date are:

	CCLA Interest 2025/26		
NEL	£ 2,971.40		
UW	£ 3,579.28		
W1	£ 2,881.02	Aug-25	4.11%
W3	£ 3,128.47	Sep-25	4.03%
Total	£12,560.17	Oct-25	4.01%

Electricity:

Members were reminded of the significant increases in electricity rates from 01st October 2022, with unit prices averaging 30p/KWH and Standing Charges increasing from £14k to £34k p.a. for the Board and from £51k to £128k for the Witham and Humber group. However, these unit rates did not increase as significantly as the market, where rates peaked at over 70p/KWH.

Due to the 'forward buying' model used by the ESPO Electricity Framework that the Boards use, it meant that further increases would feed through in the following year from 01.10.23 with average unit rates of 33.5p/KWH and standing charges increasing again to £16k p.a. for the Board and £200k across the Witham and Humber group.

Since then, unit rates have reduced but increases have continued on the 'fixed' element of the charges, i.e. Standing Charges and the KVA capacity charge which is paid on larger sites to ensure the grid capacity is available when it is needed.

Budgets for 2025/26 were calculated based upon the October 2024 rates, along with the new standing charges for 6 months and an anticipated +10% for the final 6 months. However, these budgets were predicated on an 'average' rainfall year/usage, not a 'dry' year or a 'wet' year such as 2019/20 and 2023/24.

The electricity Budgets approved for 2025/26 for the Boards were [2024/25, 2023/24 & 2022/23 as a comparator]:

	Budget 2025/26	Budget 2024/25	Budget 2023/24	Budget 2022/23
NEL	£ 85,000	£ 90,000	£ 90,000	£ 15,000
UW	£ 175,000	£ 192,000	£ 192,000	£ 48,000
W1	£ 335,500	£ 335,500	£ 305,000	£ 69,000
W3	£ 205,000	£ 220,000	£ 220,000	£ 69,000
Total	£ 800,500	£ 837,500	£ 807,000	£ 201,000

For the period reported (first 6 months for electricity, to 30.09.25) these budgets have been sufficient due to the dry summer this year.

New rates have been received from ESPO applicable from 01st October 2025. The good news was that due to the buying strategy used by ESPO, the hourly rates are reducing except for additional cost elements that are being 'passed through', resulting in an average of 21p/KWH for day rates (20p last year) and remaining at 17.5p/KWH for night rates.

Day Rates (p/KWH)								Y-O-Y Change					
	Oct-25	Oct-24	Oct-23	Oct-22	Oct-21	Oct-20	Oct-19	25 to 24	24 to 23	23 to 22	22 to 21	21 to 20	20 to 19
Min	18.594519	18.4123	31.7739	27.9015	12.4119	11.0647	12.8496	0.99%	-42.05%	13.88%	124.80%	12.18%	-13.89%
Max	22.36725	20.7269	35.3702	32.1291	16.8755	22.2900	22.2900	7.91%	-41.40%	10.09%	90.39%	-24.29%	0.00%
Avg	21.042465	20.0778	34.2874	30.6964	14.9267	13.6598	14.7974	4.80%	-41.44%	11.70%	105.65%	9.27%	-7.69%

Night Rates (p/KWH)								Y-O-Y Change					
	Oct-25	Oct-24	Oct-23	Oct-22	Oct-21	Oct-20	Oct-19	25 to 24	24 to 23	23 to 22	22 to 21	21 to 20	20 to 19
Min	16.89833	16.7177	31.2170	27.0600	11.6027	9.9769	10.3882	1.08%	-46.45%	15.36%	133.22%	16.30%	-3.96%
Max	17.856989	17.8229	33.1785	28.9451	12.3624	17.6400	17.6400	0.19%	-46.28%	14.63%	134.14%	-29.92%	0.00%
Avg	17.560443	17.4477	32.5520	28.2408	12.0977	10.6157	10.8729	0.65%	-46.40%	15.27%	133.44%	13.96%	-2.37%

For standing charges there had been a further increase from 01.10.25 which claws back the slight reduction experienced last year. However, increases in the KVA allowance charges had happened again this year. The following table showed how standing charges are increasing again, following years of significant increases. Four years ago, in October 2020 the 4 Boards' standing charges were £14,989.73 compared with an increase to £196,252.76 from 01.10.25.

	Oct-25	Oct-24	Oct-23	Oct-22	Oct-21	Oct-20	Oct-19
NEL	£ 16,504.33	£ 14,750.78	£ 16,119.75	£ 10,670.12	£ 4,678.99	£ 1,378.84	£ 1,147.12
UW	£ 45,100.82	£ 40,836.67	£ 44,481.50	£ 28,820.22	£ 12,244.51	£ 4,124.13	£ 3,803.99
W1	£ 80,032.89	£ 76,169.02	£ 84,851.25	£ 54,622.95	£ 20,361.68	£ 5,173.69	£ 5,218.87
W3	£ 54,614.72	£ 51,031.49	£ 54,410.29	£ 33,803.27	£ 14,099.40	£ 4,313.06	£ 3,521.91
Total	£ 196,252.76	£ 182,787.96	£ 199,862.78	£ 127,916.57	£ 51,384.58	£ 14,989.73	£ 13,691.90
Y-O-Y Increase							
NEL	£ 1,753.55	-£ 1,368.97	£ 5,449.63	£ 5,991.13	£ 3,300.15	£ 231.73	
UW	£ 4,264.16	-£ 3,644.83	£ 15,661.27	£ 16,575.71	£ 8,120.38	£ 320.14	
W1	£ 3,863.87	-£ 8,682.22	£ 30,228.30	£ 34,261.27	£ 15,187.99	-£ 45.19	
W3	£ 3,583.23	-£ 3,378.80	£ 20,607.02	£ 19,703.87	£ 9,786.34	£ 791.15	
Total	£ 13,464.80	-£ 17,074.82	£ 71,946.21	£ 76,531.98	£ 36,394.86	£ 1,297.83	
Min	£ 322.51	£ 246.75	£ 214.47	£ 189.04	£ 168.49	£ 73.00	£ 72.31
Max	£ 14,252.18	£ 13,692.21	£ 15,188.94	£ 9,411.86	£ 3,092.10	£ 756.37	£ 735.38
Avg	£ 4,088.60	£ 3,808.08	£ 4,163.81	£ 2,664.93	£ 1,070.51	£ 312.29	£ 285.25

This year we have had a further increase in the KVA allowance charges. This is a result of continued 'cost shift' between unit rates, standing charges and KVA charges for elements of the network and distribution costs. Further increases are also expected in the future.

KVA Rates							
	Oct-25	Oct-24	Oct-23	Oct-22	Oct-21	Oct-20	Oct-19
NEL	£ 3,146.40	£ 2,014.80	£ 1,076.40	£ 1,076.40	£ 1,048.80	£ 1,146.84	£ 1,119.24
UW	£ 20,873.52	£ 15,772.32	£ 9,998.88	£ 8,905.92	£ 8,406.24	£ 8,240.28	£ 7,934.28
W1	£ 48,353.76	£ 35,955.36	£ 21,903.84	£ 19,424.16	£ 18,184.32	£ 17,268.84	£ 18,197.88
W3	£ 24,660.00	£ 19,778.40	£ 13,762.80	£ 12,171.60	£ 11,595.60	£ 11,403.60	£ 11,143.20
Total	£ 97,033.68	£ 73,520.88	£ 46,741.92	£ 41,578.08	£ 39,234.96	£ 38,059.56	£ 38,394.60
Y-O-Y Increase							
NEL	£ 1,131.60	£ 938.40	£ -	£ 27.60	-£ 98.04	£ 27.60	
UW	£ 5,101.20	£ 5,773.44	£ 1,092.96	£ 499.68	£ 165.96	£ 306.00	
W1	£ 12,398.40	£ 14,051.52	£ 2,479.68	£ 1,239.84	£ 915.48	-£ 929.04	
W3	£ 4,881.60	£ 6,015.60	£ 1,591.20	£ 576.00	£ 192.00	£ 260.40	
Total	£ 23,512.80	£ 26,778.96	£ 5,163.84	£ 2,343.12	£ 1,175.40	-£ 335.04	

Standing Charges & KVA Rates							
	Oct-25	Oct-24	Oct-23	Oct-22	Oct-21	Oct-20	Oct-19
NEL	£ 19,650.73	£ 16,765.58	£ 17,196.15	£ 11,746.52	£ 5,727.79	£ 2,525.68	£ 2,266.36
UW	£ 65,974.34	£ 56,608.99	£ 54,480.38	£ 37,726.14	£ 20,650.75	£ 12,364.41	£ 11,738.27
W1	£ 128,386.65	£ 112,124.38	£ 106,755.09	£ 74,047.11	£ 38,546.00	£ 22,442.53	£ 23,416.75
W3	£ 79,274.72	£ 70,809.89	£ 68,173.09	£ 45,974.87	£ 25,695.00	£ 15,716.66	£ 14,665.11
Total	£ 293,286.44	£ 256,308.84	£ 246,604.70	£ 169,494.65	£ 90,619.54	£ 53,049.29	£ 52,086.50
	14.43%	3.94%	45.49%	87.04%	70.82%	1.85%	
Net Increase in KVA & Standing Charges							
	Oct-25	Oct-24	Oct-23	Oct-22	Oct-21	Oct-20	Cumm
NEL	£ 2,885.15	-£ 430.57	£ 5,449.63	£ 6,018.73	£ 3,202.11	£ 259.33	£ 14,499.22
UW	£ 9,365.36	£ 2,128.61	£ 16,754.23	£ 17,075.39	£ 8,286.34	£ 626.14	£ 44,870.71
W1	£ 16,262.27	£ 5,369.30	£ 32,707.98	£ 35,501.11	£ 16,103.47	-£ 974.23	£ 88,707.63
W3	£ 8,464.83	£ 2,636.80	£ 22,198.22	£ 20,279.87	£ 9,978.34	£ 1,051.55	£ 56,144.78
Total	£ 36,977.60	£ 9,704.14	£ 77,110.05	£ 78,875.10	£ 37,570.26	£ 962.79	£ 204,222.35

These large increases are 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 objective of the OFGEM TCR is supposedly to reinstate fairness for everyone involved; whilst making sure 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 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 to see the changes from 01st October 2021, with the beginning of the new scheme starting in April 2022 onwards.

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 standing/KVA charges put significant pressure on the 4 Boards' cost of electricity based on a 'normal usage' year. The Boards experienced two years of large increases in the penny rates to accommodate the significant electricity increases, and now further increases in Standing Charges and KVA allowance charges are being experienced. Further information will be supplied on this issue in the Budget Report to the Board in January 2026.

Future increases – the Director of Finance highlighted that we are aware that further increases are feeding into both the unit rates and standing charges, due to the following 3 elements:

- **Balancing Services Use of System (BSUoS)**
This charge covers the cost of keeping the electricity grid stable. From 1 October 2025, BSUoS will rise from 1.074p/kWh to 1.569p/kWh - a 46% increase. This will be on the unit rates.
- **Regulated Asset Base (RAB)**
Introduced from 1 December 2025, this new 0.354p/kWh charge helps fund major infrastructure projects like nuclear power plant Sizewell C, ensuring future energy security. It was anticipated this would be @0.1p/KWH so is a 3-fold increase on expectations. This will be on the unit rates.
- **Transmission Network Use of System (TNUoS)**
Perhaps the most impactful, TNUoS pays for maintaining and expanding the national transmission network. Following National Grid's reported £3.68bn funding deficit, forecasts suggest an increase of up to 94% in these costs. While final figures won't be confirmed until January 2026, the new rates will apply from 1 April 2026. This will increase the standing charge.

The percentage of Daily Charge made up of TNUoS is not uniform across all meters, but looking at our HH supplies across the 4 drainage board sites it ranges between 60% – 90%. So, this could be a further significant electricity cost increase for the Boards.

We have raised our concerns regarding this further significant increase in Standing/KVA

Charges with both ESPO as the Framework provider and with ADA, the IDBs' membership body who nationally is aware of the pressures this place on IDBs and have been lobbying OFGEM on this issue. A meeting was held between OFGEM and ADA with representatives from DEFRA and the Department of Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) on 07th November 2025. This highlighted the significant impact electricity charges is having on IDBs, and the knock-on impact of penny rate increases to agricultural Ratepayers and Special Levy paying Councils. Discussion focussed on the seasonal usage, high usage during storm events, whether IDBs met the 'peaky' consumer criteria, how IDBs protect critical infrastructure including the electricity network and more recently solar farms, battery storage, etc. Whilst the meeting was positive, unfortunately no actions were agreed to resolve the issue for IDBs.

Write Off Report:

Members were requested to review the write-off of drainage rates proposed, relating to under £2.50 accounts which are uneconomical to collect and also a small sum relating to an uncollectable account:

Under £2.50	£27.76
Uncollectable Account 0365	£2.80
TOTAL	£30.56

The Board has a policy for writing off Drainage Rate demands under £2.50. There were 17 accounts outstanding as at 31st October 2025, but each was under £2.50 for 2025/26:

As each account's annual drainage rates are under £2.50, Board Members **APPROVED** the write off the debt totalling £27.76.

Account 0365 relates to a parcel of land that was transferred to the Special Levy for the 2025/26 financial year, following a confirmed change of use from agricultural land to domestic garden. Despite the land now being correctly reclassified, agricultural drainage rates were still charged for 2025/26 due to late notification of the change of land use.

Members were content to **APPROVE** the write-off of £2.80 for Account 0365 due to the land's correct classification under the Special Levy for 2025/26.

The financial performance report for the first 7 months of 2025/26 to 31st October 2025 was received and noted.

15. Operations Report.

A report had been circulated with the agenda and was presented by the Director of Operations.

Health & Safety Visits by Cope Health and Safety Consultancy were made over the summer to NELDB, first on 06 August 2025 and then Cope visited on 30 September 2025 and undertook the joint Annual Review of the 4 IDBs.

The contract for Cope was renewed for 01st September 2025, with a review of the dates, times and costings. Due to the change in the contract, there has been a reduction in costs for all of the Boards.

It was noted Cope has been taken over by AW Safety. This merger/ acquisition will not

currently affect the contract, as existing clients are afforded the same service as previously. The service, and the changes will be monitored to ensure value is maintained.

Middle drain pumping station:

All the works to repair Middle Drain Pumping Station following the break-in had been completed.

Mawmbridge Pumping Station:

Mawmbridge pumping station was broken into in July, damage was done to the station door, the electric sub-station door and some floor gratings. Nothing was taken as access to the station is currently difficult by vehicle. Repairs have now been completed and new doors fitted at a cost of circa £2,000. In addition, a submersible pump that had previously been lifted for repair by Perry pumps has now been reinstated and is running well.

New Structures:

Quotes from several companies had been invited, to undertake some new structure installations and to replace some structures using IDB Fund monies. We have awarded the works to Joyce Engineering LTD. These are a new staircase at Barton £6,220, a staircase at Great Coates £5,640, new handrails at Cleethorpes £3,190 and new handrails with ladder at East Halton Skitter £3,720.

Mobile pump:

The new Euromachines mobile 6" pump with generator and lighting tower purchased from the IDB fund to keep at North East Lindsey depot has now been delivered, and training has taken place on this specific pump by the manufacturer.

Cllr David Wells queried whether there were any alarms on the Pumping Station sites or buildings.

Discussion also took place on electrical charging for vehicles: 30-amp mobile charges are now available for vehicles, and it was asked if the Boards had considered them for use. It was confirmed that vehicle charging points would be built in as and when, however Members were reminded that vehicles were not always near a pumping station either.

Fleet Vehicles and 4x4's:

Officers had reviewed the Operational needs around fleet vans and 4x4's; the current van leases have run their course and are due to be returned to the lease companies. Quotes have been sourced from different suppliers and a contract awarded to lease vans from T C Harrison Leasing. 19 Renault Kangoo vans have been ordered across the group comprising 14 petrol and 5 full electrics. In addition, 3 single cab Isuzu pickup trucks from Stoneacre Isuzu had been ordered, single cabs due to the new tax rules around Double cab pickups. This will not affect NEL until 2028.

Public Sector Cooperation Agreement [PSCA] works for the EA:

There has been no change in status since the report to the Board in May.

Quoted works for 25/26
NEL: £156,026.84
UW: £216,471.10
W1: £107,896.53

W3: £318,568.84

No reductions have been made to the quoted works for North East Lindsey.

All the PSCA works are well under way, the further PSCA work being undertaken by 3 of the Boards at their own expense on a one year only basis with no precedent set is also well under way. We have only undertaken 1 x flailing cut and 1 x weed cut on all the unfunded work; this reduces the actual cost to the Boards considerably.

The Operations Director has already spoken to the PSCA contact within the EA regarding next year's potential work and is hoping to have a list of works on which to provide quotes by mid-December, so a further update will be provided at the January Board meetings.

Members discussed and NOTED the Operations report and update.

16. Mobile Plant Deployment and Operation Policy

A draft policy had been circulated with the agenda and was presented by the Director of Operations.

This guidance relates to the mobile pumping and electric power generation equipment held and operated by Witham & Humber Drainage Boards [WHDB].

It aims to set out the guidance under which the Director of Operations will deploy such resources as are available in response to an unplanned flood event within the W&HDB catchments or further afield under the protocol of mutual aid to fellow professional Flood Risk Management Authority partners.

The aim of the Boards' mobile plant deployment and operation policy is to ensure:

- Safe and standardised use of the mobile pumping and electric power generation equipment held and operated by Witham & Humber Drainage Boards [W&HDB].
- Provision of guidance under which the Director of Operations will deploy such resources as are available in response to an unplanned flood event within the W&HDB catchment or further afield under the protocol of mutual aid to fellow professional FRMA partners.
- Protection of IDB fixed pump assets within a W&HDB district
- Replacement of failed IDB fixed pump assets within a W&HDB district
- Recovery of W&HDB fixed pump assets or control structures within a district
- Mutual aid deployed by WHDB to Lincolnshire partner IDBs
- Mutual aid deployed by WHDB to Lincolnshire partner FRMA
- Mutual aid to other FRMA via LRF request.

The mobile plant deployment and operation policy is provided to aid an open, consistent and transparent way of deploying and operating mobile plant.

The Boards will achieve this policy by:

- Ensuring that the policy is available to all staff.
- Ensuring that the policy is available to partner agencies via the website.

Cllr David Wells asked what would qualify someone to operate the plant. It was confirmed that all Operatives have been trained in the operation of the mobile pumps and plant.

Following discussion Members **APPROVED** the Mobile Plant Deployment and Operation Policy.

17. Capital Programme Report.

A capital schemes report had been circulated with the agenda and was jointly presented by the Director of Finance & Governance, Director of Engineering and the Director of Operations.

The Flood Defence Grant in Aid (FDGiA) programme is administered by the Environment Agency (EA) on behalf of Defra and applications to claim GIA are approved by the EA.

Flood Defence Grant in Aid 2025/26:

The programme for the year 2025/26 has not changed since the allocation in April 2025. The Boards have been awarded GIA funding for two projects, Woodhall PS refurbishment and Timberland & Billingham PS refurbishments, the remaining projects are being developed more slowly using alternative funding sources, after the FDGiA programme was revised and cut back with 2025/26 becoming year 5 of a 5-year programme rather than year 5 of a 6-year programme. The EA is keeping a list of projects FRMAs wish to progress with additional funding, which will be funded if other projects do not progress as forecast. No funding has been made available via this route to date.

Flood Defence Grant in Aid Indicative Allocation 2026/27:

The indicative allocation has been received for 2026/27 from the EA following the programme refresh in May & July 2025.

Extract from Anglian RFCC Report NFCC 25/20, SPENDING REVIEW 2025 AND INDICATIVE FCRM GRANT-IN-AID (GIA) ALLOCATIONS FOR 2026/27, explaining the position:

1.2 This year's programme refresh has been complicated by the timing of Spending Review 2025 (SR25). Bids for funding exceed available budget by more than previous years and means that not all the schemes that are planning to enter construction phase by 1 April 2026 are affordable.

1.3 Therefore, this also means all schemes currently in development are unaffordable, a position not experienced before. This is a challenging position that is reflected across the country. We recognise that difficult decisions will need to be made through local choice discussions on which projects to fund.

1.4 2026/27 would have been the final year of the original 6-year (April 2021 to March 2027) programme and as a result many projects are in construction. Starting the new programme a year early from April 2026 means more of the available budget is committed to those projects in construction.

Project development on Burton, Broxholme and Thorpe Pumping Stations in UW has not started yet, as no funding was received last year. The funding requested for Chapel Hill in W1st was to start the development of the project. The development of both these projects will be reviewed in 2026/27.

Flood Defence Grant In Aid New Funding Rules:

Following the Defra consultation on the changes to the funding rules which closed 29.07.25, the new Defra policy was published on 14.10.25. Full details can be found at the links below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/flood-and-coastal-erosion-funding-reform>

In summary the new funding rules are as follows:

Eligibility:

- All FCERM assets requiring refurbishment will be eligible for 100% of the refurbishment costs.
- For new assets (including new pumping stations) - eligible for 100% for the first £3 million, and 90% for costs above £3 million

Prioritisation by value for money:

- Benefits assessment
- Flood damages avoided (residential, non-residential, agriculture)
- Natural capital
- Environmental benefits

Strategic Objectives:

- The overarching strategic objective of the FCERM programme is to 'reduce risk from, and increase resilience to, flooding and coastal erosion and deliver environmental outcomes that are intrinsic to meeting this ambition'.
- Deprived communities, a minimum of 20% of FCERM investment will go to the quintile and a minimum of 40% to the 2 lowest quintiles combined, over both the next 3 and 10 years.
- Partnership Funding - non-Defra contributions will boost a project's prioritisation.

Local Choice:

- The new approach will improve local choice

Removing Barriers:

- There will no longer be a need to demonstrate a project is moving properties from one risk band to a lower risk band.
- Properties constructed since 2012 will now be included in the benefit calculations.

The policy will be implemented from April 2025.

The transition arrangements:

- projects of a value under £50 million, which have an approved outline business case by 31 March 2026, will stay on the old funding rules otherwise they will move to the new rules.
- projects of a value greater than £50 million, which have an approved full business case by 31 March 2026, will stay on the old funding rules otherwise they will move to new rules.

The guidance documents to support the implementation of the new policy are expected to be published by the EA on 30 November 2025.

Mawmbridge PS Refurbishment (Ongoing):

IDB No	ND-3990-2018-PRO
EA National Project No	ANC501E/000A/064A
GIA Claim No	IDB 0543
GIA Approval Amount	£274,548
Department for Education	£100,000
Project Stage	OBC Development
Consultant	Stantec

Progress

The project is progressing using the Department of Education funding allocated to it, and a FCERM 4 has been submitted to the EA to release this funding.

The ecological surveys are progressing well and have confirmed the species we knew to be present from the surveys undertaken for the Stallingborough III scheme, and no new species have been identified. Therefore, we can progress with our assumptions regarding the constraints likely to be imposed on us by Natural England (NE) during the construction phase. Early discussions with NE are ongoing.

Stantec [consulting engineers] are currently undertaking a pump feasibility study to determine the best option for the site, consideration will be given to enclosed screw pumps, horizontal flow pumps and axial flow pumps. Once the pump selection has been made the outline design will be progressed for input into the OBC.

The OBC is being progressed with a view to submitting it to the EA for approval in January 2026. The aim is to get the project approved under the existing FDGIA rules so the project can be fully funded. However, there is a risk that the project may not be approved under these rules and if that is the case there may be a requirement for a partnership funding contribution.

Income and spend as at 31st October 2025:

<i>Mawmbridge Catchment Study</i>	Budget	Actual	Variance
Income	(£374,548)	(£374,548)	£0
Expenditure	£374,548	£240,275	(£134,273)
Net	£0	(£134,273)	(£134,273)

Immingham PS Refurbishment (Ongoing):

IDB No	ND 3987-2018-PRO
EA National Project No	ANC501E/000A/058A
GIA Claim No	IDB 0546
GIA Approval Amount	£175,000
Project Stage	OBC Review
Consultant	Stantec

Progress

The project is progressing using the Department of Education funding allocated to it, and a FCERM 4 has been submitted to release this funding. The OBC has been submitted and is with NPAS for assurance review.

Income and spend as at 31st October 2025:

<i>Immingham 2 Study - Pumping Station Refurbishment</i>	Budget	Actual	Variance
Income	(£175,000)	(£175,000)	£0
Expenditure	£175,000	£187,759	£12,759
Net	£0	£12,759	£12,759

Members discussed and NOTED the Capital Programme Report update.

18. Engineering Services Report.

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

ADA Environment Forum & Environment Day (February 4th, 2026):

The ADA Environment Forum, which brings together IDB environmental officers and other partners a few times each year, discussed several key topics at its recent meeting in September. These included Natural England's pilot scheme for strategic water vole licences, designed to streamline the licensing process for developers and with potential implications for IDB operations in areas supporting strong water vole populations. If successful this will roll out across other counties. Members reaffirmed the need for a balanced approach to invasive weed control, combining physical and chemical methods where necessary, and noted updates to EA approval and record-keeping requirements. Updates were provided on research into Chinese mitten crabs, with control trials underway and further study planned. Under AOB, concerns were raised about limited engagement with IDBs regarding beaver reintroduction proposals and gaps in Nature Recovery Strategies, such as the absence of an eel species plan in Somerset.

ADA will be hosting its annual Environment Day on Wednesday, 4 February 2026, at Park Farm, Thorney, near Peterborough.

This free, in-person event offers an engaging programme of talks covering a wide range of topics relevant to the management of lowland watercourses and the freshwater environment. Discussions will span subjects from eels to invasive species, and from beavers to landscape recovery.

Members who wish to attend can register via the ADA website or contact the Board's Environment Officer at nick.downing@witham3idb.gov.uk

Killingholme Marshes Pumping Station (ND-3267-2017-PRO):

This pumping station has been commissioned by the land owner in accordance with the Development Consent Order and is now operational. The site was visited by IDB staff on 21st August to view the pumping station and to discuss access arrangements to the drainage system.

Work to reinstate the tidal defence is complete. Able UK will decommission the existing gravity discharge, after which all gravity flows will pass through the new station as designed.

Stallingborough 3 Sea Defence Improvements - NE Lindsey IDB liaison (ND-5362-2020-ASS):

This project will see the placing of lump stone, and other defence repairs, along a 4.5km reach of the Humber Estuary tidal defences. The construction period on this site has opened again allowing the commencement of construction activity on the site. The Board has worked with the EA to ensure access to the pumping stations at Mawmbridge and Middle Drain remain accessible at all times.

The Board has also worked with the Agency and their contractor to promote the desilting of the 2 gravity outfalls that most effect the Board's system along this reach, at

Mawmbridge PS and Oldfleet Drain. The Board's contractor has also undertaken the de-silting of the Oldfleet Drain on behalf of the EA.

Works programmed for this third year of the project are substantially complete. The design for the overflow structure that will convey excess flows from the Oldfleet Drain in to the Middle Drain PS system is complete and consent has been issued by the Board.

The construction of the access track to the Oldfleet Drain outfall is underway. This access will allow the regular de-silting of the outfall and maximise the use and benefit of the gravity outfall. It is envisaged that in the early years the overflow structure shall not be required too often, overtime it will see more use and the effectiveness of the gravity outfall is reduced by increasing tide levels.

Barton to New Holland Sea Defence Improvements - NE Lindsey IDB liaison (ND-5613-2021-GEN):

The EA is 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.

Regular consultation meetings are held with the local community due to the sensitivity of the area in which this work will take place.

Newsletters and further information are available on a new website via the link below: [Barton to New Holland Tidal Flood Alleviation Scheme | Engage Environment Agency](#) Register to receive regular updates and information regarding the scheme.

Humber 2100+ - Step 1 Endorsement Report:

The multi-agency project considering the flood risk within the Humber Estuary has received the endorsement of all the professional partners to Step 1 of the overall strategy. This initial step is seeking to gain acceptance of various fundamental issues relating to flood risk in the catchment, building acceptance of the magnitude and consequence of the risk and how we communicate it to those it affects.

All professional partners have been issued with a copy of this report to use in briefing their Councillors and others to help them understand the outputs and secure endorsement.

Further information can be found on the following link:

Hstrategy@environment-agency.gov.uk

The link can be used for landowners to request to subscribe to their Humber Landowner Newsletter.

Members received and NOTED the Engineering report and update.

19. Any Other Business.

The Chairman commented that for November 2025 he had recorded the wettest month ever, since he began his recordings, with 140mm.

There were no further items of business, and the meeting closed at 16.30.

20. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting.

The next meeting of the Board was confirmed for Wednesday 26th November 2025 at 2pm in Stallingborough Grange Hotel.

A. Hayes Chairman 28. 11. 26 Date

NELDB BM 21.05.25.