

ISLE OF AXHOLME AND NORTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE WATER LEVEL MANAGEMENT BOARD

Minutes of a Meeting to discuss the recent Flood Event followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Board held at West Butterwick Village Hall on Tuesday, 28th November 2023, commencing at 10.00 a.m.

Elected Members

* Messrs J. Coggon (Chairman)
* P. Cornish (Vice-Chairman)
* R. Adam
* Vacancy
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* J.H.T. Bramhill
* T. Dickinson
* J. Fretwell
* M.A. Harris
* R. Mason
* M. Wagstaff
* M.T. Smith

Nominated by North Lincolnshire Council

* Mr I. Bint
* Cllr J. Briggs
* Cllr Mrs J. Kennedy
* Cllr T. Mitchell
* Mr M.D. Pilkington
* Cllr Mrs J. Reed
* Cllr D. Robinson
* Cllr D.J. Rose
* Three vacancies

Nominated by Bassetlaw District Council

* Cllr Mrs H. Brand
* Cllr Mrs J.M. Sanger

* *Present*

* Mr A. McGill (Chief Executive)
* Dr D. Hickman (Executive Officer)
* Messrs R. Brown (Senior Engineer)
* A. Malin (Senior Operations Manager)
* G. Sutton (Operations Manager)
* I. Turner (Environmental Officer)
* N. Sutton (Environment Agency IDB Liaison Officer)
* Mesdames N. Hind (Finance Manager)
* C.B. Davies (Corporate Services Manager)

* *In attendance*

1. Flood Event Discussion

The Chief Executive presented an overview of Storm Babet which had seen unprecedented levels of rainfall across the UK causing extensive flooding and record river levels across the east midlands. The 18-20th October 2023 was the third wettest three day period on record since 1891. Nottinghamshire County Council had received 995 reports of internal flooding; another 148 had still to be assessed and it was anticipated that there would be more to come.

The Board's systems had been pumped down prior to the event and forecasts and telemetry monitored throughout. Operatives had worked over the four-day period, monitoring levels, clearing weedscreens and checking pumps.

The Senior Operations Manager gave an overview of flooding in the Board's area which included:

- (a) Overtopping of the River Idle into the Board maintained Slaynes Lane Drain at Newington causing flooding of agricultural land. This was a long-

standing issue as the Board's watercourse gravitated into the River Idle but river levels were constantly too high for this to operate effectively.

- (b) Flooding at Misson from overtopping of the River Idle causing flooding of agricultural land. Concerns were raised by residents in the village, however, officers were not aware of any internal flooding of properties. A partial road closure was still in place a month after the event.
- (c) The Board maintained New EA Drain had overtopped as pumping capacity at the station was limited to three of the four pumps and water had also backed up further down in the catchment. The pump had failed during the event and was out of action for one day whilst emergency repairs were carried out. Flooding of agricultural land had occurred.
- (d) The Board maintained Whitewater Common Drain had overtopped causing flooding to land. Due to access issues along the development site, the watercourse had not been maintained for some two to three years; Byelaw enforcement action was ongoing. During the flood event local landowners had facilitated access for the Board to carry out urgent maintenance work. The Senior Operations Manager stated that 150m section of the Whitewater Common Drain required regrading. This watercourse gravitated to the River Ryton so the flow was restricted.
- (e) All four pumps had been running at Gringley Pumping Station but it had been unable to cope with the volume of water and agricultural land had suffered flooding. Two pumps had failed on 27th December when pumping down after the event but these had now been repaired. Mr P. Cornish commented that the Canal had always been an issue and the overtopping may have exacerbated the problem. Officers had approached the Canal and Rivers Trust previously regarding maintenance but no action had been taken. In response to Mr J. Fretwell, the Senior Engineer confirmed that the pump failure had been caused by overheating of the control panel which caused a surge - fortunately this was relatively quick to rectify. There had been a similar issue at Wiseton.
- (f) Significant flooding had been seen in Retford from overtopping of the River Idle; an all-time high level of 1.79 meters had been recorded. An estimated 300 properties had been flooded. The Board maintained Carr Dyke ran at the back of Daryl Road and was overwhelmed by water from the River Idle which had overtopped in three places with flows coming back up the watercourse.

Following flooding issues on Daryl Road in 2020, a temporary throttle was installed by the Board in 2021 to control flows from waste land opposite the railway which flooded from the River Idle. Again, this was a gravity system so flows were restricted by levels in the river. The throttle usually performed well and remedial work had been undertaken on the structure by the Board prior to the event, however, it was unable to cope with the

sheer volume of water during the event. Internal flooding of properties, allotments, the park and car park had occurred.

The Chairman had visited Dary Road and spoken to residents on the morning of the flooding.

Mr R. Adam commented that some villages had been cut off by flood water, including West Drayton and his property had been under threat of flooding from the River Maun which had not been maintained by the EA.

A map of the Board's area was circulated and Members were asked to identify any areas where flooding had occurred.

It was noted that the summer maintenance programme had been delayed by two to three weeks. Emergency repairs resulting from the recent flooding (e.g. slips etc) would be prioritised and incorporated into the winter works programme and members were asked to let officers know if they were aware of any issues.

Mr N. Sutton arrived.

Pump run hours for October totalled 4,102 (46.05% of the total run hours this year) Electricity costs received for October in respect of ten stations totalled £62,965.41; invoices for a further 11 stations had yet to be received and November electricity costs were also likely to be high. There would also be additional costs in respect of overtime and pumping station emergency repair costs.

The Chief Executive had met the Vice-Chairman of the NFU and their stance was that the primary focus of highland water carriers in these lowland (board) areas was conveyance of water. The Chief Executive had suggested that a pilot scheme for the Board to undertake maintenance could be an option.

He had also met with Victoria Atkins MP at a public meeting in Horncastle at which the Chief Executive had stated he was keen for action on the ground and suggested a pilot scheme for low to medium priority EA watercourses to be maintained by the IDB at a standard similar to that used on Board maintained watercourses and for closer liaison between the EA and IDBs. He had explained that DEFRA commented at an ADA Policy and Finance Meeting *'their policy was not the issue, it was the EA's interpretation that seemed to be the issue'*. The MP stated *'it was within the EA's gift to change its maintenance regime within IDB areas and still remain within the law, so why not?'* Victoria Atkins MP had asked the meeting if they would support a pilot, they had agreed.

Routine maintenance of the right standard would improve conveyance still enhance the environment and aid recovery from flooded land. This was part of the answer but not the whole and there was still a need for bank repairs and other work to be undertaken, but, if Officers could address the environmental restrictions through the trials it would be a huge step forward.

The EA local staff were willing to listen, and the Board's Environmental Officers were writing a DRAFT annex to the EA maintenance schedule with options for two weed fringes being left, one weed fringe and no weed fringe left. If the Board could show the Environmental/ Biological and WLM/Flood Risk advantages of maintenance, it would give them a way forward. Considerable momentum with MPs, NFU etc. had been achieved.

In response to the Chairman, the Chief Executive stated that the Senior Operations Manager would be arranging training for volunteers.

The Chief Executive stated that the EA's IDB Liaison Officer had been very successful in finding funds and getting maintenance work agreed.

Mr I. Bint suggested that a voucher or gift be purchased for DLO staff to show the Board's appreciation for their work during the flood event.

In response to members, Officers confirmed that the works programme could accommodate additional EA work and the Board would benefit by enabling systems to discharge into the EA watercourses as they should.

The IDB Liaison Officer presented an update for members on the 25 year maintenance plan which had been compiled by the EA. Work was planned for the River Idle in 2024/25. He detailed options for landowners to apply to undertake maintenance on watercourses. The Chief Executive cautioned that the paperwork involved was lengthy and suggested the board was best placed to undertake work in its area.

The EA recovery cell was looking at options for Retford following the flooding and this may include walls, flood defences etc. and would be presented to government once complete. The Chairman stated a 25-year plan for work on the River Idle was a good idea. Mr P. Cornish highlighted the level of silt in the watercourse and subsidence of the banks near Bawtry. The IDB Liaison Officer was aware of the challenges and emphasised the 25-year plan covered maintenance not capital work for desilting and bank work but this should be included in the recovery plans for Retford.

Mr J. Fretwell queried the process for approval of work. The IDB Liaison Officer confirmed this was a new route to get maintenance work completed. Attracting funding for capital work was difficult on watercourses like the River Idle as it was hard to identify benefits and needed a lot of external funding to make up shortfalls.

Cllr J. Rose commented that although there was not a large volume of properties there was significant infrastructure in the area.

Cllr Mrs J. Kennedy queried a proposed survey of the River Trent banks at West Butterwick. The IDB Liaison Officer was aware of the investigation but not the outcome and would contact the parish council directly to discuss.

In response to members, the IDB Liaison Officer confirmed that isolated, small sections of maintenance could be facilitated at a local level but on a bigger scale this would need to be arranged at national level. The Chairman commented that change

was needed at a national level but that he hoped the 25 year plan would get off the ground.

The Chief Executive was pushing for adjustments to policy and more recognition for areas of special drainage need and pointed out that even if policy was not changed a pilot scheme would at least have delivered some maintenance on the ground. The IDB Liaison Officer stated that PSCA often provided more value for money than using the EA's contractor framework.

Mr M.A. Harris left the meeting.

Mr N. Sutton left the meeting.

2. APOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN PRO TEM

It was agreed that the Chief Executive be appointed Chairman pro tem.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Cllr J. Briggs and seconded by Cllr Mrs J. Reed that Mr J. Coggon be elected Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED unanimously

That Mr J Coggon be re-elected Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.

4. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Cllr J. Briggs and seconded by Mr R. Adam that Mr P. Cornish be elected Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED unanimously

That Mr P. Cornish be re-elected Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.

5. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mr R. Mason, Cllr D. Robinson and Cllr Mrs H. Brand.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr J. Briggs declared an interest in Agenda Item 23 (previously 22) Delegated Matters.

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7. NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

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8. BOARD MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of a meeting of the Board held on 26th September 2023 be confirmed as a correct record.

9. MATTERS ARISING

9:1 Minute 7, Page 716 - Pension

Officers had contacted the East Riding of Yorkshire Pension Fund for an estimate to enrol in the superannuation fund. There would be a cost of approximately £750 plus VAT for this work. Should the Board decide to join the scheme and be accepted, approximate costs for setting up a new employer, are estimated to be £2,450 plus VAT and depending on the basis of admission, there may be additional costs if entry was backdated or if a bond was required. Costs may also be payable upon ceasing membership in the Fund.

9:2 Minute 11:5, Page 723 - Electricity Contracts

The Senior Engineer reported that electricity costs had been forecast to increase by 40% in October 2023. The actual increase was, however, lower with the day rate increasing by 2%, the night rate 41% and the standing charge by 29%. The largest standing charge increase was at Paupers Pumping Station with an increase of £12,000. In Response to Mr M. Wagstaff, the Senior Engineer confirmed that standing charges were based on usage as well as the distance from supply. Paupers Pumping Station was a considerable distance from the supply and only the station and one other property were at the end of the line.

In October 2024 unit prices were predicted to reduce by 20% but service charges to increase by a further 10%.

9:3 Minute 12:5, Page 724 - Accounts Department

Training for the Deputy Finance Manager was ongoing with all training due to be completed by April 2024 with exception of the preparation of estimates which would be completed during the 2025 estimates process.

10. CONSORTIUM COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

That the attached minutes of the meeting of the Consortium Committee held on the 25th October 2023 be confirmed as correct record and the resolutions be adopted by the Board.

The Chairman made the decision to move the Joint Negotiating Committee agenda item to the end of the meeting so that staff could be excused.

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11. MEETING DATES

The following 2024 meeting dates were proposed:

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| 23rd January | Board Meeting |
| 19th March | Board Meeting |
| 15th May | Consortium Committee |
| 15th May | Joint Negotiating Committee |
| 4th June | Finance and Plant Committee |
| 25th June | Board Meeting |
| 24th September | Board Meeting |
| 23rd October | Consortium Committee |
| 23rd October | Joint Negotiating Committee |
| 5th November | Finance and Plant Committee |
| 26th November | Board Meeting (Annual General Meeting) |

The provisional date for the ADA Trent Branch AGM was the 12th June 2024.

Other dates for note were the Lincolnshire show (19th and 20th June) and the provisional date for the ADA Annual conference was 13th November 2024.

RESOLVED

That the meeting dates for 2024 be approved and noted.

12. COMMITTEES

Members were asked to consider appointments for committees for the coming year.

RESOLVED

That the membership of committees remains as follows;

- (a) Standards Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Mr M. Wagstaff, Cllrs J. Briggs, D. Rose and Mrs J. Reed.
- (b) Finance and Plant Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Messrs R. Adam, R. Mason, M.D. Pilkington, Cllrs D. Rose Mrs H. Brand and Mrs J. Sanger.
- (c) Consortium Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board with Mr M.A. Harris as substitute.

13. HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE

The Senior Operations Manager reported that there had been no changes to legislation since the last meeting.

The Senior Operations Manager reported on seven incidents across the Consortium since the last meeting. Four of those were in the Lindsey Marsh area with three directly related to the heavy rainfall event.

The annual review of Safe Systems of Work and Risk Assessments was expected to be complete by the end of November.

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14. OPERATIONS REPORT

The Senior Operations Manager reported that flailing was 95% complete with weedcutting 91% complete. The programme was approximately two weeks behind due to the flood event, however, Officers were confident the programme would be completed by early December, ground and weather permitting.

The planned 2023/24 winter programme totalled 10,782 metres and work would commence at the end of the summer maintenance programme. Reforming and desilting work on Trent Fields Drain was 95% complete with some headwall repairs still to be undertaken. It was noted that the proposed 2024/25 winter programme covered 20,189 metres.

Several drains had been cut or sprayed during the October mitigation period in readiness for winter programme. Any mitigation work not completed would be carried forward to the second mitigation period in February 2024.

Construction work had been completed at:

- (a) Derrythorpe Pumping Station - Temporary dam installation and mobile pumping.
- (b) Southfield Pumping Station - Temporary dam installation, mobile pumping and basin desilting.
- (c) South Street Pumping Station - Dam off sump and pump installation
- (d) Wrays Drain Crowle - Drain widening, toe boarding and culvert installation.

Mr M. Pilkington thanked Officers for work at South Street Pumping Station, commenting that he had never seen it work as well. During the heavy rainfall levels were high but the station coped with the flows.

Mr J. Fretwell asked if there were any winter works planned on Snow Serwer and if there were funds available. The Senior Operations Manager confirmed there was no work planned this year. The Finance Managers reported that the net payment received from the Environment Agency was around £95,000, of which £60,000 remained but was earmarked for improvements at the Pumping Station. Mr Fretwell stated that the Board had done a good job on the sections completed and it was a shame to stop. The Senior Operations Manager confirmed work was in the long-term plan but not this winter. The Senior Engineer highlighted that the annual summer

maintenance was being undertaken. Mr Fretwell asked if there would be annual desilting, the Chief Executive suggested that the Senior Operations Manager liaise with Mr Fretwell on which areas needed work after the meeting.

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15. COMPENSATION RATES

The Board had yet to agree any compensation rates for 2023/24. The Senior Operations Manager had obtained root crop yields from the Farmers Weekly/ADHB, and had requested information from British Growers. The Chairman suggested that the Senior Operations speak to local farmers for clarification on yield and value of root crops to confirm the rates of compensation were correct.

To prevent further delays paying compensation to landowners, it was suggested that delegated authority be granted to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to approve the rates and report back to the January meeting.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman review and approve compensation rates for 2023/24.
- (b) That a full report on rates of compensation be brought back to the January Board meeting.

16. ASSET RENEWAL AND REFURBISHMENT PROJECTS

The Senior Engineer reported on the following:

16:1 Emergency Pumping Station Repairs (AX23302)

(a) Cow Lane Pumping Station - Pump No. 3

Pump three had issues following refurbishment and had suffered a breakdown. The pump was obsolete and spare parts were not available. Options were being considered and a report would be made to a future meeting.

(b) Rushcarr Pumping Station

The sole pump failed during the recent flood event and had been removed for repair. The motor had been tested and the windings were in good order, this meant the motor did not require a re-wind.

New bearings and mechanical seals were being fitted on 20th November 2023 with reinstallation commencing 27th November 2023.

Costs would be reported to the January 2024 Board meeting.

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16:2 Cow Lane Pumping Station - Refurbishment of surge chamber covers and penstocks

The steel work refurbishment on the surge chamber covers and penstocks was delayed due to elevated levels in the River Trent and repairs to the Adlingfeet outfall flap valves being undertaken by the Environment Agency. Costs to date were £25,452 against the approved budget of £50,000.

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16:3 Southfield Pumping Station Refurbishment

The station was dammed off to allow for thorough inspection, de-silting of the basin and shotblasting and painting of the piles. These works were now complete. At the site of the former diesel pumping station, a new concrete slab was being cast to site temporary pumps for use in an emergency. Handrailing and a new double gate at the rear of the compound to improve access were also installed.

Costs to date were £317,226 against the approved overall budget of £392,000.

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16:4 Kelfield Pumped Catchment Area Improvement Scheme

(a) Kelfield Pumping Station Refurbishment

The station had been re-decorated internally at a cost of £2,000. A new raking grid was manufactured by the Lindsey Marsh DLO at a significant saving and would be installed on the original syphon connecting the Blackdyke catchment to Southfield under the Kelfield Catchwater drain.

In response to the Chairman, the Senior Engineer confirmed that the pumps were working ok following vibration issues.

Two new pumps had been installed at South Street Pumping Station and old pumps were showing signs of wear and tear. In the recent flood event only two pumps were needed.

(b) Black Dyke Pumping Station

Works to install a new concrete slab were complete. Planning permission was granted on 21st September 2023 for the new 2.4m high steel palisade boundary fencing and a request for an amendment to the application had been made for the addition of a new gate to improve access to the weedscreen area. A decision from North Lincolnshire Council was expected late December or early January.

The gate and non-return valves had been serviced and would be re-installed as soon as the fencing had been erected to secure the site. Costs to date were £701,324 against the approved budget of £698,000.

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16:5 Wrays Drain Relief Scheme - Crowle (AX21505)

Works were progressing with approximately 500 metres of culvert installed from the outfall into the Old River Drain and construction of six new manholes had been undertaken. There had been further challenges due to working in close proximity to a low voltage transformer; the transformer was isolated to enable contractors to work safely at this location.

The programme was three to four weeks behind schedule due to inclement weather and challenging ground conditions.

Mason Clark Associates had been engaged to carry out condition surveys on five properties which were situated close to the planned works near Godnow Road. These surveys were necessary to record the structural condition prior to any excavations being carried out.

Due to ground conditions and delays with the road closure of Godnow Road, PBS Construction had suggested works cease on the project and re-commence during March 2024. Officers had agreed in principle and were awaiting a written request so the arrangement could be formalised under the NEC4 Contract.

The original tender award was for £361,553.52, however, due to the change in scope of the project and an increase in rates due to the ground conditions, the revised contract amount was now £879,388.33. A compensation event to cover the agreed change in scope and additional costs in the amount of £517,834.81 had been issued.

Costs to date were £993,110 against the approved budget of £931,000. Further changes to the works in relation to the crossing of Godnow Road were likely to result in savings within the contract. Options for additional funding to cover the shortfall were being explored.

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17. FINANCE

17:2 Management Accounts for the Period ending 30th September 2023

The accounts up to 30th September 2023 showed a positive variance of £59,942.44. The 2023/24 Estimates allowed for a deficit budget of £339,254, however, the current predicted outturn position at the year end was estimated to be a reduced deficit of £304,424.88. This was an estimate based on current weighted spending and may change before the year end. The improved position was largely due to delays in taking bank loans and other savings realised from the use of Board staff and equipment. This was offset by an expected overspend of £30,000 on electricity.

The current predicted cash reserves at 31st March 2024 were expected to be £640,443.10 or 31.78% of net operating costs which was an improved position to the estimates.

RESOLVED

That the attached management accounts for the period ending 30th September 2023 be approved.

17:3 Cash and Bank Reserves as at 31st October 2023

It was noted that cash balances were £1,924,908.00. Four loans remained outstanding totalling £752,216.42.

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17:4 Payments over £500

The attached schedule of payments over £500 made since the last meeting was presented for approval.

RESOLVED

That the attached schedule of payments over £500 totalling £557,851.34 be approved.

18. INVESTMENT POLICY

18:1 Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS)

Officers had been advised that the Financial Services Compensation Scheme did not protect public authority deposits, including parish councils, unless it was a small local authority with an income or annual budget of less than 500,000.00 Euros. Any investments or bank/building society account held by the Board would not be covered by the £85,000 protection scheme.

RESOLVED

That the Board note its savings were not covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

18:2 Placing Investments

The Board previously agreed to invest the sum of £165,000 for a period of six months. However, Officers had been advised that those Building Societies with an "A" rating were not receiving investments less than £250,000. Whilst subject to change Nationwide Building Society was offering 5.18% for a fixed 6-month term deposit, a £250,000 deposit would achieve interest of £12,950 annually.

It was recommended that the initial investment amount be increased to £250,000 and placed via BGC in an appropriate "A" rated Building Society.

The Nationwide Building Society also had Business Saver accounts available to those below a £10m turnover, which the Board could open directly. The Nationwide Business Instant Saver account was offering a variable interest rate, currently 2.25% AER (Annual Equivalent Rate) and the Business 35 Day Saver a variable interest rate, currently 3.10% AER. The minimum deposit was £5,000 with unlimited withdrawals although access to funds was via a signed document and would require the appropriate mandate signatures to access funds, albeit with instant access. A £250,000 deposit in the Instant Saver would achieve interest of £5,625 annually and £7,750 in the 35 Day Saver.

Nationwide also offered a Business 95 Day Saver with a variable interest rate, currently 3.80% AER (Annual Equivalent Rate).

In response to Mr R. Adam, the Finance Manager confirmed that investments were placed via the broker to get a better interest rate than the Board could obtain directly. There were no fees with the broker keeping any interest above the agreed rate (currently 5.18%).

RESOLVED

- (a) That the Board approve the investment of £250,000 with an "A" rated building society via the brokers BGC.
- (b) That an Instant Access Business Saver account be opened with Nationwide Building Society.
- (c) That a 35 Day Access Business Saver account be opened with Nationwide Building Society and amount of £250,000 be deposited.

19. DRAINAGE RATES AND SPECIAL LEVIES

It was noted that £523,892.45 (84.06%) of drainage rates and £1,090,596 (100%) of special levies had been collected. A total of £97,670.24 remained outstanding. Of the £2,924.17 outstanding at the 31st March £554.70 had been collected.

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20. ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

20:1 The Environment Act 2021 - Biodiversity Duty Guidance - New Guidance

The Government had delayed the mandatory implementation of BNG and the Board was exempt from the requirement to provide to 10% Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) but agreed to implement it for Byelaw and Section 23 Consent Applications from November 2023.

The 10% BNG was not viable for the Board as part of its own operations as it would for example involve cutting new watercourses (plus 10%) for any culverting work. The cost implications would have been significant, included using external ecologists and implementing 30 year plans for the sites. However, Officers could use the BNG framework to determine the best way to deliver biodiversity enhancements and there were some quick and inexpensive ways to do this such as swallow-cups and bat boxes.

20:2 Updating of the Board's Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP)

The Board's 2010 BAP was being reviewed and updated with completion expected by early January 2024. The DRAFT BAP, a single document for the Consortium with relevant schedules for each Board, would be presented at the January meeting for adoption. The species covered by the BAP would be expanded to include those recorded by the Operations Team.

20:3 Local Nature Recovery Strategy

Local Nature Recovery Strategies, designed to guide action for nature recovery were introduced by the Environment Act 2021 to help achieve the targets set out in the Government's Environmental Improvement Plan.

The Greater Lincolnshire Nature Recovery Strategy was being developed in partnership with Lincolnshire County Council, North Lincolnshire Council, North East Lincolnshire Council and Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership. The Strategy would include a Statement of Biodiversity Priorities and a Local Habitat Map. A survey on priorities was currently open for comment, the link to which was shared with members.

20:4 Mink Control

Between the 1st November 2022 and 31st October 2023, 16 mink had been caught in the Board's district around Keadby and across the river Trent. The Waterlife Recovery Trust had been awarded £500,000 from Natural England's Species Recovery Programme for mink control from the Thames to mid Lincolnshire. The Essex Wildlife Trust and Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust had contributed an additional £288,000 to this project.

Mr R. Adam queried mink control on the River Idle. The Senior Engineer confirmed that Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust were putting a scheme together for the Idle Valley.

20:5 Electronic Recording

Over 1,007 records had been submitted so far in 2023, in comparison to the 687 records submitted in 2021 and 747 in 2022. The improvements in recording would be valuable in reflecting targets within the revised BAP.

The Environmental Officer also reported that the option to introduce Hydroseeding on watercourse banks was being investigated as this would speed up re-establishment of vegetation and habitat following work on banks. Discussions were ongoing with other Internal Drainage Boards to see if there was an option to jointly purchase equipment to

make the process cost effective. The Senior Engineer pointed out that as well as the environmental benefit this could reduce slips/ bank erosion and improve stability.

RESOLVED

That delivery of 10% Biodiversity Net Gain be delayed and reviewed in April 2024.

21. DELEGATED MATTERS - PLANNING, BYELAW AND SUPERVISORY ROLE

21:1 Byelaw Applications

The following byelaw consents had been granted under delegated authority since the last meeting:

IOANN/LDC/2023/009 Installation of six land drainage outfalls into the right bank of the Board maintained Paupers Drain at land off Brewery Road, between National Grid Reference 476905 - 414185 and 477238 - 414282 in the parish of Crowle.

IOANN/LDC/2023/010 Installation of six land drainage outfalls into the left bank of the Board maintained Clay Pits and Hazels Drain at land off Brewery Road, between National Grid Reference 476971 - 413884 and 477184 - 413830 in the parish of Crowle.

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21:2 Section 23 Applications

An application had been received to culvert 46.5 metres of riparian watercourse on Haxey Lane in the parish of Haxey. The watercourse received surface water from the highway. The application had been refused as it would result in a significant loss of capacity and habitat. The area had been sensitive to flooding in the past and the Board and North Lincolnshire Council had undertaken works in the area to alleviate this. The loss of capacity in the watercourse would compromise the work undertaken.

No Section 23 consents had been granted since the last meeting.

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21:3 Planning Applications

The Board had not objected to any planning applications since the last meeting.

Officers reported on sixteen planning applications which had been dealt with since the last meeting and appropriate comments relating to surface water drainage had been made.

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22. ASSOCIATION OF DRAINAGE AUTHORITIES (ADA)

The Chief Executive gave an update on the ADA Conference. Presentations had been made, among others, by the Environment Agency Chairman, Shadow Minister of Environment and a representative from the Italian Drainage Boards.

At the ADA Conference the Italian Drainage Board had made a presentation in which he said 'they' had changed the landscape and therefore needed to maintain the systems they had introduced should they want to keep using the land for food production and to sustain local communities. The Chief Executive wished the EA could accept and recognise that the lowland systems in IDB areas were artificial and required to be maintained for the purposes they were built.

Officers had met with DEFRA who had promised to visit the area, the Chief Executive would send a letter with some suggested dates.

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23. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

23:1 Plant Purchased/Sold During 2023/24 Update

In 2023/24 the net spend to date was £74,227.40. Of this £33,906.83 had been taken from the Plant Reserve Budget brought forward as detailed in the attached Appendix 1.

The plant and equipment purchased and sold during the 2023/24 budget year were detailed in appendix 2.

The Toyota Proace purchased at a cost of £16,361 to replace the Citroen Nemo (YT63PFK) (PLN7862) was delivered on the 27th October 2023.

The McConnell Flail (Purchased for £37,118.40), previously expected in May, was due for delivery before the end of November following lengthy delays attributed to electrical component shortages.

Officers had approached additional suppliers for the purchase of a three-phase mobile generator. One additional quotation had been received which met the specification, but this was more expensive than the previous quotation which also had a longer warranty. Officers recommended the purchase of a JCB G20QS from Merlin Generators Ltd at a cost of £7,500 including three year 8,000 hours warranty.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the plant budgets brought forward for 2022-2023 be noted.
- (b) That the Board purchase a JCB G20QS mobile generator at a cost of £7,500.

- (c) That plant purchases and disposals to date for 2023/24 be noted.

23:2 Proposed Plant Replacement Programme 2024/25

Following a review, the Senior Operations Manager proposed that the following plant items be replaced during 2024/25:

(a) Volvo EC220ELR Excavator Replacement

The Volvo EC220ELR Long Reach Excavator (EU15DGX) (PLN7846) was eight years old and due for disposal in 2024/25 in line with the Board's replacement policy. The excavator had covered 6,171 hours and recently returned oil samples indicated issues with the track motors. A second oil sample would be taken but the cost of replacing the track motors was expected to be around £27,000. The estimated cost for replacing the excavator was £225,000 with the new purchase being offset by the disposal of the current excavator for an estimated £30,000.

In response to Mr M. Smith, the Senior Operations Manager stated that the hours run by the long reach machine varied yearly depending on the programme and staff availability.

Mr R. Adam asked if given the annual hours it would be better to repair the machine and postpone replacement. The Senior Operations Manager highlighted that the machine had completed lots of hours over recent years and would be used for additional PSCA work. The Chairman stated that the Board could spend £27,000 repairing only to have more issues occur.

Mr J. Fretwell commented that this was a big machine to stand down, asking if, given the cost of machinery, another operative could be trained to prevent machine down time also asking if it could be kept as a second machine.

The Operations Manager stated that other staff, including the Foreman, could drive the machine however depending on the work being completed the standard reach may be more suitable. The Board had a small workforce and taking staff off a flail to drive excavators would affect the summer programme.

Mr Fretwell asked if there was a case for another member of staff. The Senior Operations Manager stated this was an option, but the Foreman was able to provide cover. The cost of another person was around £50,000. The Board shared an employee with Doncaster East IDB and training them may be an option. The Chief Executive stated that if the Board had a 5-10 year PSCA commitment it could consider an extra role as the income would offset the costs.

(b) Excavator Mulching Head Purchase

Officers proposed purchase of an excavator mulching head to assist with maintenance works. The purchase afforded benefits including, increased

efficiency reduced health and safety risk, improved environmental practices, lower waste disposal costs and potentially fewer complaints. The estimated cost was £15,000.

Mr M. Pilkington queried how the mulching head would work. The Operations Manager stated it was built like a flail head and would pick off branches and mulch them, it was quicker than using hedging snippers and allowed more efficient tree and bush removal.

Mr P. Cornish asked if the bucket would need to be removed. Officers confirmed it would, but both the bucket and mulching head were on quick hitches so this would be a quick change.

RESOLVED

That provision of £210,000 be made in the 2024/25 estimates for the replacement of plant.

23:3 Plant Replacement Programme 2025/26 to 2029/30

The proposed plant replacements for 2025/26 to 2029/30 were presented for members information however these were subject to change depending on the condition of machines going forward.

RECEIVED

Cllr Mrs J. Reed left the meeting.

23:4 Major Plant Items Schedule

An update on the condition of all plant was presented for members information.

RECEIVED

Mr I. Bint, Cllr T. Mitchell and Cllr D. Rose left the meeting.

24. ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2024/25

The Finance Manager presented the DRAFT Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 2024/25 along with the attached DRAFT five-year plan. When setting the 2023/24 rate the anticipated rise for 2024/25 had been 13%. However, the improved predicted 2023/24 outturn position meant it was anticipated that a 9% increase for 2024/25 and the following three years was sufficient to meet expenditure. The amount in 2024/25 to be funded by Rates and Levy was estimated to be £1,945,973.

Officers highlighted that 25% of the increase in Drainage Rates and Special levy was to cover electricity expenses.

A 9% rate rise would increase the rate from 18.97 p/£ to 20.68 p/£. This equated to a £53,910 increase in agricultural rates and an increase of £130,577 to special levy. A 9% increase would result in a deficit budget of £50,398 but give the Board a Surplus

Cash Reserve of £590,045 (30.32%).

Alternative options for a 11.9% increase which would give an almost balanced budget but increase reserves to 32.91%, a 5.27% increase which would result in a deficit budget and cash reserves of 26.98% and a 3% increase which would deficit give a budget of £154,891 and reserves of 24.95% were presented. The Finance Manager cautioned that setting rates lower than 9% would mean large increases in coming years to prevent the Board running out of money. The attached DRAFT five-year plans for rate increases of 9%, 5.27% and 3% demonstrated the impact on Board finances.

The Finance Manager pointed out that there was not much scope for flexibility once loan repayments were taken into account. The Chief Executive commented that the Board had to take loans as it did not have the funds to pay for schemes. He asked members for views on the proposed 9% increase.

Mr M. Smith asked if the estimates took into account interest from moving funds. The Finance Manager confirmed they did.

Mr J. Fretwell stated that the biggest variable was electric with 25% of the Board's costs being electricity but could not be accurate if we did not know what the cost was going to be. The Finance Manager stated that the cost of standing charges was known but the usage was calculated based on an average rainfall, the Board's reserves were to cover an overspend in wet periods. Should the wet weather in 2023/24 continue this would negatively affect the predicted financial position.

The ability to recommend a reduced increase of 9% was influenced by changes in land values and moves to Special Levy following granting of change of use as well as delays on work at Occupation Lane Drain.

In response to the Chairman, Officers agreed to look into the mechanism and criteria for land to be removed from rating.

Cllr D. Rose noted the proposed increase stating conversations had already started and Councils would be looking at increases.

Cllr Mrs J. Kennedy commented that a 9% increase was better than the 13% originally expected.

Mr P. Cornish commented that the Board needed to buy new equipment and pumps due to the cost of repairs.

Mr J. Fretwell asked how many complaints had been received about this year's increase. Officers did not have figures to hand but it was very few.

Mr J. Fretwell commented that the Board could not run on a shoestring. The Senior Operations Manager stated the biggest concern was continuing to maintain the watercourses as ratepayers expected to see the service for which they were paying. Mr Fretwell agreed people would not be happy if they did not see work being done.

The Chief Executive commented that the rising levels in the River Idle were having a significant impact.

Minutes of a meeting to discuss the recent Flood Event followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Isle of Axholme and North Nottinghamshire Water Level Management Board held on 28th November 2023.

The Finance Manager stated that the remainder of the Board's pumping station electricity contracts were ending in July and would be moving to more expensive tariffs. The Senior Engineer highlighted that the forecast costs were close to the estimated costs for renewal.

Mr R. Adam thought 9% was reasonable stating that costs had been reduced and the Board did a good job.

Cllr D. Rose left the meeting.

RESOLVED

That the estimates of Income and Expenditure for 2024/25 be prepared based on a 9% increase for consideration at the January Meeting.

Officers, with the exception of the Chief Executive and Corporate Services Manager, left the meeting.

25. JOINT NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE

Officers presented the attached minutes of the Joint Negotiating Committee meeting held on 25th October 2023. The proposed salary increases for 2024/25 had been well received by staff.

Officers, except the Chief Executive and Corporate Services Manager, retired to allow Members to consider the proposed 2024/25 pay increase.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the minutes of the meeting be noted.
- (b) That the recommendations of the Committee be adopted as follows:
 - (i) That with effect from 1st April 2024 all spine points be increased by £1,130 and a 6.4% cost of living payment be applied.
 - (ii) That the DLO standby payments be reviewed.
 - (iii) That the changes to the DRAFT Terms and Conditions be noted.

26. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

CHAIRMAN

PLANT PURCHASED/SOLD 2022/23

APPENDIX 1

| Purchase | | | Dispose | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------------|--|-----------|-----------|
| Plant Budgets Brought Forward | Estimate | Actual | | Estimate | Actual |
| Three Phase Mobile Generator | £10,000.00 | | | | |
| Rear Mounted Flail | £37,118.40 | | | | |
| Toyota Proace (FV23UUD) (PLN7870) | £12,829.53 | £12,828.53 | Mitsubishi L200 Pick Up (YP13TWE) (PLN7836) | £2,500.00 | £2,832.67 |
| Toyota Proace (FV23WCU) (PLN7872) | £13,500.00 | £12,828.53 | Citroen Nemo Van (FX65MKU) (PLN7847) | £3,000.00 | £870.33 |
| Toyota Proace (FV23WCR) (PLN7871) | £13,500.00 | £12,828.53 | Nemo Van (FX16KZA) (PLN7848) | £2,000.00 | £875.76 |
| | | | | | |
| Sub Totals | £86,947.40 | £38,485.59 | Sub Totals | £7,500.00 | £4,578.76 |
| Net Spend | £33,906.83 | | | | |

PLANT PURCHASED/SOLD DURING 2023/24

APPENDIX 2

| Purchase | | | Dispose | | |
|---|----------------|-------------------|---|----------|-----------|
| | Estimate | Actual | | Estimate | Actual |
| Isuzu D-Max 1.9D Utility (FY23WEH) (PLN7873) | £28,000 | £29,365.17 | Ford Ranger Pickup (YM16PGE) (PLN7849) | £4,000 | TBC |
| Toyota Proace Van (FV73NNM) (PLN7874) | £15,000 | £16,361.01 | Citroen Nemo Van (YT63PFK) (PLN7862) | £3,000 | £845.61 |
| | | | Chieftan Low Loader Trailer (PLN7838) | | £4,560.00 |
| | | | | | |
| Sub Total | £43,000 | £45,726.18 | Sub Total | £7,000 | £5,405.61 |
| NET SPEND | £36,000 | £40,320.57 | | | |

PROPOSED PLANT PURCHASES 2024/25

APPENDIX 3

2024/25

| Purchase | | | Dispose | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|--------|---|----------|--------|
| | Estimate | Actual | | Estimate | Actual |
| Long-reach Excavator | £225,000 | | Volvo 220LR excavator (EU15DGX) (PLN7846) | £30,000 | |
| Excavator Mulching Head | £15,000 | | No Disposal | | |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| <i>Sub Total</i> | £240,000 | | <i>Sub Total</i> | £30,000 | |
| NET SPEND | £210,000 | | | | |

PLANT REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME 2025/26 TO 2029/30

APPENDIX 4

2025/26

| Purchase | | | Dispose | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------|---|----------|--------|
| | Estimate | Actual | | Estimate | Actual |
| Front Loader Tractor | £90,000 | | New Holland tractor (FY63LXA) (PLN7843) | £20,000 | |
| Tractor for Flailmowing | £100,000 | | Spearhead Twiga 970XT (VX67DLN) (PLN7850) | £45,000 | |
| Rear Mounted Flail | £40,000 | | Eco Mower Flail (PLN7859) | £5,000 | |
| 4 x 4 Pick Up (Ops Manager) | £30,000 | | Ford Ranger (YP69XZN) (PLN7842) | £5,000 | |
| Weed Basket | £11,000 | | Disposal of Weedbasket (PLN7834) | £500 | |
| | | | | | |
| <i>Sub Total</i> | £271,000 | | <i>Sub Total</i> | £74,500 | |
| NET SPEND | £196,500 | | | | |

2026/27

| Purchase | | | Dispose | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------|-----------------------------------|----------|--------|
| | Estimate | Actual | | Estimate | Actual |
| Wheeled Excavator | £210,000 | | Volvo EWR150E (EU68AUC) (PLN7852) | £20,000 | |
| 4 x 4 Pick-Up (DLO) | £28,000 | | Toyota Hilux (FT70CVU) (PLN7860) | £4,000 | |
| 4 x 4 Pick-Up (DLO) | £28,000 | | Toyota Hilux (FT70CVV) (PLN7861) | £4,000 | |
| | | | | | |
| <i>Sub Total</i> | £266,000 | | <i>Sub Total</i> | £28,000 | |
| NET SPEND | £238,000 | | | | |

2027/28

| Purchase | | | Dispose | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--------|---------------------------------------|----------|--------|
| | Estimate | Actual | | Estimate | Actual |
| Excavator Tree Shears | £15,000 | | ACE 760B Habbig Tree Shears (PLN7828) | £0 | |
| Tracked Excavator | £250,000 | | Volvo 220EL (EF19RAX) (PLN7856) | £40,000 | |
| | | | | | |
| <i>Sub Total</i> | £265,000 | | <i>Sub Total</i> | £40,000 | |
| NET SPEND | £225,000 | | | | |

2028/29

| Purchase | | | Dispose | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|--------|---|----------|--------|
| | Estimate | Actual | | Estimate | Actual |
| Tractor for Flailmowing | £135,000 | | Valtra Tractor (FX72ANV) (PLN7866) | £35,000 | |
| Rear Mounted Flail | £40,000 | | McConnel Flail | £5,000 | |
| Small Van (DLO) | £16,000 | | Toyota Proace (FV23UUD) (PLN7870) | £3,000 | |
| Small Van (DLO) | £16,000 | | Toyota Proace (FV23WCR) (PLN7871) | £,3000 | |
| Weedbasket x 3 | £33,000 | | 3 x Old Weedbaskets (PLN7832,7833,7841) | £1,500 | |
| Excavator Slubbing Bucket | £2,500 | | Slubbing Bucket (PLN7790) | £500 | |
| Steam Pressure Washer | £3,500 | | Mac Avant Pressure Washer (PLN7799) | £250 | |
| Dump Trailer | £15,000 | | Bailey Dump Trailer (PLN7825) | £1,000 | |
| Towable Bunded Fuel Bowser | £7,500 | | Chieftain bunded bowser (PLN7851) | £500 | |
| Trailer | £9,500 | | Ifor Williams Trailer (PLN7814) | £1,000 | |
| Sub Total | £278,000 | | Sub Total | £50,500 | |
| NET SPEND | £227,500 | | | | |

2029/30

| Purchase | | | Dispose | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|--------|--|----------|--------|
| | Estimate | Actual | | Estimate | Actual |
| Tracked Excavator | £130,000 | | JCB 140LX Excavator (YT72NCA) (PLN7869) | £20,000 | |
| Towable Bunded Fuel Bowser | £8,000 | | Chieftain Bunded Bowser (PLN7818) | £500 | |
| Mobile Pump | £25,000 | | GodwinCD150M 6" Mobile Pump (PLN7864) | £1,000 | |
| Mowing Bucket | £13,000 | | MRZT430B Mowing Bucket 4m (PLN7854) | £150 | |
| 20t Tipping Trailer | £22,000 | | RBM Stewart GX16-21LZ Trailer (PLN7853) | £4,000 | |
| 4 x 4 Pick-Up (DLO) | £28,000 | | Isuzu D-Max (FY23WEH) (PLN7873) | £5,000 | |
| Small Van (DLO) | £16,000 | | Toyota Proace City Van 2023 (FV23WCU) | £3,000 | |
| Small Van (DLO) | £16,000 | | Toyota Proace City Van 2023 (FV73NNM) | £3,000 | |
| | | | | | |
| Sub Total | £258,000 | | Sub Total | £36,650 | |
| NET SPEND | £221,350 | | | | |

Isle of Axholme & North Notts Water Level Management Board

Estimate 5 Year Summary

Year

Scheme Income / Expenditure - Earmarked funds

Board Contribution to Schemes from Rating income -Per Estimates

Balance Sheet Income or Expenditure

| | Actual 2022/23 | Estimate 2023/24 | Estimate 2024/25 | Estimate 2025/26 | Estimate 2026/27 | Estimate 2027/28 | Estimate 2028/29 |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Plant Renewals (Additions less disposals) | 220,485.70 | 36,000 | 210,000 | 196,500 | 238,000 | 225,000 | 227,500 |
| Plant Reserves - future funds | 155,795.14 | 60,795 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Plant renewals (not purchased in planned year but will occur in later year) | 32,000.00 | | | | | | |
| Plant Renewals Funded from Plant Reserve & replace | -222,865.30 | -79,447.40 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Plant renewals (to be funded out of plant reserves as funds held over) | 0.00 | 79,447.40 | | | | | |
| Loan Capital Repayments - existing | 25,660.85 | 36,636 | 37,711 | 38,818 | 39,957 | 41,129 | 42,336 |
| Loan Capital Repayments - future loans | 0.00 | 12,297 | 0 | 16,483 | 25,595 | 42,727 | 50,881 |
| Total | 211,076.39 | 145,728 | 247,711 | 251,801 | 303,552 | 308,856 | 320,717 |

Expenditure:

Production & Activity Costs & Cost of Sales

| | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Pumping Station Costs - external costs only | 330,631.58 | 552,139 | 505,076 | 519,834 | 535,025 | 550,661 | 566,756 |
| Pumping Station Costs - additional electricity costs for 22/23 | | 206,316 | 0 | | | | |
| Drain Maintenance External costs (Materials/Contractors/Compensation) | 11,095.26 | 68,713 | 66,363 | 68,022 | 69,723 | 71,466 | 73,253 |
| PSCA Works - external costs only | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Recharge Works - external costs only | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Disbursement Costs | 2,801.99 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Consenting Costs | 15,262.81 | 14,000 | 19,638 | 20,129 | 20,632 | 21,148 | 21,677 |
| DLO Wages | 301,176.28 | 332,208 | 340,853 | 349,375 | 358,110 | 367,063 | 376,239 |
| DLO Costs | 9,698.04 | 12,300 | 11,667 | 11,959 | 12,258 | 12,564 | 12,877 |
| Total | 670,665.96 | 1,185,676 | 943,597 | 969,319 | 995,748 | 1,022,902 | 1,050,802 |

Supportive Expenditure

| | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Plant Running Costs | 179,694.76 | 160,200 | 152,160 | 155,965 | 159,864 | 163,862 | 167,959 |
| Support & Establishment Costs | 294,800.07 | 388,773 | 377,491 | 405,118 | 420,449 | 451,414 | 468,379 |
| Salaried staff costs | 34,343.69 | 34,802 | 104,658 | 107,276 | 109,958 | 112,707 | 115,524 |
| Finance & Bank Charges | 1,749.01 | 1,800 | 1,840 | 1,886 | 1,932 | 1,980 | 2,029 |
| Loan Interest Repayments - existing | 15,705.17 | 22,452 | 21,377 | 20,271 | 19,132 | 17,959 | 16,752 |
| Loan Interest Repayments - future loans | 0.00 | 17,820 | 0 | 29,840 | 43,421 | 69,527 | 76,909 |
| Other costs | 4,076.73 | 2,450 | 21,116 | 21,644 | 22,186 | 22,740 | 23,309 |
| EA Precept | 60,619.00 | 60,619 | 60,619 | 60,619 | 60,619 | 60,619 | 60,619 |
| Total | 590,988.43 | 688,916 | 739,261 | 802,619 | 837,561 | 900,808 | 931,480 |

Total Expenditure plus contributions to schemes

Income

| | | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Other Income | -11,739.17 | -9,124 | -23,125 | -23,528 | -23,941 | -24,364 | -24,799 |
| PSCA Recharges | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Recharges | -16,897.08 | -17,354 | -29,471 | -30,159 | -30,864 | -31,587 | -32,328 |
| Disbursement Income | -2,801.99 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Consenting Income | -35,081.28 | -10,500 | -10,000 | -10,250 | -10,506 | -10,769 | -11,038 |
| Commuted Sums | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DLO & Plant costs absorbed into Schemes | -189,375.62 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Income | -255,895.14 | -36,978 | -62,596 | -63,937 | -65,311 | -66,720 | -68,165 |

To be funded by Rates & Levy

| | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Agricultural Rates Income | -517,076.12 | -620,492 | -674,402 | -735,061 | -801,262 | -833,221 | -866,485 |
| Special Levy Income | -900,419.00 | -1,090,596 | -1,221,173 | -1,331,008 | -1,450,881 | -1,508,751 | -1,568,983 |
| Total | -1,417,495.12 | -1,711,088 | -1,895,575 | -2,066,069 | -2,252,143 | -2,341,972 | -2,435,468 |

Net Surplus/(Deficit)

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Agricultural Annual Values | 3,274,686 | 3,270,907 | 3,261,140 | 3,261,140 | 3,261,140 | 3,261,140 | 3,261,140 |
| Special Levy Annual Values | 5,695,252 | 5,749,054 | 5,905,093 | 5,905,093 | 5,905,093 | 5,905,093 | 5,905,093 |
| Rateable Annual Values | 8,969,938 | 9,019,961 | 9,166,233 | 9,166,233 | 9,166,233 | 9,166,233 | 9,166,233 |
| Rate p/£ | 15.81 | 18.97 | 20.68 | 22.54 | 24.57 | 25.55 | 26.57 |
| Rate % Increase | 4.00% | 20.00% | 9.00% | 9.00% | 9.00% | 4.00% | 4.00% |

Loan debt

| | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Loan debt - existing loans | 780,771.28 | 744,135 | 706,424 | 667,606 | 627,649 | 586,520 | 544,184 |
| Loan debt - potential new loans | 0.00 | 756,703 | 0 | 830,517 | 1,304,922 | 1,474,195 | 1,423,314 |
| Total Loan debt | 780,771.28 | 1,500,838 | 706,424 | 1,498,123 | 1,932,571 | 2,060,715 | 1,967,498 |
| Loan debt as a % of Rateable Income | 55.08% | 87.71% | 37.27% | 72.51% | 85.81% | 87.99% | 80.79% |

Cash Reserves

Cash Balances at 31/3 after adjustments

Current Year potential variances

Plant Reserve (rated for) - to be deducted from cash balance reserves

Net Capital receipts - to be deducted from cash balance reserves

Surplus Operating Cash

Net Operating costs

Total Cash as % of Operating costs

Surplus Operating Cash as % of Operating costs

NB IOA Have a reserve Policy to cover unexpected costs of a minimum of 30%

| Local Authority | Payable Levy | Payable Levy | Payable Levy | Payable Levy | Payable Levy | Payable Levy |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| North Lincolnshire Council | £752,687 | £909,210 | £992,400 | £1,081,658 | £1,179,074 | £1,226,103 |
| East Riding of Yorkshire Council | £11,054 | £13,264 | £14,459 | £15,760 | £17,179 | £17,864 |
| Doncaster Metropolitan BC | £1,620 | £1,944 | £2,119 | £2,309 | £2,517 | £2,722 |
| Bassetlaw District Council | £135,058 | £166,178 | £212,195 | £231,281 | £252,110 | £262,166 |
| Newark & Sherwood District Council | £0 | £0 | £0 | £0 | £0 | £0 |
| Total | £900,419 | £1,090,596 | £1,221,173 | £1,331,008 | £1,450,880 | £1,508,751 |

| | Overall Increase from 2021/22 to 2022/23 | Overall Increase from last year | Overall Increase from last year | Overall Increase from last year | Overall Increase from last year | Overall Increase from last year | Overall Increase |
|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Increase in Levy Payable | £29,872 | £156,523 | £83,190 | £89,258 | £97,416 | £47,029 | £48,948 |
| North Lincolnshire Council | £614 | £2,210 | £1,195 | £1,301 | £1,419 | £685 | £713 |
| East Riding of Yorkshire Council | £63 | £324 | £175 | £190 | £208 | £101 | £104 |
| Doncaster Metropolitan BC | £6,656 | £31,120 | £46,017 | £19,086 | £20,829 | £10,056 | £10,466 |
| Bassetlaw District Council | £0 | £0 | £0 | £0 | £0 | £0 | £0 |
| Newark & Sherwood District Council | £37,205 | £190,177 | £130,577 | £109,835 | £119,872 | £57,871 | £60,231 |

