

ISLE OF AXHOLME AND NORTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE WATER LEVEL MANAGEMENT BOARD

Minutes of a Meeting of the Isle of Axholme and North Nottinghamshire Water Level Management Board held at the Epworth Imperial Hall on 28th January 2025 commencing at 10.30 a.m.

Elected Members

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

Appointed by North Lincolnshire Council

	Mr	P. Bayes
*	Cllr	I. Bint
*	Mrs	C. Finch
*	Cllrs	Mrs J. Kennedy
*		T. Mitchell
*	Mr	M.D. Pilkington
*	Cllr	N. Poole
*	Cllrs	Mrs J. Reed
*		D. Rose
	Dr	P. Shore
*	Mr	R. Stewart

Appointed by Bassetlaw District Council

*	Cllrs	Mrs H. Brand
V		Mrs J. Sanger

* *Present*

V = *MS Teams attendance*

Officers

*	Messrs	A. McGill (Chief Executive)
*		R. Brown (Senior Engineer)
*		A.J. Malin (Senior Operations Manager)
*		Graham Sutton (Operations Manager)
*	Mesdames	N.J. Hind (Finance Manager)
*		C.B. Davies (Corporate Services Manager)
*		<i>In attendance</i>

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mr R. Mason.

It was noted that some Officers and members had been delayed due to a holdup on the M180.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

4. BOARD MINUTES (Pages 810 to 819)

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 26th November 2024 be confirmed as a correct record.

5. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Minute 17 - Byelaw Contraventions

Caravan at Gunthorpe - The Board's Planning and Enforcement Team was working closely with the North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) Planning and Enforcement Team who had served a Planning Enforcement Notice on the landowner in respect of the caravan and associated structure on the site at Gunthorpe. The Board's Officers had visited the site and the Foreman confirmed that whilst the siting of the caravan was not ideal, it only impeded access to a short section of the watercourse which currently was fairly clear of vegetation. The Board's Officers had written to NLC outlining the Board's Byelaws and the need for access. As the Planning Enforcement Notice had been issued, enforcement action had been delayed, however, if the case did not progress, this decision would be reconsidered. Officers would continue to work with NLC and give an update at the March Board meeting.

Occupation Lane Drain, Akeferry - A timeline had been prepared for the Board's solicitors so that they could pursue completion of the Deed of Indemnity and recover the cost of doing so.

Kelfield Catchwater Drain - A DRAFT enforcement letter had been prepared and would be sent out shortly.

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(b) Minute 19 - Finance

The internal audit would take place from 3rd to 14th March 2025 for all Consortium Boards.

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6. HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE

The Operations Manager reported on two incidents across the Consortium since the last Board meeting, none in the AX area. There had been no serious injuries or major issues of concern.

The annual review of Risk Assessments, Safe Systems of Work and COSHH assessments had been undertaken and there were no significant areas of concern.

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7. OPERATIONS

Officers presented the attached report for information, updating on summer and winter works, and pump run hours.

Two compensation payments had been made for reforming works on Narrow Lane Drain (£715.10) and Ousefleet Drain (£849.06); these had been paid in accordance with the rates approved by the Board.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the attached report be noted.
- (b) That compensation payments be approved.

8. PUMPING STATION STATUS

Officers presented the attached report and highlighted, in particular, the issues at Cow Lane, Heckdyke and Wiseton pumping stations.

The Senior Engineer referred to item 2:1:1 and confirmed that the pump was being reinstalled and would be operational later today.

Officers highlighted the additional costs in respect of emergency repairs (shown in 2:2) which stood at £116,056 to date. It was noted that this may increase before the year-end.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the attached report be noted.
- (b) That £81,500 be transferred from general reserves to cover the current overspend on the pumping station emergency repair budget.

9. ASSET RENEWAL AND REFURBISHMENT

The attached project update was presented for information.

Regarding the recommendation in item 2:1 (Heckdyke and Wiseton Pumping Stations Refurbishment), delegated authority was no longer required; detailed design had commenced and a full report would be presented to the March Board meeting once more information was available regarding the funding. The scheme was still on target to be completed in 2026. The Senior Engineer explained that flood defence grant-in-aid funding was being reprofiled which may mean that not all schemes would be funded. He stated that this would not affect the timeline for completion of the scheme but may mean that work would have to be funded via local levy and Board contribution for Wiseton for works in the 2025/26 financial year with flood defence grant-in-aid being available in the 2026/27 financial year.

The Environment Agency's programme team had been asked to find efficiencies this financial year and had cut the 2025/26 budget. The programme had also been shortened from six years to five which meant that the current programme would now end in March 2026 and any projects after this date did not currently have an allocation. The next five-year programme would be prepared in June 2025 and Officers were awaiting confirmation of the changes to the eligibility criteria.

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10. PLANNING, CONSENTING AND ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

Cllr T. Mitchell declared an interest in PA/2024/1215 as Axholme Central ward member.

(a) Delegated Authority

Officers reported on seven planning applications where comments relating to surface water drainage had been submitted and presented the attached report.

Consent had been issued under delegated authority for the installation of a land drainage outfall into the Board maintained Mother Drain (SSSI) from land to the west of Soss Lane at national grid reference 477521 395325 in the parish of Misterton.

RESOLVED

That the attached report be noted and Officers' actions approved.

Cllr N. Poole arrived.

11. ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The attached report was presented for information.

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12. FINANCE

A detailed report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The Finance Manager reported the cash position at 30th November 2024 as £2,117,078.74. A further £250,000 was invested with Skipton Building Society with an interest rate of 4.65%.

One loan remained outstanding in the sum of £714,743.74 (detailed in Appendix 1).

The attached Management Accounts for the period up to 30th November 2024 (Appendix 2) showed a positive variance of £116,716 largely due to receipt of £189,730.31 in respect of the Tranche 1 flood recovery money.

The balance sheet up to the end of November 2024 (Appendix 3) was presented.

The Forecast of Outturn based on accounts up to the end of November expected income of £2,109,433 and expenditure of £2,093,087 at the year-end which would result in a surplus cash position of £612,294.91 (33.07% of net operating costs).

The Schedule of Payments over £500 (Appendix 4 of the attached report) was presented.

The Finance Manager referred to the Board's Financial Regulations stating that the current levels of delegation were limited to the Chief Executive and Engineer. The Regulations were being reviewed and updated and would be presented to the March Board meeting for approval, however, she asked the Board to consider the following temporary delegations up until that time:

- Chief Executive and Senior Engineer - £50,000.
- Senior Operations Manager, Finance Manager, Corporate Services Manager, Operations Manager, Civils Project Engineer, Resident Engineer and Project Support Lead - £10,000.

The Chief Executive explained that the current levels of delegation were restricting operational delivery as operations managers did not currently have authority to purchase items necessary to keep systems running or deal with emergencies, for example hire of mobile pumps, repairs/replacement flap valves. He emphasised that any purchases would still be undertaken in line with the procurement rules with quotations being sought where necessary.

Some members were concerned about the levels of delegation and proposed that all purchases should be signed off by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The temporary levels of delegation were not agreed. If necessary, any purchases above the existing delegated levels would be approved by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Cllr I. Bint arrived.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the Board's cash position be noted.
- (b) That the attached Management Accounts be approved (Appendix 2).
- (c) That the forecast of outturn at 31st March 2025 be noted.
- (d) That the attached Schedule of Payments over £500 totalling £390,628.16 be approved (Appendix 4).

13. DRAINAGE RATES AND SPECIAL LEVIES

A total of £56,661 remained outstanding in respect of drainage rates (a collection rate of 91.63%). Special levies had been paid in full. Cllr Mrs J. Reed queried the collection rate, stating that this seemed low approaching the end of the financial year.

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14. STAFF SALARIES, DUTY OFFICER PAYMENTS AND PENSIONS

All Officers except the Chief Executive left the meeting whilst this item was discussed.

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting giving information on the proposed pay increase for 2025/26 which had been approved by the Joint Negotiating Committee. The report also included details of existing pension schemes and the cost of joining local government pension scheme following a request by employees. The additional annual cost to the Board for nine employees to be admitted to a pooled scheme based on the current rate of 19.3%, would be £53,871, plus a one-off setup cost of £1,225.

RESOLVED

- (a) That with effect from 1st April 2025, all spine points be increased by £500 and a pay increase of 5.1% applied.
- (b) That Duty Officer payments be increased by 6% with effect from 1st April 2025.
- (c) That the Board continue with the current pension arrangements with an employer's contribution of 6% and all new employees be offered admission to the Nest pension scheme.

15. DRAFT ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD 1ST APRIL 2025 TO 31ST MARCH 2026

Due to the level of the Board's reserves and the increasing costs of electric and emergency pump repairs facing the Board, Officers recommended that the Board increase the rate by 14% in the 2025/26 financial year and presented estimates based on this.

The Board's Chairman, Chief Executive and Finance Officer had met with Officers and councillors from North Lincolnshire Council to discuss the proposed special levies for 2025/26. Cllr I. Bint reported that it had been a very useful meeting, it was difficult to get the balance between controlling costs and keeping feet dry and he was mindful of the effect of an increase on the council as well as the drainage ratepayers. Cllr Bint proposed an increase of 14% to the rates and special levies for 2025/26 subject to two conditions: (i) the Board conduct effective benchmarking with other IDBs outside the Consortium, and (ii) consideration of the operating model to ensure the long-term sustainability of water level

management - both actions to be reported to the Board and partner authorities within six months.

The Chief Executive reported that the Board already had in place a five-year financial plan which was reviewed and updated annually to take into account the rates/levies that had been set, any changes to the long-term capital works programme and the six-year grant-in-aid plan, and the plant replacement programme. All projects were also value-engineered before being progressed. The difficulty was the willingness of everyone to afford what was needed to be sustainable over the long-term. External influences, e.g. increasing inflationary costs (for example pumps etc), electricity standing charges, impacts from wet weather events, etc. were also considered as part of the estimates process. It was noted that although OFGEM had acknowledged that there was an issue for internal drainage boards across the country in respect of standing charges, there was no appetite to do anything about this. In response to Mr Dickinson, Officers clarified the cost of standing charges at £175k, and the Senior Engineer highlighted that the standing charges for Paupers Pumping Station alone were £48,500.

Cllr T. Mitchell seconded Cllr Bint's proposal for a 14% rise with the above conditions. He emphasised that the Board was not unique in the issues it faced, e.g. ageing assets, increased electricity costs, wet weather events etc., and benchmarking would help to reassure the Board that it was providing value for money and operating as effectively and efficiently as possible.

Cllr N. Poole referred to the Association of Drainage Authorities Good Governance Guide 8:5 which stated that *'Value for money is essential for any public body, including your IDB. This means ensuring that funds are spent efficiently to provide an effective service that enjoys the widest possible local support. The aim is to get more benefit for the least possible expense, without compromising quality. It helps the IDB to assess "value for money" if it regularly asks whether it is really necessary to spend the money or whether it can find a way of doing it better, such as through innovation or with a different supplier. It is good practice to consult with other IDBs and ADA to ensure that all reasonable steps are being taken to effect this and to deliver a more economic service.'* Cllr Poole stated that members just needed to see the evidence of this.

Cllr H. Brand queried whether officers examined internal costs when the budgets were prepared, e.g. whether Board papers could be sent out electronically with paper copies only being provided for those that wished to have them. Officers confirmed that a cost review would be undertaken (the last review having been undertaken in 2021/22).

The Chief Executive stated that the Board could also pare back on external engagement should the Board wish and just focus on the Board.

Cllr T. Mitchell stated that North Lincolnshire Council was willing to engage with the Board with regard to reviewing operating practices.

Cllr D. Rose stated that 14% was a hefty increase in light of current inflation and that increase would mean a 14% increase next year too and anything that could be done between now and then to reduce costs would be crucial because he didn't think the council would be in a position to approve a 14% rise next year.

The Chairman asked members if they wished to set up a working group to consider cost savings and best practice. North Lincolnshire Council (NLC) representatives suggested that the Board's Senior Leadership Team should meet with the NLC Director first to find out the best way to progress this. Cllr H. Brand emphasised that Bassetlaw District Council should also be included.

The Chief Executive highlighted that any material changes (e.g. a fundamental change to the current structure) may affect the other Consortium Boards and the Consortium may wish to review this, however, it would not stop the AX Board proceeding with the review as requested above. In response to Cllr J. Reed, the Chief Executive confirmed that the Board had complete executive authority over the decisions and could also consider options for alternative service providers.

Cllr J. Reed offered to investigate the benefits of installing solar panels and Officers agreed to provide her with information to pursue this.

Cllr I. Bint had sent through details of suitable banks with which to invest which offered 5% instant access. He emphasised that these showed a much better return on deposits than the Board was currently achieving, the NLC Treasury Manager had felt the Board was lacking on the amount of return it was getting.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the attached estimates of expenditure for the year commencing 1st April 2025 be approved in the sum of £2,239,966.
- (b) That the amounts to be raised by means of drainage rates in respect of agricultural land and buildings, special levies on the local charging authorities and estimates of the amount from balances for the year commencing 1st April 2025 be as follows:
 - (i) by drainage rates levied in respect of agricultural land and buildings - £739,476,
 - (ii) by special levies on local charging authorities - £1,361,678,
 - (iii) by deduction from balances - £69,705.
- (c) That the drainage rate for the financial year commencing 1st April 2025 be made and sealed in the total sum of 22.71 pence in the pound.
- (d) That the special levy for the financial year commencing 1st April 2025 on North Lincolnshire Council be made and sealed in the sum of £1,090,207.
- (e) That the special levy for the financial year commencing 1st April 2025 on Bassetlaw District Council be made and sealed in the sum of £253,265.
- (f) That the special levy for the financial year commencing 1st April 2025 on East Riding of Yorkshire Council be made and sealed in the sum of £15,879.
- (g) That the special levy for the financial year commencing 1st April 2025 on City of Doncaster Council be made and sealed in the sum of £2,327.
- (h) That the statutory record of levies be made up.
- (i) That the Board conduct effective benchmarking with other IDBs outside the Consortium and consider the operating model to ensure the long-term sustainability of water level management, both actions to be reported to the Board and partner authorities within six months.

- (j) That the Board's Officers meet with the Directors of North Lincolnshire Council and Bassetlaw District councils to discuss (i) above within the next four weeks.

16. CORPORATE SERVICES UPDATE

The Corporate Services Manager updated on progress with projects relating to business efficiency and compliance, insurance claims, queries/complaints and requests for information, and staffing.

There were two vacancies on the Board; in the Rivers Idle and Ryton, and the Garthorpe Electoral Districts which had been advertised on the Board's website. The Corporate Services Manager welcomed Mr H. Higgins, a farmer from Westwoodside, who was very interested in joining the Board. Mr Higgins introduced himself to members. Although he did not have land in the relevant area, as no candidates had stood for election and there had been no interest in the advert, it was proposed and seconded that he should be coopted onto the Board for the Rivers Idle and Ryton district. Cllr Bint offered to advertise the remaining vacancy through Garthorpe parish council and on the social media sites.

The Corporate Services Manager referred to the vacancies on the Conservation Advisory Group, stating that ideally two members were required from each Board and Mr P. Cornish was already representing DE.

Officers presented the attached Dynamic Risk Register highlighting the changes.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the Board coopt Mr H. Higgins to fill the vacancy in the Rivers Idle and Ryton electoral district.
- (b) That Councillors I. Bint and J. Reed be appointed to represent the Board on the Conservation Advisory Group.
- (c) That the attached Dynamic Risk Register be approved.

17. ENVIRONMENT AGENCY AND PARTNERSHIP MATTERS

The Chief Executive referred to the Review of Internal Drainage Boards (IDBs) (discussed under 2024.80(c) at the last meeting) and confirmed that this would include the value of IDBs as well as the cost. It was not yet known, who would be undertaking the review.

Regarding Public Sector Cooperation Agreement (PSCA) works, the Chief Executive reported that he had been instructed by the Environment Agency (EA) to self-report to the police for a potential disturbance of water vole habitats on the River Smite. Following complaints of flooding by local farmers and householders, the EA had commissioned the Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board to undertake work on the river under a PSCA and the Board had engaged a contractor to do the work which commenced in November 2024. The contractor had worked to a detailed scope of work set by the EA which included not working on parts of the riverbank where water voles may be present as the EA had not undertaken a water vole survey. The EA had stopped the work within a week of it starting and had contacted the Chief Executive just before Christmas with concerns that the work may have been more extensive than agreed, potentially causing damage to water vole habitats. Following legal advice, the Chief Executive intended to self-report to the police on 30th January 2025 as instructed by the EA. Members offered the Chief Executive their full support.

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18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS None.

CHAIRMAN

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ISLE OF AXHOLME AND NORTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE WATER LEVEL MANAGEMENT BOARD	File Ref:	Agenda Item: 7
Meeting: Board Meeting Date: 28th January 2025	Subject: OPERATIONS	

1. Summer Maintenance Works

1:1 The summer maintenance programme has been fully completed.

2 Winter Maintenance Works

2:1 The winter works programme will prioritise the Wiseton catchment for watercourse improvements up to the end of March 2025. Works will commence shortly once ground conditions allow following the recent flooding. Tree and Bushing works will be undertaken first to allow for access to the watercourses.

<i>Drain Name</i>	<i>Catchment</i>	<i>Description of Works</i>	<i>Length (m)</i>
New EA Drain	Wiseton	Reforming Tree and Bushing	5,333 319
Black Syke Drain	Wiseton	Reforming Tree and Bushing	1,850 915
Long Road West Drain	Wiseton	Reforming Tree and Bushing	935 370
Total			9,722

2:2 The proposed winter maintenance programme for 2025/26 is detailed below. The programme will prioritise the remainder of the Wiseton catchment and the Whitgift catchment with improvement works being carried out on eight watercourses.

<i>Drain Name</i>	<i>Catchment</i>	<i>Description of Works</i>	<i>Length (m)</i>
Tiln Farm Drain	Wiseton	Reforming	1,990
Gunns Beck	Wiseton	Reforming	2,868
Whitgift Sewer	Whitgift	Reforming	3,796
Church Hall Drain	Whitgift	Reforming	303
Infield Drain	Whitgift	Reforming	253
Dog Hall Drain	Whitgift	Reforming	891
Quart Lane Drain	Whitgift	Reforming	846
Moxon Close Drain	Whitgift	Reforming	1,750
Total			12,697

2:3 Mitigation Works

2:3:1 Mitigation work has been completed on watercourses that are due to be reformed in the coming weeks, any outstanding mitigation work will be completed when the next window opens on the 15th February 2025.

3. Plant and Equipment

- 3:1 Quotations for the purchase of a three replacement 4 x 4's and a mulching head are currently being sourced. Recommendations for the purchases will be presented at the March meeting for the members' consideration.

4. Pump Run Hours

- 4:1 Pump run hours are attached for information.

5. Compensation

- 5:1 Compensation payments totalling £1,564.16 have been made since the last meeting, details of which are attached for information.

Recommendations:

- To note report of Officers.
- To approve compensation payments made in accordance with the Board's rates.

A. Malin
Senior Operations Manager

G. Sutton
Operations Manager

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ISLE OF AXHOLME AND NORTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE WATER LEVEL MANAGEMENT BOARD	File Ref:	Agenda Item: 8
Meeting: Board Meeting Date: 28th January 2025	Subject: PUMPING STATION STATUS	

1. Overview

1:1 The current issues at the Board's pumping stations are shown below.

Asset	Pumps Available	WSC Available	At Risk	Planned Works & Owner	Completion Date
Cow Lane PS	1	N/A	Flooding of Farmland	Pump 3 has been lifted by Industrial Pumps for repair - PS currently running on two pumps and no current concerns regarding available pump capacity	30/11/2024 (Industrial Pumps to advise date when replacement parts received)
	2				
	3 RED				
Paupers PS	1	Yes	Protects parts of Crowle and Eastoft and large arable areas	No issues	
	2				
	3				
Common Carrs PS	1	N/A	Flooding of Farmland	No issues	
Bewcarrs PS	1	Yes	Protects Keadby Power Station and National Grid Primary Transmission infrastructure and some housing	No issues	
	2				
Godnow PS	1	N/A	Extra pressure on Paupers & Wrays Drain, pathway for breach if North Soak Bank fails	No issues	
Althorpe PS	1	N/A	Flooding of Farmland, Could impact A18 and then some properties	No issues	
	2				
Derrythorpe PS	1	N/A	Flooding to Farmland & settlement of houses.	No issues	
	2				
Rushcarr PS	1	N/A	Water from the M180 and the North of the West Butterwick Village.	No issues	

Asset	Pumps Available	WSC Available	At Risk	Planned Works & Owner	Completion Date
Trentside PS	1	N/A	The station pumps all of Rushcarrs water which includes water from the M180 and the North of the West Butterwick Village.	No issues	
Southfield PS	1	Yes	South of the village of West Butterwick (specifically Parklands) and the North of the village of Owston Ferry, has been supporting the Kelfield system as well	No issues	
	2				
	3				
Greenholme PS	1	Yes	West End Road and Battle Green Epworth and Low Burnham. SLED issues potentially undermining the station	No issues	
	2				
	3				
Kelfield PS	1	Yes	Risk of flooding to agricultural land.	No issues	
	2				
South Street PS	1	Yes	Reduced operation for Three Bridges, Four Bridges and Park Drain should the levels get too high – Overtopping towards Westwoodside	No issues	
	3				
Drain Head PS	1	N/A	Reduced operation for Three Bridges, Four Bridges and Park Drain should the levels get too high – Overtopping towards Westwoodside	No issues	
	2				
	3				
Three Bridges PS	1	N/A	Flooding of Farmland & EA Depot	No issues	
Four Bridges PS	1	N/A	Flooding of Farmland, would overspill into Heckdyke catchment before impacting property	No issues	
	2				

Asset	Pumps Available	WSC Available	At Risk	Planned Works & Owner	Completion Date
Heckdyke PS	1 RED	N/A	Flooding of Farmland and at very high levels property	One pump now operational at the PS - 12" mobile flange / pipework has been installed for connection to 12" mobile pump if required	
	2				
Gringley PS	1	Yes	Large arable catchment with some isolated property	No issues	
	2				
	3				
	4				
Scaftworth PS	1	N/A	Flooding of Farmland	No issues	
	2				
Wiseton PS	1 RED	Yes	Clayworth village (toft dyke), Hayton, Claborough	24" pump noisy and amps running high prior to Christmas break and has since been locked off (loss of 1 cumec) and further reducing station capacity to approximately half of its design capacity - Temporary overpumping in place - Inter-Lec and Coulstock and Place due to meet on site 09/01/2025 to investigate issue - 2 x 8" and 1 6" mobile pumps deployed - OPS Monitoring	2025 / 2026
	2				
	3 RED				
	4				
	5 RED				
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2. Matters for Note

2:1 Pumping Station Emergency Repairs (AX24302)

2:1:1 Wiseton Pumping Station - Pump 3

2:1:1:1 Prior to the Christmas break, pump 3 (the 24" pump) at the station suffered failure. Inter-Lec Limited attended site on the 21st December following reports that the pump was noisy and amps were running very high. To avoid any lasting damage, a decision was taken to lock off the pump until the New Year and mobile pumps were deployed at the site. The pumping station was attended daily and closely monitored by the DLO during the Christmas and New Year period.

2:1:1:2 A meeting was held on 9th January 2025 at which the Senior Engineer and representatives from Inter-Lec Limited and Coulstock and Place attended. After some

discussion, it was agreed that the pump and motor would be disconnected from service and removed for investigation. Costs are anticipated to be between £30,000 and £50,000.

2:1:1:3 Costs up to 31st December 2024 for the hire of the 2 x 8" temporary mobile pumps from DXB Integrate, are £5,411.60.

2:1:1:4 A further update will be presented at the meeting.

2:2 Costs to date

2:2:1 The pumping station emergency repair budget for 2024/2025 is £74,887 and committed costs (at the time of writing) are £116,056, an overspend of £41,169.64.

2:2:2 It should be noted that if we incur any further issues/breakdowns before 31st March 2025, further deductions will need to be made from balances.

Recommendation:

- To approve the transfer of £81,500 from general reserves to cover the current overspend on the Pumping Station emergency repair budget for 2024/2025.

Robert Brown
Senior Engineer

Antony Malin
Senior Operations Manager

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ISLE OF AXHOLME AND NORTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE WATER LEVEL MANAGEMENT BOARD	File Ref:	Agenda Item: 9
Meeting: Board Meeting Date: 28th January 2025	Subject: ASSET RENEWAL AND REFURBISHMENT PROJECTS	

1. Overview of Current Focus

1:1 Projects – Completed

Project and Tasks	Description of Works	Budget	Expenditure	Final Outturn
Heckdyke Pumping Station - Emergency Pump Repair	One pump operational and 12" flange and pipework connected to allow 12" mobile pump	PS Emergency Repair budget	20,998.00	N
Kelfield Pumping Station - Outside Pump overhaul and reinstall - emergency repairs	Investigations / repairs to pump which is noisy and vibrating	PS Emergency Repair budget	17,526.00	N
Derrythorpe Pumping Station - Replacement weedscreen	H&S issue corroded weedscreen - design, fabricate and install new weedscreen	33,027.57	28,600.09	N
Kelfield Pumped Catchment Area Improvement Scheme	Refurbishment of Kelfield Pumping Station and associated drain works linking to Southfield Pumping Station and decommissioning of Black Dyke PS	718,000.00	707,026.86	N
Southfield Pumping Station Refurbishment	Refurbishment of Southfield Pumping Station – including demolition of old station, provision for temporary pumping, new control panel, 2 new pumps and refurbishment of pump 3	322,421.00	330,668.26	N
Kelfield Pumping Station - Inside pump breakdown and repairs	Investigations / repairs to inside pump at Kelfield PS	PS Emergency Repair budget	24,703.00	N

Project and Tasks	Description of Works	Budget	Expenditure	Final Outturn
Drain Head PS - Control Panel and repairs to diesel engines	New control panel and repairs to diesel engines	PS Emergency Repair budget	24,300.00	N

1:2 Projects – Current Focus

Del Order	Project and Tasks	Description of Works	Budget	Expenditure	Planned Completion
1	South Street PS Museum Alarms and Lighting	Repairs to museum domestic wiring, lighting and installation of fire alarm system to meet requirements and specifications of insurance and fire service for the building type.	20,000.00	16,579.00	30/11/2024 (new date 30/01/2025)
2	Cow Lane Pumping Station - Pump 3 emergency repairs	P3 has a fault and requires lifting at the same time as the works below	Emergency Pump Repair Budget		11/11/2024 (likely to be end of Jan 25)
6	Wray's Drain Flood Alleviation Scheme	Joint partnership scheme with NLC and STW to alleviate flooding in Crowle.	931,000.00	1,047,935.40	31/10/2025
5	Heckdyke Pumping Station Refurbishment	Major refurbishment of pumping station including rationalisation with Four Bridges PS and DEIDB's Langholme PS	2,159,643.95	90,103.72	30/09/2026
7	Wiseton Pumping Station Refurbishment	Major refurbishment / rebuild of PS with new intake sump and discharge arrangement	1,650,000.00	98,793.24	30/09/2026
4	Cow Lane Pumping Station - Surge chamber covers and repairs to penstocks	Surge chamber covers require replacement and repairs to penstocks	31,955.95	26,210.11	30/11/2024 (likely to be March 2025)
3	Three Bridges Pumping Station - Emergency Electrical Repairs	Following the NICEIC inspection electrical repairs are required to the incoming feed and panel at the station	PS Maintenance	16,293.00	30/11/2024 (likely to be March 2025)

1:3 Projects – Not being progressed

1:3:1 The following projects are not being progressed due to the lack of resource which has been diverted to focus on the more critical schemes and emergency works.

Risk	Del Order	Project and Tasks	Description of Works
	1	South Street Pumping Station Refurbishment	Major PS refurbishment complete - Remaining works to install a replacement weir structure
	2	Mother Drain SSSI Culvert, Misterton, Investigations	Investigations, Study and Initial Designs for the repairs to the head walls and installation of guarding and raking grid to prevent access and ensure maintenance.
	3	Drain Head Pumping Station Refurbishment	Refurbishment of Pumping Station to include replacement of diesel pumps with fish and eel compliant pumps including control panel and mechanical weedscreen cleaner. May require diesel back up
	4	Gringley and Scaftworth Pumping Station Refurbishment	Study of catchment to consider feasibility of rationalising Scaftworth into Gringley pumped catchment. Refurbishment of Gringley including increase in capacity and fish and eel compliant pumps
	5	Derrythorpe Pumping Station Refurbishment	Refurbishment of Pumping Station including substantial repairs to sump, replacement of pumps and control panel. Consider future rationalisation with Rushcarr and Trentside with capacity allowance.
	6	Trentside Pumping Station Refurbishment	Refurbishment of Pumping station plant and equipment, consider rationalising with Rushcarr and Derrythorpe pumped catchments
	7	Occupation Lane Drain	Replacement of 400m culverted sections of Occupation Lane Drain.
	8	Carr Dyke Flood Relief Scheme	Potential flood relief scheme for Carr Dyke, Retford.

2. Matters for Note

2:1 Heckdyke and Wiseton Pumping Stations Refurbishment (AX20305 and AX19305)

2:1:1 Pump tenders are due to be returned on the 24th February 2025. It is recommended that delegated authority is granted to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Chief Executive to award a contract for the pumps following technical and financial adjudication.

Recommendation:

- To grant delegated authority to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Chief Executive to award a contract for the new pumps at Heckdyke and Wiseton Pumping Stations.

2:2 IDB Storm Recovery Fund (AX24999)

2:2:1 Costs incurred in bidding for tranche 2 funding including the required surveys and drawings to prepare and submit the bids are £15,123.64 and as the Board have not been successful in securing funding, these costs will need to be met from general reserves.

Recommendation:

- To approve the transfer of £15,123.64 from general reserves to cover the costs for preparation and submission of the tranche 2 bids under the IDB Storm Recovery Fund.

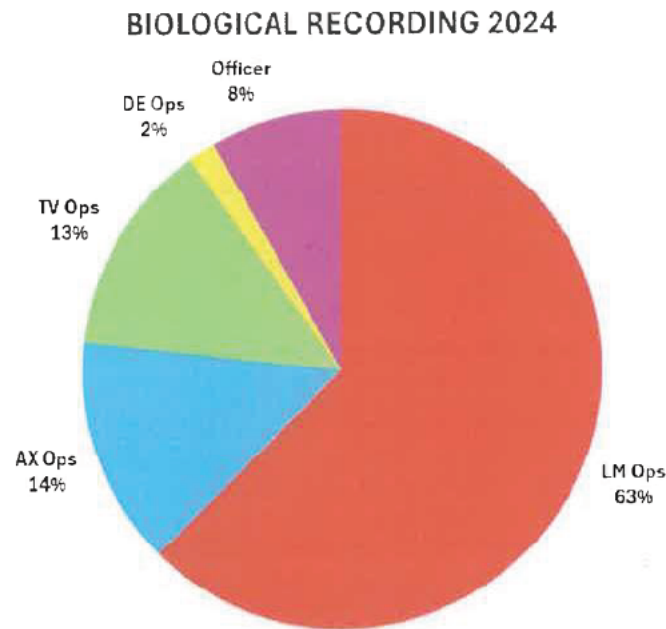
Robert Brown
Senior Engineer

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ISLE OF AXHOLME AND NORTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE WATER LEVEL MANAGEMENT BOARD	File Ref:	Agenda Item: 11
Meeting: Board Meeting Date: 28th January 2025	Subject: ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	

1. Overview (Current Focus and/or Status)

1:1 **Electronic Recording** - Approximately 1,200 biological records have been collected across the Consortium in 2024. The chart below indicates where the data has been collected.



1:2 **Ecological Surveys** - The table below represents the areas of the Board in which ecological surveys are being undertaken. These surveys will enable the winter works programme and licensable monitoring of protected species.

Area of Focus	Survey Reason(s)	Status	Concerns / Mitigation
Whitgift	Winter works	Complete	mitigation
Wiseton	Winter works	Ongoing	mitigation
Crowle Moor	monitoring	Ongoing	Brunyee delayed
Stockwith	monitoring	Ongoing	
Keadby	Winter works	Awaiting instruction	Boskerdyke delayed

Heckdyke	PS and winter works	Early stages	[REDACTED] [REDACTED] Walkovers required for watercourses
Adlingfleet	[REDACTED] monitoring	Ongoing	Narrow and Ouse, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Ryton	[REDACTED] monitoring	Ongoing	[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

2. Matters for Note

2:1 Biodiversity Flash Cards

2:1:1 Following feedback from the latest briefing on biodiversity, flash cards with images and information on protected and non-native invasive species have been produced for Operational staff to use as a guide whilst on site. This will further strengthen the Consortium's licensable and monitoring responsibilities.

Recommendation:

To note report of Officers

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Senior Engineer

Iain Turner
Environmental Officer

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ISLE OF AXHOLME AND NORTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE WATER LEVEL MANAGEMENT BOARD Meeting: Board Meeting Date: 28th January 2025	File Ref:	Agenda Item: 12
	Subject: FINANCE	

1. Overview – Current Position

1:1:1 Current Cash / Bank Position – as at 30th November 2024

<i>Account name</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Interest Rate %</i>
HSBC Current Account	£772,672.08	0.00%
HSBC BMM Account	£500,862.28	1.85%
Santander Bank	£353,432.96	1.04%
Beverley Building Society	£4,825.20	1.75%
Monmouthshire Building Society	£485,134.31	1.25%
Petty cash	£151.91	
Total	£2,117,078.74	

1:1:2 Current Investments / holdings

<i>Account name</i>	<i>Invested Sum</i>	<i>Term End date</i>	<i>Interest on term end</i>	<i>Interest Rate</i>
Skipton B/soc Term Deposit	£250,000.00	6 th March 2025	£5,764.73	4.65%

1:2:1 Current Loan Position – as at 30th November 2024

<i>31st March 2024 Balance</i>	<i>30th November 2024 Balance</i>	<i>Capital Repayments in Period</i>	<i>Interest Charge in period</i>
£744,135.12	£714,743.74	£29,391.38	£18,072.35

A breakdown of individual loan amounts and interest rates can be found on **Appendix 1**

1:2:2 Future loan Position

No new loans are planned to be drawn in this financial year.

1:3:1 Management Accounts: Actual vs Budgets – as at 30th November 2024

<i>The accounts are prepared on an Accruals basis when income or expenditure is due rather than when cash is paid or received</i>	<i>Whole Year Budget for 2024/25 – As per Estimates approved Jan 2024</i>	<i>Variance – overall negative variance represents lower than expected position</i>	<i>Weighted Budgets for period</i>	<i>Actuals for period</i>
	£	£	£	£
Income	1,902,214	199,464.24	1,876,981.00	2,076,445.24
Own use of plant or labour on Schemes	0.00	9,371.16	0.00	9,371.16
Total Funds In	1,902,214	208,835.40	1,876,981.00	2,085,816.40
Maintenance costs for drains & PS etc	-591,077	-101,562.09	-253,540.00	-355,102.09
Supportive Costs	-1,105,905	28,264.04	-754,668.00	-726,403.96
Balance sheet costs incl Assets & Loans	-182,711	8,997.50	-159,391.00	-150,393.50
Board funding to schemes	-93,000	0.00	-93,000.00	-93,000
Total Funds Out	-1,972,693	-64,300.55	-1,260,599.00	-1,324,899.55
Unplanned adjustment to / (from) Reserves to Schemes	0.00	-27,818.73	0.00	-27,818.73
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year / Period	-70,479	116,716.12	616,382.00	733,098.12

The 8 month period overall positive variance of £116,716 has in the main been due to the receipt of the Flood Recovery Tranche 1 funds of £189,730.31, however this positive variance has been reduced by the overspend relating to Pumping Station annual expenditure with an overspend on Electric of £66.3k and an overspend on Contractors/Consultants of £51.3k. These expenses are met out of normal running costs and do not include the Emergency Pump Repair expenditure that is held within Schemes.

A detailed version of the Budgetary Management Accounts, including notes, can be found on **Appendix 2**

1:4:1 Balance Sheet – as at 30th November 2024

A detailed version of the Balance Sheet can be found on **Appendix 3**

1:4:2 Fixed Asset Movements

<i>Additions</i> <i>Asset description</i>	<i>Asset Cost</i>	<i>Incl in Estimates</i>	<i>Funds to come from Plant Reserves</i>	<i>Variance. (Added) / Taken from General Reserves</i>
Komatsu Crawler Excavator PC210LC PLN7877	£155,625.00	£160,000.00	£0.00	(£4,375.00)
8 Yard Skip with Drop Door PLN7878	£1,398.99	£0.00	£0.00	£1,398.99
Totals	£157,023.99	£160,000.00	£0.00	(£2,976.01)
<i>Disposal</i> <i>Asset description</i>	<i>Asset Disposal Proceeds</i>	<i>Incl in Estimates</i>	<i>Funds to return to Plant Reserves</i>	<i>Variance. (Added) / Taken from General Reserves</i>
Ford Ranger YM16PGE PLN7849	(£5,021.87)	(£0.00)	(£4,000.00)	(£1,021.87)
Volvo Ec220 Excavator EU15 DGX PLN7846	(£35,000.00)	(£30,000.00)	(£0.00)	(£5,000.00)
Totals	(£40,021.87)	(£30,000.00)	(£4,000.00)	(£6,021.87)

1:4:3 Trade Debtors – at 30th November 2024

<i>Customer</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Debt risk included in Period Balance Total</i>	<i>Period Balance Total</i>	<i>31st March 2024 Balance</i>
			£4,568.28	£327,522.67
	Rental of land at Haxey	£2,761.60	Paid 05.12.24	
Total		£2,761.60		

1:4:4 Trade Creditors & Retentions – at 30th November 2024

<i>Supplier</i>	<i>Notes</i>	<i>Credit balances of note included in period balance</i>	<i>Period Balance Total</i>	<i>31st March 2024 Balance</i>
			£199,639.41	£226,811.51
Trade Creditors		£166,897.02		
Supplier Retentions	Relates to projects	£32,742.39		
Total		£199,639.41		

1:4:5 Reserves – Plant Reserve – at 30th November 2024

Plant Reserve Balance at 1 st April 2024	-£4,000.00
Funds moved back to Plant reserve from General reserves on receipt of Sales proceeds	£4,000.00
Planned addition to Plant Reserve in 2024/25 Estimates	£0.00
Planned use of Reserve for additions of new plant	-£0.00
Unplanned use of Reserve for additions of new plant	-£0.00
Remaining Balance in Plant reserve	£0.00

1:4:6 Reserves – Schemes Reserve – at 30th November 2024

Scheme Reserve Balance at 1 st April 2024	£544,099.26
Board funding - Planned addition to Schemes from Rating Income in 2024/25 Estimates	£93,000.00
Board funding - Loan funding received into Schemes in period	£0.00
3 rd Party funding - Funding into the Schemes from External Sources – including grants & contributions	£430,750.00
Expenditure within Schemes in year to date	-£187,025.54
Unplanned Adjustments from / (to) general reserves	£27,818.73
Remaining Balance in Schemes Reserve at period end	£908,642.45

Within the Remaining Balance, the PS Renewal Reserve, used to fund future schemes, currently holds £309,845 in balances, which was boosted by the £249,845 from Severn Trent relating to the Treated Effluent Fees.

The funds held in the Schemes are earmarked for use by that scheme and only where there are transfers in or out of the schemes into General Reserves will it affect the Cash Surplus Reserve of the Board.

1:4:7

Recommendations:

- To approve the Budgetary Management Accounts, including Balance Sheet, for the Period to 30th November 2024

2. Overview – Forecast Position – Unforeseen Expenditure and Income

2.1 Forecast of Outturn affecting General Reserves at 31st March 2025

Where the Board receives income or incurs expenditure not included within the 24/25 Estimates, these sums will affect the Expected Surplus or (deficit) position for the year & in turn the funds to be met from or received into General Reserves.	1	Whole Year Budget for 2024/25 – As per Estimates approved Jan 2024	Sums forecasted to improve the Board's position. Additional income or lower expenditure	Sums forecasted to worsen the Board's position. Lower income or additional expenditure	Forecasted Position for the year to 31st March 2025
	2	£	£	£	£
Income	3	1,902,214			2,100,062
• <i>Tranche 1 money</i>	4		189,730		
• <i>Work performed</i>	5		982		
• <i>Private Mileage reimbursed</i>	6		330		
• <i>Rental Income - Fishing</i>	7		500	-694	
• <i>Interest</i>	8		7,000		
Use of plant or labour on Schemes	9	0.00			9,371
• <i>Use of labour/plant within schemes</i>	10		9,371		
Total Funds In	11	1,902,214	207,913	- 694	2,109,433
Maintenance costs for drains & PS etc	12	-591,077			-732,577
• <i>PS contractor/consult expenditure</i>	13			-60,000	
• <i>PS electric</i>	14			-70,000	
• <i>PS insurances</i>	15			-11,500	
• <i>Drains Mntnce expenditure</i>	16			0	
Supportive Costs	17	-1,105,905			-1,093,799
• <i>Direct Costs - consumables</i>	18			-1,000	
• <i>Depot costs – renewals & premises</i>	19			-4,000	
• <i>Non-motorised plant</i>	20			-5,000	
• <i>Consortium Costs</i>	21		35,000		
• <i>Employment/Professional Advice</i>	22			-11,000	
• <i>Insurances</i>	23			-1,200	
• <i>Bad debt relating to Fishing 23/24</i>	24			-694	
Balance sheet costs incl Assets & Loans	25	-182,711	9,000		-173,711
Board funding to schemes	26	-93,000			-93,000
Total Funds Out	27	-1,972,693	44,000	-164,394	-2,093,087
Unplanned adjustment to / (from) Reserves to Schemes	28	0.00	0.00	-124,442	-124,442
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year/period	29	-70,479	251,913	-289,530	-108,096
Improvement in Surplus / (deficit) position	30				-37,617

2:2 Forecast of Surplus Cash Position at 31st March 2025

Surplus Cash Reserve Balance at 1 st April 2024	£724,390.91
Funds to be withheld for Plant Reserve at 1 st April 2024	-£4,000.00
Funds to be held for Commuted Sum Reserve at 1 st April 2024	£0.00
Total Cash reserves at 1st of April 2024	£720,390.91
Expected Deficit position for the year to 31 st March 2025	-£70,479.00
Forecasted difference to Surplus / (deficit) position at 31 st March 2025	-£37,617.00
Forecasted Total Cash Reserve at 31st March 2025	£612,294.91
Forecasted funds held in Plant Reserve at 31 st March 2025	-£0.00
Forecasted funds held in Reserves / Commuted Sums at 31 st March 2025	-£0.00
Forecasted Surplus Cash Position at 31st March 2025	£612,294.91
Predicted net operating costs for 2024/25 (costs less rating income)	£1,851,614
<i>Forecasted Surplus Cash as a % of 24/25 forecasted net operating costs</i>	<i>33.07%</i>

Should the forecast of outturn position worsen, for instance if the cost of electric is a much higher than the £70k overspend predicted, this will affect the forecasted surplus cash position.

2:3 Fixed Asset Future Movements

<i>Remaining Additions in the financial year as included in the estimates and or Plant reserves:</i>	<i>Asset Cost</i>	<i>Incl in Estimates</i>	<i>Funds to come from Plant Reserves</i>
<i>Asset description</i>			
Mulching Head for Excavator	£0.00	£15,000.00	£0.00
Totals	£0.00	£15,000.00	£0.00

2:4

Recommendations:

- To approve the Forecast of Outturn Position to 31st March 2025.

3. Matters for Note

3:1 Forecast of Outturn

The Tranche 2 funding or any associated costs for the work included in the Tranche 2 claim have been excluded from the Forecast position. The submitted Tranche 2 bid was unsuccessful and whilst we are revisiting the bid, the Board are advised that the planned works within the Wiseton Catchment will continue as planned and the Officers recommend that any overspend over and above the existing Operations Drains Maintenance budget is met from the Pumping Station Renewal Reserve fund holding the Treated Effluent funds.

3:2 Payments over £500

A schedule of payments over £500 made by the Board since the last meeting is attached for approval at **Appendix 4**.

Recommendations:

- To approve the schedule of payments.

4 Financial Regulations and Delegated Authority

4:1 Due to the constraints within the current Financial Regulations regarding values of expenditure and purchase authorisations and in light of general price increases since the Regulations were previously adopted, the officers recommend the Board approve the temporary uplift in values of delegated authority to the following roles:

4:2 Authority for Procurement and Expenditure on Goods and Services:

Chief Executive £50,000

Senior Engineer / Engineer to the Board £50,000

Senior Management Team Officers (Ops, Finance and Corporate Services) £10,000

Operations Managers £10,000

Engineering Team officers: Civils Project Engineer, Resident Engineer, Project Support Lead £10,000

4:3 The current Financial Regulations are to be reviewed and brought back to the Board at the March 2025 meeting for approval.

Recommendations:

- To approve the schedule of delegated authorities.

Mrs N. Hind FCCA
Finance Manager

Appendix 1

The following annuity loans are outstanding with the Public Works Loan Board

<i>Loan Number</i>	<i>Scheme</i>	<i>Original Loan amount</i>	<i>Year of Loan</i>	<i>Term of Loan in Years</i>	<i>Interest Rate</i>	<i>Balance outstanding</i>
504464	Crowle	£350,000	2015	20	2.93%	£225,600.59
501506	Southfield	£250,000	2022	20	2.90%	£226,036.57
501507	Kelfield	£50,000	2022	20	2.90%	£45,207.32
501508	South Street	£241,000	2022	20	2.90%	£217,899.26
Total						£714,743.74

Appendix 2

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Variance to Estimates Report - For the 8 months to 30th November 2024

	Whole Yr Estimate	30.11.24 Variance	30.11.24 Estimate	30.11.24 Actual	Notes
INCOME					
Where the Income variance is negative this shows that the income received is less than estimated for					
The following income is not related to Engineering Schemes					
Agricultural drainage rates	648,792.00	(114.59)	648,792.00	648,677.41	
Special levies	1,190,826.00	0.00	1,190,826.00	1,190,826.00	
Rental, wayleaves & grazing income	7,125.00	(173.77)	4,373.00	4,199.23	Angler rent of £694 not billed for 24/25. Licence to access land £500
Income from PSCAs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Income from rechargeable works	0.00	981.82	0.00	981.82	Works done for other Boards
Income from recharge of disbursements	0.00	327.83	0.00	327.83	Income matched to expenditure
Flood Recovery Funds - Income to match to historic costs	0.00	189,730.31	0.00	189,730.31	Full amount of Tranche 1 Funds
Income from consenting	10,000.00	(272.20)	5,265.00	4,992.80	Surface Water £3,753.80. Consents £1,239
Contributions to PS expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Contributions to Drain Maintenance expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Contributions to other costs	29,471.00	542.29	19,319.00	19,861.29	
Deferred income, committed sums & contributions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Other income	0.00	(187.04)	0.00	(187.04)	Incl a return of Apprentice funds -£750;
Investment Interest	16,000.00	8,629.59	8,406.00	17,035.59	Higher interest rates than estimated for
TOTAL INCOME - not including absorption income	1,902,214.00	199,484.24	1,876,981.00	2,076,445.24	Positive Variance on Monetary Income
Absorption Income - offset to costs					
Own use of plant recharged (absorption) to Schemes	0.00	2,378.00	0.00	2,378.00	Use of own plant within schemes improves the General Surplus Cash Position of the Board. Agrees to Project report for Schemes
Own use of labour recharged (absorption) to Schemes	0.00	6,993.16	0.00	6,993.16	Use of own DLO labour & OFS manager labour within schemes improves the General Surplus Cash Position of the Board.
TOTAL INCOME - including absorption income in schemes	1,902,214.00	206,835.40	1,876,981.00	2,085,816.40	Positive Variance on Income - will increase General Cash Reserves.

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Variance to Estimates Report - For the 8 months to 30th November 2024

	Whole Yr Estimate	30.11.24 Variance	30.11.24 Estimate	30.11.24 Actual	Notes
EXPENDITURE					
Where the expenditure variance is negative this shows that the expenditure is more than estimated for					
MAINTENANCE & DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE					
Drain maintenance expenditure	68,863.00	28,618.36	39,603.00	10,984.04	{ Contractors underspent by £17,302 . Material underspent by £13,187 . Compensation over £1,960
Pumping station expenditure	505,076.00	(129,156.18)	201,460.00	330,616.18	
PSCA Recharge expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	{ Electric £66,286 overspent. Contractors/consult £51,290 , Stocks £2,126 & Insurances £11,252 overspent.
Recharge expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Consenting time expenditure	19,638.00	(335.21)	12,477.00	12,812.21	{
Disbursement Costs	0.00	(327.83)	0.00	327.83	
Cost of goods sold & stock variances	0.00	(361.83)	0.00	361.83	
					Stocktake variances
TOTAL MAINTENANCE & DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE	591,077.00	(101,562.09)	253,540.00	355,102.09	
SUPPORTIVE EXPENDITURE					
DLO costs	352,520.00	2,045.91	220,850.00	218,804.09	Overtime over by £1.3k ; Training under by £2.7k
Other direct expenses	21,116.00	693.99	13,511.00	12,817.01	Consumables over £261 , not rcvd Abstraction fee £550
Environment Agency precept	60,619.00	0.75	45,465.00	45,464.25	
Support & establishment costs	648,158.00	26,325.48	455,149.00	428,823.52	{ Consortium lower £30k LT £4.8k Plant/vehicle running £6.3k Depot Exp £1.5k Legal/Prof £3.7k
Finance costs	23,217.00	(1.41)	19,418.00	19,419.41	
Depreciation costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	{ Loan interest and bank charges
Bad debt costs	0.00	(694.00)	0.00	694.00	
Biodiversity & environmental costs	275.00	(106.68)	275.00	381.68	
					This is a non-monetary accounting adjustment. Scunthorpe Anglers rent w/o £694 GLNP £273.18; Environmental Officer consult £108.5
TOTAL SUPPORTIVE EXPENDITURE	1,105,905.00	28,264.04	754,668.00	726,403.96	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,696,982.00	(73,298.05)	1,008,208.00	1,081,506.05	
	205,232.00	135,537.35	868,773.00	1,004,310.35	
EXCEPTIONAL INCOME	0.00	26,622.37	0.00	26,622.37	This is a non-monetary accounting adjustment
INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	205,232.00	162,159.72	868,773.00	1,030,932.72	{

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Variance to Estimates Report

	Whole Yr Estimate	30.11.24 Variance	30.11.24 Estimate	30.11.24 Actual	
INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	205,232.00	162,159.72	868,773.00	1,030,932.72	
ADJUSTMENTS TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO ARRIVE AT THE ESTIMATES VALUES					
ADJUSTMENTS FOR NON MONETARY ITEMS					
Remove the effects of Depreciation costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	This is a non-monetary accounting adjustment
Remove the effects of Profit on Disposal - exception income	0.00	(26,622.37)	0.00	(26,622.37)	This is a non-monetary accounting adjustment
	205,232.00	135,537.35	868,773.00	1,004,310.35	
ADJUSTMENTS FOR BALANCE SHEET ENTRIES					
Adjustments for Reserves Movements					
Add the intended transfer to Plant Renewals Fund -trf'n reserves (rated for)	0.00	0.00		0.00	BS32
Additional Transfer of funds from Cash Reserves to meet Plant Renewals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Plant/Vehicle planned net expenditure not occurred in year - held over to Plant reserve	0.00	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	Budgets held in Plant Reserves BS32. Vehicle disposal not taken place
Funds transferred from plant reserve back to general reserves to meet expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	£0 funds remaining in Plant reserves - See Plant Note & BS31
	0.00	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	
Fixed Asset Adjustments					
Motor additions					
	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	BS51
Vehicle disposals					
new disposals list					
Ford Ranger PLN7843 YM16 PGE	0.00	(5,021.87)	0.00	(5,021.87)	Funds held in plant reserve £4k. Sold 22/05/24
	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	0.00	0.00	0.00		
	0.00	(5,021.87)	0.00	(5,021.87)	BS52
Plant additions					
New additions - list					
Komatsu Crawler Excavator PC210LC	160,000.00	(4,375.00)	160,000.00	155,625.00	15/07/2024
Mulching head for excavator	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Expected December time
8 Yard Skip with Drop Door	0.00	1,398.99	0.00	1,398.99	09/04/2024
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	175,000.00	(2,976.01)	160,000.00	157,023.99	BS41
Plant disposals					
new disposals list					
Excavator Volvo EC220 EU15 DGX Long reach	(30,000.00)	(5,000.00)	(30,000.00)	(35,000.00)	15/07/2024
		0.00	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	(30,000.00)	(5,000.00)	(30,000.00)	(35,000.00)	BS42
Loan Capital Adjustment					
PWLB Loan repayments - Existing	37,711.00	0.38	29,391.00	29,391.38	
PWLB Loan repayments - Future	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	37,711.00	0.38	29,391.00	29,391.38	BS23
Non I&E (Costs) & Income	182,711.00	(8,997.50)	159,391.00	150,393.50	
Variance at 30/11/2024	22,521.00	144,534.85	709,382.00	853,916.85	
Planned Board Funding towards schemes	(93,000.00)	0.00	(93,000.00)	(93,000.00)	
Surplus/(deficit) to be taken from General Reserves as at 30th November 2024	(70,479.00)	144,534.85	616,382.00	760,916.85	
Unplanned adjustments to Reserves during period:					
See Transfer of Budgets:					
Additional Funds Required for Engineering Schemes to be taken from Applied Reserves	0.00	(27,818.73)	0.00	(27,818.73)	
Engineering/Cps Scheme funds transferred back to General Reserves	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Surplus/(deficit) to be taken from General Reserves as at 30th November 2024	(70,479.00)	116,716.12	616,382.00	733,098.12	

Appendix 3

Isle of Axholme and North Nottinghamshire Balance Sheet Report

All Values are shown in Pound Sterling		Selected Period 8	ending 30/11/2024
		Current Year	Previous Year
FIXED ASSETS			
PLANT & EQUIPMENT	618077.24		474452.75
MOTOR VEHICLES	111586.97		111586.97
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		<u>729664.21</u>	<u>586039.72</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
BANK ACCOUNTS	2367978.74		1065182.73
STOCK	39412.13		44586.28
DEBTORS CONTROL ACCOUNT	4568.78		377522.67
RATES DEBTORS ACCOUNT	129071.56		27969.56
OTHER DEBTORS	2184.12		62.29
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>2542314.83</u>	<u>1465323.53</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
TRADE CREDITORS & SUPPLIER RETENTIONS	199639.41		276811.51
OTHER CREDITORS	411.88		4951.96
ACCRUALS			12035.66
VAT LIABILITY	(38374.08)		(56829.13)
PAYE CONTROLS	10539.32		9896.54
LOANS	8319.82		37711.20
DEFERRED INCOME & COMMUTED SUMS	3700.86		3700.86
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>184237.21</u>	<u>238276.60</u>
LONG TERM LIABILITIES			
LOANS DUE AFTER ONE YEAR	706423.92		706423.92
TOTAL LONG TERM LIABILITIES		<u>706423.92</u>	<u>706423.92</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>2381317.91</u>	<u>1106660.73</u>
RESERVE:			
EARMARKED			
PLANT RESERVES			(4000.00)
ENGINEERING PROJECTS RESERVE	908642.45		544099.26
TOTAL EARMARKED		<u>908642.45</u>	<u>540099.26</u>
CURRENT PERIOD SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	1274657.18		(522317.02)
P & L RESERVES	198018.28		1088878.49
TOTAL UN-EARMARKED		<u>1472675.46</u>	<u>586561.47</u>
NON-DISTRIBUTABLE			
TOTAL NON-DISTRIBUTABLE			
TOTAL RESERVES		<u>2381317.91</u>	<u>1106660.73</u>

Appendix 4

Schedule of Payments over £500 submitted to the Isle of Axholme and North Nottinghamshire Water Level Management Board on 28th January 2025

Trans Date	Account	Narrative	Payment Value £	Notes
29/10/2024	Stoneacre	PP/STON001	604.80	Ford Ranger service
07/11/2024	A P S Movements	PP/APSM001	600.00	
07/11/2024	Certas Energy (UK) Ltd	PP/CERT001	2,342.47	Panolin HLP
07/11/2024	Doncaster East Internal Drainage	PP/DEIB001	1,676.84	Shared employee expenses Sept 24
07/11/2024	TC Harrison JCB	PP/HARR001	1,685.82	
07/11/2024	Inter-Lec Ltd	PP/INTL001	22,949.08	Electrical inspection work at various pumping stations Consortium, consenting, engineering and disbursement
07/11/2024	Lindsey Marsh Drainage Board	PP/LMDB001	47,769.16	recharges Sept 24
07/11/2024	Net Wages	Wages Week 31	18,524.05	
08/11/2024	Total Energies	PP/TOTG001	968.02	Pumping station electricity
08/11/2024	Total Energies	PP/TOTG001	4,336.36	Pumping station electricity
08/11/2024	Total Energies	PP/TOTG001	2,361.21	Pumping station electricity
08/11/2024	Total Energies	PP/TOTG001	626.57	Pumping station electricity
08/11/2024	Total Energies	PP/TOTG001	3,023.66	Pumping station electricity
08/11/2024	Total Energies	PP/TOTG001	2,721.91	Pumping station electricity
08/11/2024	Total Energies	PP/TOTG001	851.33	Pumping station electricity
08/11/2024	Total Energies	PP/TOTG001	5,734.20	Pumping station electricity
08/11/2024	Total Energies	PP/TOTG001	721.26	Pumping station electricity
14/11/2024	P.A.Y.E.	PAYE Month 7	11,345.53	
14/11/2024	Pension Fund	NEST	2,478.33	
19/11/2024	SMS Energy Services Ltd	PP/SMSE001	1,350.00	Electricity meter contracts
20/11/2024	Woldmarsh Producers Ltd	PP/WOLD001	5,792.73	Fuel and materials
21/11/2024	Net Wages	Month 8	5,502.06	
22/11/2024	A P S Movements	PP/APSM001	900.00	
22/11/2024	Chemsafe (Yorks) Ltd	PP/CHEM001	504.00	
22/11/2024	Discount Tyre Services	PP/DISC001	530.40	
22/11/2024	Russells (Kirbymoorside) Ltd	PP/LINM001	1,370.01	New Holland tractor repairs
22/11/2024	H Mell & Son Services Ltd	PP/MELL001	1,957.67	Repairs to Godwin pump
22/11/2024	Schneider Electric Systems UK Ltd	PP/SCHN001	3,751.89	Telemetry support Jan-Mar 25
22/11/2024	Services Machinery Trucks	PP/SERV001	9,223.85	Repairs to Volvo excavator
29/11/2024	Discount Tyre Services	PP/DISC001	510.00	
29/11/2024	Goole Times	PP/GOOL001	604.80	
29/11/2024	North Lincs Engineering Ltd	PP/NLEN001	34,164.49	Removal and repairs to pumps
05/12/2024	Net Wages	Wages Week 35	14,617.91	
10/12/2024	Doncaster East Internal Drainage	PP/DEIB001	1,676.84	Shared employee expenses Oct 24
10/12/2024	TC Harrison JCB	PP/HARR001	601.58	
				Consortium, consenting and engineering recharges Oct
10/12/2024	Lindsey Marsh Drainage Board	PP/LMDB001	39,029.29	24
12/12/2024	P.A.Y.E.	PAYE Month 8	16,607.63	
12/12/2024		SP/DEPT001	1,500.00	Return of apprentice payment
16/12/2024	A P S Movements	PP/APSM001	600.00	
16/12/2024	H E Brinkley Ltd	PP/BRIN001	2,835.00	Office rental
16/12/2024	Chandlers Farm Equipment	PP/CHAN001	4,338.65	Quarterly contracts and various repairs to plant
16/12/2024	Doncaster East Internal Drainage	PP/DEIB001	1,676.84	Shared employee expenses Nov 24
16/12/2024		PP/ELLI002	1,564.16	Compensation
16/12/2024	Komatsu	PP/KOMA001	844.44	

				Consortium, consenting, engineering and disbursement
16/12/2024	Lindsey Marsh Drainage Board	PP/LMDS001	49,966.94	recharges Nov 24
16/12/2024	Mediright Limited	PP/MEDI001	569.25	
16/12/2024	SLD Pumps & Power	PP/SLDP001	619.90	
16/12/2024	Northern Powergrid	PP/NORT002	6,591.85	
19/12/2024	Net Wages	Salaries Month 9	5,531.42	
27/12/2024	Agreserves Ltd	PP/AGRE001	4,304.08	Compensation
27/12/2024	Inter-Lec Ltd	PP/INTL001	6,600.00	Electrical repairs at Rushcarr pumping station
27/12/2024	H Mell & Son Services Ltd	PP/MELL001	1,856.57	Repairs to JCB excavator
02/01/2025	Net Wages	Week 39	13,357.12	
08/01/2025	Northern Powergrid	PP/NORT002	1,008.00	Connection expenses at Heckdyke pumping station
09/01/2025	Chronicle Publications Ltd	PP/CHRO001	1,693.44	Public notice in newspaper
09/01/2025	Environment Agency - Precept	PP/ENVA001	15,154.75	Flood & coastal erosion risk management levy 2024/25
Total			390,628.16	

For data protection purposes some information may be excluded from this report, for example where payments have been made to individuals.

- To set a drainage rate of 22.71p/£, an increase of 14%.
- To approve an increase of 14% in the special levies for 2025/26 district councils.
- To approve the special levies as set out below.
 - North Lincolnshire Council £1,090,207
 - East Riding of Yorkshire £15,879
 - Doncaster Council £2,327
 - Bassetlaw DC £253,265

Mrs Nicola Hind FCCA
Finance Manager

ISLE OF AXHOLME AND NORTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE WATER LEVEL MANAGEMENT BOARD Meeting: Board Meeting Date: 28th January 2025	File Ref:	Agenda Item: 15
	Subject: 2025/2026 ESTIMATES	

1. Estimate Position – 5-year plan Expenditure - Schemes

1:1 Board funding to Schemes – direct from Rating Income

		Estimates 2025/26	Estimates 2026/27	Estimates 2027/28	Estimates 2028/29	Estimates 2029/30
		£	£	£	£	£
Board Contribution to Schemes		173,000	152,000	153,000	158,000	158,000
Annual Budgets:						
• Drainage Investigations		5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
• Emergency Pumping Station funds		50,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
• Asset renewals & refurbishment funds		30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
• Barn Owl funds		1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
• Mink Control Funds		2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Scheme Annual Budgets		88,000	78,000	78,000	78,000	78,000
Scheme Contributions from Rating:						
• Bewcarrs Pump refurb		50,000				
• SouthStreet Pump refurb		35,000				
• Gringley Scaftworth PS			24,000			
• Derrythorpe PS refurb				10,000	20,000	
• Godnow Pump refurb					25,000	
• Rushcarr Pump refurb					25,000	
• Cow Lane PS refurb					30,000	50,000
• Kelfield Pump refurb						50,000
• PS Renewal reserve			50,000	65,000		
Specific Scheme Funding:		85,000	74,000	75,000	100,000	100,000
Total Board funding to schemes from Rating		173,000	152,000	153,000	178,000	178,000

1:2 Board funding to Schemes – taken from Pumping Station Reserve Account

	1	Estimates 2025/26	Estimates 2026/27	Estimates 2027/28	Estimates 2028/29	Estimates 2029/30
	2	£	£	£	£	£
Balance of PS Reserve account expected at 1st April	3	60,000	0	50,000	115,000	55,000
<i>Additions to PS Reserve from Rating Income (line 20 above)</i>	4	0	50,000	65,000	0	0
<i>Use of the PS reserve Account for Schemes to lessen burden on the Rate</i>	5					
• <i>Mother Drain Culvert Misterton AX22403</i>	6	-60,000	0	0	0	0
• <i>Occupation Drain AX20504</i>	7	0	0	0	-60,000	0
• <i>Cow Lane PS refurb</i>	8	0	0	0	0	-30,000
Balance of reserve at end of year	9	0	50,000	115,000	55,000	25,000

1:3 Board funding to Schemes – new loans to be taken

	1	Estimates 2025/26	Estimates 2026/27	Estimates 2027/28	Estimates 2028/29	Estimates 2029/30
	2	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Capital Loan taken in year:</i>	3					
• <i>Wiseton</i>	4	290,000				
• <i>Heckdyke</i>	5	427,000				
• <i>Trentside</i>	6			52,000		
• <i>Occupation Drain</i>	7				130,000	
• <i>Gringley</i>	8					500,000
• <i>Derrythorpe PS refurb</i>	9					160,000
New Loan Debt taken in year:	10	717,000	0	52,000	130,000	660,000
<i>Existing Loan repayments (capital & Interest) to be met from Rating</i>	11	59,089	59,089	59,088	59,088	59,089
<i>New Loan repayments (capital & Interest) to be met from Rating</i>	12	41,026	58,423	60,921	63,420	74,012
Total Loan repayments to be met from Rating Income	13	100,115	117,512	120,009	122,508	133,101
<i>Prior years rating Income - assuming increase as per line 40 a Point 6</i>	14	1,839,618	2,008,310	2,188,698	2,385,736	2,600,350
<i>New loan repayments as a % of the rating income</i>	15	2.23%	2.91%	2.78%	2.66%	2.85%
<i>Total loan repayments as a % of the rating income</i>	16	5.44%	5.85%	5.48%	5.14%	5.12%

2. Estimate Position – 5-year plan Expenditure – Plant replacement

2:1 Board contribution to Plant renewals (Plan at Point 6 - Line 5)

	1	Estimates 2025/26	Estimates 2026/27	Estimates 2027/28	Estimates 2028/29	Estimates 2029/30
	2	£	£	£	£	£
New asset required & Old asset disposed of:	3	Front loader tractor (replace PLN7843 NH tractor)	Wheeled excavator (replace PLN7852 EU68 AUC)	Tracked excavator (replace PLN7856 EF19 RAX)	Spearhead (replace PLN7850 VX67 DLN & flail PLN7859)	Tractor (replace PLN7866 & PLN7867 FX72ANV)
Cost of new asset less disposal of old asset – funds to be met by Board from Rating Income	4	70,000	190,000	210,000	262,500	99,950
New asset required & Old asset disposed of:	5	New weedbasket (replace PLN7834 weedbasket)	New weedbasket (replace PLN7832 weedbasket)	New weedbasket (replace PLN7833 weedbasket)	New weedbasket (replace PLN7841 weedbasket)	Flail replace
Cost of new asset less disposal of old asset – funds to be met by Board from Rating Income	6	10,500	10,500	10,500	10,500	37,500
New asset required & Old asset disposed of:	7	4x4 (replace YP69 XZN)		Tree shears – (replace PLN7828)	Bailey Dump Trailer (replace PLN7825)	Mowing Bucket (replace PLN7854)
Cost of new asset less disposal of old asset – funds to be met by Board from Rating Income	8	26,000		15,000	14,000	12,850
New asset required & Old asset disposed of:	9	4x4 (replace FT70 CVU)			Bunded Bowser (replace PLN7851)	Bunded Bowser (replace PLN7818)
Cost of new asset less disposal of old asset – funds to be met by Board from Rating Income	10	24,000			7,000	7,500
New asset required & Old asset disposed of:	11					6" Mobile Pump (replace PLN7864)
Cost of new asset less disposal of old asset – funds to be met by Board from Rating Income	12					24,000
New asset required & Old asset disposed of:	13	4x4 (replace FT70 CVV)			Van (replace PLN7870 FV23UUD)	Van (replace PLN7872 FV23WCU)
Cost of new asset less disposal of old asset – funds to be met by Board from Rating Income	14	24,000			13,000	13,000
New asset required & Old asset disposed of:	15				Van (replace PLN7871 FV23WCR)	Van (replace PLN7874 FV73NNM)
Cost of new asset less disposal of old asset – funds to be met by Board from Rating Income	16				13,000	13,000
Net costs to be met by the Board from Rating income	17	154,500	200,500	235,500	320,000	207,800

3. Estimate Position – 5-year plan Expenditure – Activity Costs

3:1 Activity costs - Pumping Stations annual costs (Plan at Point 6 - Line 10)

	1	Estimates 2025/26	Notes
	2	£	
Activity Expenditure:	3		
Pumping Station Costs	4	569,470	24/25 Estimates £505,076
• Contractors/suppliers	5	28,278	
• Specific PS expenses	6	27,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cow Lane PS - £20k replace fencing Althorpe PS - £1.5k track repairs Trentside PS - £6k replace fencing/gates
• Consultants incl engineers	7	14,151	
• Electricity incl meter chgs	8	439,752	Meter charges £8,485. Electric units £256,022 Electric Standing Charges £175,245, total £431,267. (Actuals Electric 23/24 £485,522). All PS electric now with ESPO until 2028
• Insurances	9	38,932	
• Ins Inspections	10	2,357	
• Rates	11	100	
• Telemetry	12	12,520	
• Stocks	13	5,880	

3:2 Activity costs – Drains Maintenance annual costs (Plan at Point 6 - Line 11)

	1	Estimates 2025/26	Estimates 2026/27	Estimates 2027/28	Estimates 2028/29	Estimates 2029/30
	2	£	£	£	£	£
Activity Expenditure:	3					
Drains Maintenance External Costs – rated for	4	82,104	0	0	0	0
• Stocks / Materials	5	34,377				
• Contractors	6	25,593				
• Consultants incl engineers	7	3,172				
• Compensation	8	16,512				
• Travel & other costs	9	2,450				
Note Only – Absorbed Costs	10					
• DLO labour	11	134,848				
• Plant use	12	191,627				
Activity – External costs only:	13					
• Flailing	14	191	196	201	206	211
• Weedcutting	15	9,368	9,602	9,842	10,088	10,340
• Emergency Drain	16	12,782	13,102	13,430	13,766	14,110
• Other incl reforming	17	59,763	61,257	62,788	64,358	65,967
Total External	18	82,104	84,157	86,261	88,418	90,628

3:3 Activity costs – Consenting, PSCA Costs & Other Recharge Works Costs (Plan at Point 6 - Line 12 -15)

	1	Estimates 2025/26	Notes
	2	£	
Activity Expenditure:	3		
External Costs – rated for	4	13,735	24/25 Estimate £19,638
• PSCA Works costs	5	0	No PSCA agreement in place
• Recharge Works costs	6	0	No known Recharge works in place
• Disbursement costs	7	0	
• Consenting costs	8	13,735	LM costs relating to Consenting works

4. Estimate Position – 5-year plan Expenditure – Supportive Costs

4:1 Supportive Costs – DLO costs (Plan at Point 6 - Line 18)

	1	Estimates 2025/26	Notes
	2	£	
Supportive Expenditure:	3		
External Costs – rated for	4	370,700	24/25 Estimates £340,853
• DLO salaries	5	264,544	24/25 Estimate £249,104. Provision for 1 foreman & 6 operatives. Inc £500 + 5.1% increase allowance
• DLO overtime & event payments	6	46,155	24/25 Estimate £42,752
• National Insurance costs	7	41,356	24/25 Estimates £31,486. 1.2% increase to 15% plus reduction in threshold from £9,100 to £5,000
• Pension costs	8	18,645	24/25 Estimate £17,511. NEST pension 6% ERs contribution

4:2 Supportive Costs – DLO Other costs (Plant at Point 6 - Line 19)

	1	Estimates 2025/26	Notes
	2	£	
Supportive Expenditure:	3		
External Costs – rated for	4	8,160	24/25 Estimates £11,637
• DLO Training	5	4,000	24/25 Estimate £9,522
• DLO PPE	6	2,660	24/25 Estimate £1,500. Incl renewal of lifejackets
• DLO Medicals	7	1,500	24/25 Estimates £645

4:3 Supportive Costs – Plant / Vehicle Running costs (Plant at Point 6 - Line 20)

	1	Estimates 2025/26	Notes
	2	£	
Supportive Expenditure:	3		
External Costs – rated for	4	147,750	24/25 Estimates £152,160
• Motor vehicle fuel	5	25,200	24/25 Estimate £25,000
• Motor repairs & servicing	6	7,000	24/25 Estimate £10,000
• Motor RFL	7	2,800	24/25 Estimate £3,150 (8 vehicles)
• Motor insurances	8	6,135	24/25 Estimates £7,270
Motor Vehicle Costs	9	41,135	
• Plant fuel	10	41,050	24/25 Estimate £52,200
• Plant repairs & servicing	11	48,000	24/25 Estimate £40,000
• Plant RFL	12	1,110	24/25 Estimate £990 (6 plant)
• Plant insurances	13	16,455	24/25 Estimate £13,550
Plant Costs	14	106,615	

4:4 Supportive Costs – Establishment (Plan at Point 6 - Line 21)

	1	Estimates 2025/26	Notes
	2	£	
Supportive Expenditure:	3		
External Costs – rated for	4	419,431	24/25 Estimates £391,615
• Consortium costs	5	264,305	24/25 Estimate £257,222. Axholme 16.5% of LM head office staff costs not recharged to schemes with existing budgets.
• Other Staff costs incl insurances, travel, training PPE	6	11,886	24/25 Estimate £10,050

• Office costs incl rent, rates, insurances, repairs, fire, etc	7	19,495	24/25 Estimate £20,975
• Depot costs incl rates, insurances, repairs, fire, etc	8	11,990	24/25 Estimate £11,650
• Administration costs incl phones, post, advertising, shows & promotions	9	9,687	24/25 Estimate £9,772.
• IT costs	10	23,239	24/25 Estimate £20,606. Upgrade in DRS system annual costs
• Professional fees	11	25,714	24/25 Estimates £9,900. Includes £13k for employment advice & £5k for H&S Consultancy costs to be disbursed from head office
• Small tools	12	1,500	24/25 Estimate £3,050. Items less than £500
• Equipment Hire	13	560	24/25 Estimate £560
• Non-motorised Plant Repairs	14	27,000	24/25 Estimate £25k. Repairs to pumps, trailers, weedbaskets etc
• Subscriptions incl ADA	15	5,560	24/25 Estimate £4,945 including conference fees
• Non-Scheme Environmental costs	16	300	24/25 Estimate £275. The Board also contribute to schemes re Barn Owls & Mink
• Liability Insurances including PI	17	12,200	24/25 Estimate £10,500
• Board costs including meetings, allowances etc	18	5,995	24/25 Estimate £7,110

4:5 Supportive Costs – Staff costs (Plan at Point 6 - Line 22)

	1	Estimates 2025/26	Notes
	2	£	
Supportive Expenditure:	3		
External Costs – rated for	4	113,517	24/25 Estimates £104,658
• Salaries	5	94,353	24/25 Estimate £88,797. Provision for 1 Ops manager & 1 Rating Officer. Inc £500 + 5.1% increase allowance. To offset these costs Ops Manager salary & Oncosts are recovered from DEIDB at a rate of 42% - Income £29,735 (24/25 £27,521)
• Travelling	6	100	24/25 Estimate £75
• National Insurance costs	7	13,403	24/25 Estimates £10,458. 1.2% increase to 15% plus reduction in threshold from £9,100 to £5,000
• Pension costs	8	5,661	24/25 Estimate £5,328. Pension 6% ERs contribution

4:6 Supportive Costs – Bank & Finance costs (Plan at Point 6 - Line 23)

	1	Estimates 2025/26	Notes
	2	£	
Supportive Expenditure:	3		
External Costs – rated for	4	2,110	24/25 Estimates £1,840
• Bank charges	5	1,200	24/25 Estimate £1,225
• Credit charges	6	110	24/25 Estimate £50
• Card machine charges	7	800	24/25 Estimate £565

4:7 Supportive Costs – Other Costs (Plan at Point 6 - Line 25)

	1	Estimates 2025/26	Notes
	2	£	
Supportive Expenditure:	3		
External Costs – rated for	4	24,755	24/25 Estimate £21,116
• Sub-contract. Shared employee costs	5	20,705	24/25 Estimate £18,166. DEIDB shared employee costs 45% Pump Assistant
• Consumables	6	2,500	24/25 Estimate £1,000
• Buyers Fees	7	1,000	24/25 Estimate £1,400
• Abstraction licences	8	550	24/25 Estimate £550

5. Estimate Position – 5-year plan Income – Non-Rating Income

5:1 Non-Rating Income – Other Income (Line 30)

	1	Estimates 2025/26	Notes
	2	£	
Non-Rating Income:	3		
Other Income	4	30,305	24/25 Estimate £23,125
• Wayleaves	5	155	24/25 Estimate £131
• Grazing	6	6,350	24/25 Estimate £6,300
• Rentals	7	0	24/25 Estimate £694 Fishing Rights no longer receivable
• Investment Income	8	23,800	24/25 Estimate £16,000

5:2 Non-Rating Income – Recharge Income (Line 32)

	1	Estimates 2025/26	Notes
	2	£	
Non-Rating Income:	3		
Recharge Income	4	31,802	24/25 Estimate £29,471
• Standby income	5	2,067	24/25 Estimate £1,950. Recharged to DEIDB
• Salary recharge	6	29,735	24/25 Estimate £27,521. Ops manager costs recharged to DEIDB at a rate of 42%

5:3 Non-Rating Income – Consenting Income (Line 34)

	1	Estimates 2025/26	Notes
	2	£	
Non-Rating Income:	3		
Consenting Income	4	7,000	24/25 Estimate £10,000
• Application fees	5	2,000	24/25 Estimate £2,000
• Surface water fees	6	5,000	24/25 Estimate £8,000. The timing of surface water fee income is not certain & is very much determined if the planning goes ahead, it is therefore prudent to not include large income sums and these will be recognised in the year of receipt and added to the reserves.

6. Draft 5-year plan for consideration – 14% Increase

	1	Estimates 2025/26	Estimates 2026/27	Estimates 2027/28	Estimates 2028/29	Estimates 2029/30
	2	£	£	£	£	£
Board Contribution to Schemes – see 3.1 below	3	173,000	152,000	153,000	158,000	158,000
Balance Sheet expenditure:	4					
• Plant renewals	5	154,500	200,500	235,500	320,000	207,800
• Plant reserve funds	6	0	0	0	0	0
• Loan Capital Repayment	7	53,429	61,659	65,166	68,860	75,307
B/S Expenditure Total	8	207,929	262,159	300,666	388,860	283,107
Activity Expenditure:	9					
• Pumping Station	10	569,470	585,864	602,733	620,090	637,947
• Drains Maintenance	11	82,104	84,157	86,261	88,418	90,628
• PSCA costs	12	0	0	0	0	0
• Recharge costs	13	0	0	0	0	0
• Disbursement costs	14	0	0	0	0	0
• Consenting Costs	15	13,735	14,078	14,430	14,791	15,161
Activity Expenditure Total	16	665,309	684,099	703,424	723,299	743,736
Supportive Expenditure:	17					
• DLO Wages	18	370,700	379,968	389,468	399,204	409,184
• DLO costs inc training	19	8,160	8,365	8,574	8,788	9,008
• Plant/Vehicle running	20	147,750	151,443	155,229	159,110	163,086
• Establishment costs	21	419,431	441,519	473,008	490,520	503,371
• Staff costs	22	113,517	116,356	119,265	122,247	125,304
• Finance costs	23	2,110	2,163	2,218	2,274	2,331
• Loan Interest costs	24	46,686	55,853	54,843	53,648	57,794
• Other costs	25	24,755	25,361	25,982	26,618	27,269
• EA Precept	26	60,619	60,619	60,619	60,619	60,619
Support Expenditure Total	27	1,193,728	1,241,647	1,289,206	1,323,028	1,357,966
Total expenditure	28	2,239,966	2,339,905	2,446,296	2,593,187	2,542,809
Income:	29					
• Other Income	30	-30,305	-30,900	-31,510	-32,135	-32,776
• PSCA income	31	0	0	0	0	0
• Recharge income	32	-31,802	-32,545	-33,307	-34,088	-34,889
• Disbursement income	33	0	0	0	0	0
• Consenting income	34	-7,000	-7,175	-7,354	-7,538	-7,727
• DLO & Plant absorption	35	0	0	0	0	0
Income Total	36	-69,107	-70,620	-72,171	-73,761	-75,392
Expenditure less Income – to be funded from rates/levy	37	2,170,859	2,269,285	2,374,125	2,519,426	2,467,417
Rates & Levy income:	38					
Using a rate of:	39	22.71p	25.89p	26.54p	27.2p	27.74p
An increase on prior year of:	40	14%	14%	2.5%	2.5%	2.0%
• Agricultural Rates	41	-739,476	-843,022	-864,187	-885,678	-903,261
• Special Levy	42	-1,361,678	-1,552,349	-1,591,323	-1,630,896	-1,663,274
Total Rates & Levy	43	-2,101,154	-2,395,371	-2,455,510	-2,516,574	-2,566,535
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	44	-69,705	126,086	81,385	-2,852	99,118

Surplus Cash Reserve:	45					
Total Cash reserves at 1 st of April 2024	46	720,390.91				
Expected Deficit position for the year to 31 st March 2025	47	-70,479.00				
Forecasted difference to Surplus / (deficit) position at 31 st March 2025	48	-37,617.00				
Forecasted Total Cash Reserve at 1 st April 2025	49	612,294.91				
Reserved Funds:	50					
• <i>Plant Reserve</i>	51	-0.00				
• <i>Other Reserves</i>	52	-0.00				
Forecasted Surplus Cash Position at 1st April	53	612,294.91	542,589.91	668,675.91	750,060.91	747,208.91
Surplus or (Deficit) as per above	54	-69,705.00	126,086.00	81,385.00	-2,852.00	99,118.00
Forecasted Surplus Cash Position at end of estimate year	55	542,589.91	668,675.91	750,060.91	747,208.91	846,326.91
Forecasted Surplus Cash Position as a % of Net Expenditure (line 37)	56	24.99%	29.47%	31.59%	29.66%	34.30%

6:2 The above 5-year plan demonstrates that even with the planned 14% increase in the rate for the financial years 2025/26 and 2026/27, the Board would achieve a surplus cash reserve of less than the Board's 30% policy, although in the years 2027/28 it is envisaged that a rise of 2.5% can achieve a cash reserve in the region of the 30% required amount.

7. The Effects of the Proposed Rate Increases

	1	Annual Land Value differences from 24/25 to 25/26	Annual Land Value In 2025/26	24/25 Rate & Special Levy Payable	Estimates 2025/26 14% increase
	2	£	£	£	£
Agricultural Landowners:	3				
North Lincs District	4	355	2,103,065	418,860	477,606
East Riding of Yorkshire District	5	0	323,266	64,395	73,414
Doncaster DC	6	0	3,178	633	722
Bassetlaw DC	7	-1,171	826,126	164,798	187,613
Newark & Sherwood DC	8	0	533	106	121
Total	9	-1,178	3,256,168	648,792	739,476
Special Levy Councils:	10				
North Lincs District	11	1,722	4,800,560	955,929	1,090,207
East Riding of Yorkshire District	12	0	69,919	13,928	15,879
Doncaster DC	13	2	10,248	2,041	2,327
Bassetlaw DC	14	16,180	1,115,215	218,928	253,265
Newark & Sherwood DC	15	0	0	0	0
Total	16	17,904	5,995,942	1,190,826	1,361,678
<i>Board Total Annual Value</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>16,726</i>	<i>9,252,110</i>		
Board Rating Income	18			1,839,618	2,101,154
	19				
Special Levy Council / District	20	North Lincs	ERY	Doncaster	Bassetlaw
Increase on 24/25 SL 14%	21	134,278	1,951	286	34,337

8. Recommendation of a 14% Increase in the Rate

8:1 Due to the level of the Board's reserves and the increasing costs of electric and emergency pump repairs facing the Board, it is recommended that the Board increase the rate by 14% in the 2025/26 Financial Year.

8:2 A 14% increase in the rate for 2025/26 would result in the following:

- The rate would increase from 19.92p to 22.71p
- An increase of 2.79 pence
- This would result in additional income to the Board (after land adjustments) of £261,536
- The surplus cash reserve at the end of the 2025/26 financial year is estimated to be £542,590 which equates to 24.99% of the net operating costs for that financial year.
- To achieve a 30% reserve in line with the Board's policy would require a rate rise of 20%.
- To return funds to the Reserves and for the Board to achieve a close to 30% reserve in the 2026/27 Financial Year it is envisaged that a further 14% rate rise will be required.

Recommendations:

- To approve the above Estimates of Income and Expenditure for 2025/26 and the five-year plan (Point 6).