



## 1. Governance

### 1.1 Declaration of Interest

Board Members are advised to declare a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest on any item in the Agenda.

### 1.2 Apologies for Absence

### 1.3 Public Forum

### 1.4 Minutes of the meeting held on 5 November 2025

Member	10.01. 2024	22.05. 2024	6.11. 2024	8.1. 2025	21.5. 2025	5.11. 2025
Mr R Borrill – Chair	√	√	√	√	√	√
Mr B Jackson – Vice Chair	√	√	√	√	A	√
Mr J Akrill JA	√	√	√	√	√	√
Mr J Anyan JAn	√	√	√	√	√	√
Mr J Barton JB	√	-	-	A	√	√
Mr K Bates KB	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mr S Buckley SBk	-	Resigned				
Mr S Bunney SB	√	√	√	√	√	A
Mr C Chappell CC			New √	√	√	√
Mr C Day CD	A	√	A	A	A	√
Mr R Douglas RD	-	√	A	-	-	A
Mr I Dowson ID	A	A	√	A	√	A
Mr J Evison JE	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mr T Foster TF		New √	A	√	√	A
Mr D Garritt DG		New √	-	-	-	-
Mr A Godfrey AG	A	√	A	√	√	√
Mr R Herring RH	√	√	A	√	A	√
Mr R Holloway Rho	√	-	-	-		√
Mrs J Jackson JJ	A	√	A	√	A	√
Mr J James JJa	A		√	√	√	√
Mrs H Rowson HR	√	√	√	√	√	√
Mr C Sherwood CS	√	√	√	√	√	√
Mr N Sherwood NS	A	√	√	√	√	√
Mr M Storey MS	√	A	A	√	√	-
Mr W Strawson WS	√	√	√	√	A	√
Mr T Sutton-Nelthorpe TSN	√	A	√	√	√	√
Mr H Williams HW	√	√	A	√	√	A



**In attendance on behalf of JBA Consulting**

<b>Officer:</b>	Mr C Benson	Clerk
	Mr P Jones	Engineer
	Mr D Blake	Finance Officer
	Miss J Parker	Rating Officer

**In attendance on behalf of Environment Agency**

Ms A Jackson

**Declaration of Interest**

**2025.65** None.

**Apologies for Absence**

**2025.66** Apologies were received from Mr. S. Bunney, Mr. R Douglas, Mr. I Dowson Mr T Foster and Mr H Williams.

**Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 May 2025**

**2025.67** Minutes approved as true record by HR and seconded AG.

**Matters arising not discussed elsewhere on Agenda**

**2025.68** None.

**Complaints/FOI/EIR Requests**

**2025.69** None.

**CLERK REPORT**

Clerk advised the report was for note with the following added.

**2025.70** Annual Report – Information noted.

**2025.71** Legislation -- Information noted with Clerk adding that DEFRA had released their new FCERM funding policy advising that schemes up to £3 million would be 100% funded with those above now 90% funded. However, further information was still awaited regarding the criteria for qualification. Eng also advised that the 2012 rule was also being abolished. Discussions took place.

**2025.72** Environment Agency – AJ advised she had no additional information on the FCERM funding, and this was still awaited but she was supportive of the changes. With regards to Permits she stated there should be no further delays and confirmed if anyone wanted any advice regarding applications to get in touch.

**2025.73** Middle River Ancholme Catchment Management Project – AJ advised that the project was now in contract for a year and that IDB modelling data was being incorporated within the EA model to understand the flood risk in the area. Outcomes were expected by March 2026 with further progress dependent on future funding.

**2025.74** River Ancholme Levels – AJ stated that discussions had been held over the summer referring again to the navigation issue but noting that other complications had been identified. These included the Water Framework Directive whereby if levels were dropped this would have an impact on the classification and if dropped below the standard level this would trigger an investigation with concerns that this would deteriorate the condition of the Ancholme. Still looking at the possibility but highly unlikely that levels could be lowered for long periods of time.

**2025.75** ADA – Information noted. Clerk referred to additional information issued to Members stating that ADA were now requesting that Members confirm if, and how, they still wished to receive the ADA Gazette and that they were happy for ADA to share the personal data held. Discussions took place with the conclusion that should Members object to ADA holding and possibly sharing their data that they email the Clerk who would collate all responses to send to ADA.

**2025.76** Ancholme IDB and Scunthorpe & Gainsborough WMB – Clerk gave presentation on what the Group had discussed to date, confirming that another meeting was to be held in the new year after which a proposal would be brought to the Board for consideration at the May meeting. Discussions



took place with NS advising that the Government devolution plan would affect the four Councils operating in the area with one Unitary Authority possibly in place by May 2027. Chair thanked the Clerk for putting the information together.

## **FINANCE REPORT**

- 2025.77** Rating Report – FO advised the revised balance following receipt of the final Special Levy instalment.
- 2025.78** Audit – Information noted.
- 2025.79** Audit Review Meeting – Information noted with BJ in agreement to attend on behalf of the Board.
- 2025.80** Budget Comparison for the Year Ending 31 March 2026 – FO took Members through the information in the additional supplement distributed. He concluded that the Board were where expected to be at this time and were on course for a small surplus for the year dependent upon upcoming weather conditions. A report was given on Electricity KWH and the efforts being made to reduce consumption and therefore costs.
- 2025.81** Schedule of Payments – Discussions took place with **approval proposed by AG and seconded by CS.**
- 2025.82** Chair commented that it was pleasing to note all the savings being made by the Employees.

## **ENGINEER REPORT**

Eng confirmed the report was for information with the following added.

- 2025.83** Asset Management – Eng gave Members an update on the proposed new system advising that a full report with costs would follow in due course.
- 2025.84** Telemetry – Information noted. AG queried why the network was only being upgraded to 4G and not 5G. Eng advised he would query with the contractor.
- 2025.85** New IDB Fund Storm Recovery and Asset Improvement – Eng confirmed the works already undertaken then advised of an additional £1,790,683 funding received following the Boards meeting in May. He confirmed this was for a High Level Gravity Outfall at South Kelsey with the works already having received an EA Exemption. He then advised that two mobile pumps and all the necessary equipment were being purchased with delivery of the first due on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

## **HEALTH, SAFETY & WELLBEING**

- 2025.86** Information noted.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISER REPORT**

- 2025.87** Information noted.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

- 2025.88** 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Chair closed the meeting and thanked all for attending.

## **1.5 Matters arising there from not elsewhere on Agenda**

## **1.6 Complaints/FOI/EIR requests**

No complaints or FOI requests have been received since the last meeting.