

# 1. Governance

## Recommendation:

- Note the information contained in this report

## 1.1 Apologies for Absence

## 1.2 Declaration of Interest

In accordance with the Members Code of Conduct, Part 2 Members Interests, Members must remove themselves from the discussion or determination of matters in which they have a financial interest.

In matters where Members have a non-financial interest, they should not participate in the discussion or determination of a matter where the interest might suggest a danger of bias.

## 1.3 Public Forum

## 1.4 Minutes of the Meeting held 10 November 2025

MEMBER	6.11. 2023	5.2. 2024	3.6. 2024	11.11. 2024	3.2. 2025	2.6. 2025	10.11. 2025
David Barratt DB	A	A	√	Resigned			
Adrian Black AB	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Chris Black CB	√	√	√	√	√	A	√
Karen Carless KC							New √
John Davison JD				New √	√	A	√
Tony Ellerby TE	√	√	A	A	√	√	√
Ian Fleetwood IF	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
David Forington DF	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Will Forington WF	New √	√	A	√	√	√	√
Trevor Foster TF	√	A	-	√	√	√	√
Samuel Godfrey SG	√	-	√	√	√	√	√
Benjamin Jackson BJ	√	A	√	A	√	√	√
Robert Kissaglis RK	√	A	-	√	√	A	A
Janet Longcake JL	√	-	√	√	√	-	√
Phil Marris PMA					New √	√	A
Paul Metherringham PM	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Lesley Rollings LR	√	√	-	√	√	A	-
Ralph Ogg - <b>Vice Chair</b>	√	√	√	A	A	-	A
Neil Poole - <b>Chair</b>	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Helen Rowson HR	A	√	√	-	√	A	√
George Strawson GS	New √	√	√	√	A	A	√

### In attendance on behalf of JBA Consulting, Clerk, Engineer and Environmental Officer:

Craig Benson (Clerk)	Clerk
Paul Jones (Engineer)	Eng
David Blake (Finance Officer)	FO
Janette Parker (Rating Officer)	RTO

Chair advised that Mr G. Williams had sadly passed away at the weekend following a short illness. Members observed a minute silence in respect.



### **Apologies for Absence**

**2025.62** Apologies were received from Mr. R. Ogg, Mr. R. Kissaglis and Mr. P. Marris.

### **Declarations of Interest**

**2025.63** DF and WF declared an interest in Ravensfleet.

### **Membership**

**2025.64** Chair welcomed Karen Carless as a new Member to the Board.

### **Minutes of the Meeting held 2 June 2025**

**2025.65** All Members agreed that they were a true and accurate record.

### **Matters Arising**

**2025.66** None.

### **Complaints/FOI Requests**

**2025.67** None received.

### **CLERKS REPORT**

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

**2025.68** Annual Report – Information noted.

**2025.69** 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.

**2025.70** Humber Flood Risk Management Strategy – Information noted with Chair adding he would be attending a strategy meeting on Wednesday in Hull.

**2025.71** ADA – Flood & Water Conference 2025 - Clerk advised the Eng would be attending on behalf of the Board and would give a brief report at the next meeting.

**2025.72** ADA - Trent Branch AGM – Information noted with Clerk adding that there was an EA and Trent Branch Liaison Meeting scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> November in Retford should anyone wish to attend.

**2025.73** ADA – Data Sharing Request – Clerk stated that ADA were requesting full contact details of Members and to confirm if, and how, they still wished to receive the ADA Gazette and that they were happy for their personal data to be shared with ADA's partners. Clerk stated he would be responding to ADA at the end of the following week and should Members have any objection to their data being shared then they should contact him as soon as possible.

**2025.74** Ancholme IDB and Scunthorpe & Gainsborough WMB – Clerk gave presentation on what the Group had discussed to date. Discussions took place and the Clerk acknowledged all the comments made and said 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 June meeting.

### **FINANCE REPORT**

**2025.75** Rate Report – FO confirmed the revised balance stating that all the Special Levies had now been collected.

**2025.76** Audit – Information noted.

**2025.77** Audit Review Meeting – Information noted with BJ in agreement to attend on behalf of the Board.

**2025.78** Budget Comparison for the Year Ending 31 March 2026 – FO took Members through the information in the additional supplement distributed concluding 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.



**2025.79** Electricity - A report was given on Electricity KWH and the efforts being made to reduce consumption and therefore costs. The FO then took Members through the report relating to Standing Charges and the proposed increases with a recommendation that the Board needed to consider a further fixed contract at this time. **Discussions took place with GS suggesting a 36-month term be agreed, WF seconded and all Members in favour of.**

**2025.80** Ten Year Budget Estimate – Information noted.

**2025.81** New Work and Plant Account – Information noted with discussions on possible changes once further information on the new funding policy received. Eng advised that the 2012 rule regarding properties included in the policy criteria was being abolished from 2026.

**2025.82** Schedule of Payments – Approval agreed by All Members.

## **ENGINEERS REPORT**

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

**2025.83** Ravensfleet Pumping Station – Information noted with Eng advising of concerns regarding Northern Powergrid stating that despite engaging with them 54 weeks ago a date was still to be confirmed for installation. Alternatives were being considered but pressure was being kept on Northern Power to resolve. Eng advised that contact had been made with Alan Oliver who undertakes dredging on the Trent. He confirmed that Alan Oliver had been instructed to desilt Ravensfleet outfall as well as Loughton outfall for which EA funding had been received for the latter.

**2025.84** Asset Management – Eng gave Members an update on the proposed new system advising that a report with costs would follow at the February meeting.

**2025.85** Telemetry – Information noted.

**2025.86** Burringham and Lysaghts Modelling – Information noted.

**2025.87** Burringham Habitat Management and Bank Repairs – Information noted with Eng adding that Natural England had advised of time constraints on monitoring the old setts which meant this could not be undertaken until July 2026. Eng currently trying to establish full costs spent and what remains with the intention of spending as much as possible prior to the March 2026 deadline under the IDB Storm Recovery and Asset Improvement fund. He added that he will advise Members of potential monitoring and destruction of existing sett costs once established.

**2025.88** Wharton Road – Eng confirmed that works are progressing as planned.

**2025.89** Mobile Pump Assets – Eng confirmed situation with what had been ordered and could be utilised.

**2025.90** Water Level Management – Information noted. Discussions took place with regards the current contractor with WF requesting that arrangements be reviewed. Chair requested it be added as an Agenda item for the next meeting.

**2025.91** PSCA Main River – Information noted.

**2025.92** Planning, Consents & Enforcement – Information noted. Chair requested further information on suitability of the drain in connection with Application 674. Eng confirmed he would obtain an update from the Asset Manager.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT**

**2025.93** Information noted.

## **HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING REPORT**

**2025.94** Information noted with Clerk adding that the Employees and Asset Manager had now completed Confined Space Training.

## **REPRESENTATION**

**2025.95** Information noted.



**DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

**2025.96** 2 February 2026 at Messingham Community Hub.

Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting.

**1.5 Matters arising not discussed elsewhere.**

**1.6 Complaints/FOI requests**

There have been no complaints or FOI requests since the last meeting.