

Doncaster East Internal Drainage Board

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board held at the Green Tree Inn, Tudworth, on Friday, 28th March 2025, commencing at 10.00 a.m.

Elected

- * Mr M. Brooke
- * Mr P.A.M. Cornish
- * Mr I. Dixon
- * Mr R. Durdy
- * Mr R. Hopkins
- * Mr N.V. Williams
- * Mr R. Wilson

* Present

Appointed by the City of Doncaster Council

- * Mr C. Crowe
- * Mr P. Horne
- Mr M. Houlbrook
- * Mr C. McGuinness (Chairman)
- Ms H. Norford
- * Mr M. Oldknow (Vice-Chairman)
- * Mr A. Porter
- Vacancy

Officers

- * Mr A. McGill (Chief Executive)
- * Mr R. Brown (Senior Engineer)
- * Mr A. Malin (Senior Operations Manager)
- * Mr G. Sutton (Operations Manager)
- * Mrs N. Hind (Finance Manager)
- * Mrs C. Davies (Corporate Services Manager)

2025.20 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mr M. Houlbrook and Ms H. Norford.

2025.21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

2025.22 NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS OF ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

2025.23 BOARD MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 31st January 2025 be confirmed as a correct record.

2025.24 MATTERS ARISING

Officers presented the following updates on matters arising from the minutes:

(a) Minute 2025.3, Page 1 - Flooding at Stainforth

The Board's Officers had undertaken a comprehensive inspection of the site to the west of the properties affected by the flooding at Stainforth and were liaising with the City of Doncaster Council (CDC) regarding the Section 19¹ report. The Board would arrange inspection and jetting of the culverted watercourse shortly.

(b) Minute 2025.5(a), Page 2 - Operations

¹ Under the Water Management Act 2010, Lead Local Flood Authorities are required to investigate significant flood incidents to establish which risk management authorities have relevant flood risk management functions, and whether each of those authorities has exercised, or is proposing to exercise, those functions in response to the flooding.

Slip repairs had been completed by the Board's contractors on Low Bank Drain, West Moor Drain, Low Bank, Leonards Drain, Stonehill Drain, West Moor Drain East and Simms Hill Farm Drain.

Mr M. Brooke emphasised that the contractors had revisited site several times to repair slips which were being caused by water coming from Dunsdale Sewage Works and expected this would be an ongoing problem, particularly with the amount of traffic. He suggested consideration be given to reforming or profiling of the watercourse. Officers would discuss this with Mr Brooke outside the meeting.

Regarding work on the section of the River Torne that was omitted last time, the tree and bushing had still not been completed and access would likely not be available before October 2025 at the earliest.

(c) Minute 2025.5(b), Page 2 - Operations

Modelling for the joint Elmhirst/New Zealand refurbishment/rationalisation project was progressing and an update would be given at the June Board meeting.

In response to Mr N. Williams, the Senior Engineer stated that the Environment Agency had no allocation in the budget for the project and would come back with options.

(d) Minute 2025.5 (c), Page 2 - Planning, Consenting and Enforcement

Cadent Gas, Balby Carr - a copy of the Board minutes had been sent to Cadent Gas (as they requested) and a response was awaited.

Balby Drain Contravention - the Board's solicitor would be responding to Wordsworth Properties shortly.

(e) Minute 2025.5(d), Page 3 - Finance

A letter had been sent to Yorkshire Water chasing payment of the outstanding invoices.

(f) Minute 2025.5(f), Page 3 - Park Drain Slip

Officers had met with the Board's solicitors and provided further information to facilitate preparation of a letter to the City of Doncaster Council.

(g) Minute 2025.7, Page 4 - Operations

The Internal Auditor had confirmed he was satisfied with the Board's decision regarding the contract extension for maintenance work.

The Senior Operations Manager had asked the EA to confirm which stations were inoperable due to high levels and was awaiting a response.

(h) Minute 2025.11, Page 5 - Environmental Report

The Board's internal auditor had confirmed that he was satisfied with the contract extension and Officers would write to the contractor to confirm this and include a paragraph to reiterate the importance of them complying with the current terms and conditions of the maintenance contract regarding environmental recording.

2025.25 HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE

The Senior Operations Manager reported on three incidents that had occurred across the Consortium since the last meeting; none in the DE area.

Options to improve the Consortium's current Lone Worker system were being assessed to incorporate a 'man down' function. Options and costs would be brought back to the Board.

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2025.26 OPERATIONS

(a) Winter Maintenance Work

The Senior Operations Manager presented a report detailing winter works for 2024/25 and 2025/26.

Levelling of the bank tops on North Idle, Willow Close, Dole Road North, Deep, and Gatewood 2 Drains (3,157m) was due to be completed before 31st March 2025.

Officers had reviewed and reprioritised the 2025/26 programme (Scawcetts Drain and Branch, and New Drain removed) and quotations had been received for the following:

Drain Name	Catchment	Description of Works	Length (m)	Cost (£)
Proctor New Cut	Medge Hall	Tree and bushing	250m	£5,455.00
Moor Edges Drain	New Zealand	Tree and bushing	800m	£6,890.00
Idle Stop Pump Drain	Idle Stop	Tree and bushing	200m	£4,499.25
Austerfield Drain	Newington	Tree and bushing	350m	£3,780.00
Cantley Low Common and Cockwood Drain	Candy Farm North	Slip repair	10m	£690.00
Cantley Low Common and Cockwood Drain	Candy Farm North	Tree and bushing	5m	£650.00
Railway Drain	Potteric Carr	Levelling	565m	£1,995.00
White Rose Way Drain	Potteric Carr	Slip repair	10m	£600.00
Colliery Branch Drain	Waterton Hall	Tree and bushing Reforming	324m 324m	£6,105.00
Godknow Common	North Soak Drain	Slip repair	30m	£780.00
Bank Drain	Wike Well	Reforming	707m	£6,790.00
Stainforth Drain	Kirton Lane	Levelling	700m	£2,400.00
New Godnow Drain West	Sand Hall	Slip repair	10m	£600.00
Wroot Common and Poles Bank Drain	Bull Hassocks	Slip repairs	10m	£780.00
Parsons Land Drain	Park Drain	Reforming	351m	£3,864.00
			Total	£45,878.25

Work on Middle Drain outfall at Tickhill would be discussed under the Asset Renewals Report.

RESOLVED

That the Board proceed with the 2025/26 winter maintenance works as detailed in the table above and the quotation received from Colwill Contracting Ltd in the sum of £45,878.25 be accepted.

(b) Purchase of a 4x4 Pick-up Truck

The Senior Operations Manager presented details of five tenders provided by three suppliers for a new vehicle to replace the Mitsubishi L200 (WN19 LGY). He recommended that the vehicle be purchased before 6th April 2025 to avoid the changes in taxation (vehicles purchased after this date would be classed as cars from a benefit in kind perspective).

Officers recommended purchase of a Toyota Hilux Invincible 2.8D at a cost of £32,130.17 from Stoneacre Scunthorpe. This was the cheapest of the five tenders received and the vehicle came with a ten year or £100,000 warranty. It was noted that provision had been made in the Board's estimates for £28,000 to replace the Mitsubishi and £2,000 for the sale of said vehicle, however, Officers expected the sale price to exceed this amount.

In response to Mr P. Horne, Officers confirmed that electric vehicles had been considered but the infrastructure was not in place in remote areas to charge vehicles and this could result in downtime and an unreliable response during an emergency event. Until charging points were more readily accessible, electric vehicles would not be effective for the Board's operatives.

RESOLVED

That the Board purchase a Toyota Hilux Invincible 2.8D at a cost of £32,130.17 from Stoneacre Scunthorpe before 6th April 2025 with the additional cost after sale of the Mitsubishi to be met from balances.

(c) Pump Run Hours

These were presented for information.

2025.27 PUMPING STATION STATUS

Officers presented the attached report and updated on the issues with the pumps at Park Drain, Sandall Grange, Newington and Balby Carr Pumping Stations and the automatic weedscreen cleaners at Kilham Farm, High Levels South, Newington and Huxterwell pumping stations.

The Senior Engineer referred members to item 2 of the attached report (Low Ellers Pumping Station) highlighting the reoccurring issues with pump number three (three faults in three years). Repair costs of £18,000 had been incurred for the most recent repair, however, Industrial Pumps had agreed to meet 50% of the cost on this occasion. The Senior Engineer reported that a new pump would cost in the region of £500,000, however, this would be eligible for flood defence grant-in-aid and the cost of the station was split between the Environment Agency (49%), Mining Remediation Authority (2%), with the remaining 49% split between Yorkshire Water and the Board.

It was noted that the Pumping Station Emergency Repair budget for 2024/25 was, at the time of the report, £249,233.

RESOLVED

That the attached report be noted.

2025.28 ASSET RENEWAL AND REFURBISHMENT

The Senior Engineer presented the attached report for consideration and updated on progress with projects. He referred to item 2 (Storm Recovery and Asset Improvement Scheme) and the attached schedule which showed applications made and those successful.

The Chairman was keen to see where the IDB Storm Recovery Fund had been allocated as it appeared that some had been spent on Environment Agency assets; this information had been requested. It was noted that the fund did allow IDBs to bid for work on main rivers where it would benefit their systems. Members were also keen to see the criteria for scoring of bids.

The Senior Engineer had spoken to an officer from the Environment Agency (EA) that morning and had been asked whether the Board saw value in the Fund (the EA intended to lobby the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for the Fund to continue for future years) and whether the Board had any work that may be applicable. The Senior Engineer had said that Low Ellers and Balby Carr may be suitable but emphasised that sufficient time must be allocated to prepare and deliver schemes, for example a pump order could take 12 months.

It was noted that there was some additional money available from Tranche 1 schemes that were underspent or had not been completed within the timeframe. Officers would be bidding for money towards Cadmans, Torne Bridge, Kilham Farm, Sandall Grange and Newington pumping stations. Although the application for Tranche 2B funding in respect of Tickhill (Middle Drain) outfall had not been successful, this had been included on the Reserve List.

In response to Mr C. McGuinness, the Senior Engineer confirmed that no commuted sums had been paid in respect of First Point Business Park (White Rose Way) and Unity. Regarding the outstanding invoices with Yorkshire Water (£85,000 for Low Ellers and Balby Carr), they had informed the Board that they would not pay towards capital costs, only running costs and maintenance. Officers suggested that a new Agreement with Yorkshire Water may be required.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the attached report be noted.
- (b) That Yorkshire Water be given a deadline for payment of the outstanding invoices and that Officers ascertain what notice the Board was required to give to terminate the existing Agreement to take the water.
- (c) That Officers consider a new Agreement with Yorkshire Water in respect of their contributions towards pumping station costs.

2025.29 PLANNING, CONSENTING AND ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

Officers presented a report detailing 12 planning applications where comments relating to surface water drainage had been made. Officers continued to consult regarding Tween Bridge and Warren Solar Farms. Mr M. Brooke highlighted that the proposed solar farms would result in a loss of 20,000 acres of prime agricultural land.

The following byelaw consents had been granted under delegated authority in relation to the new link road:

DEIDB/LDC/2024/031 Culverting of 46m of watercourse between national grid references 460549 399043 and 460590 300075 in the parish of Rossington.

DEIDB/LDC/2024/032 Installation of an outfall at national grid reference 460545 399041 in the parish of Rossington.

DEIDB/LDC/2024/033 Installation of an outfall at national grid reference 460625 399092 in the parish of Rossington.

RESOLVED

That the Officers actions be approved.

2025.30 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

The attached report was presented for information.

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2025.31 FINANCE

A detailed report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The Finance Manager reported the cash position at 31st January 2025 as £1,283,011.69 with Lloyds Bank at 0% interest. A further £250,000 was invested with Skipton Building Society in a six-month deposit account with an interest rate of 4.65%; the current term ending in September 2025. The Finance Manager confirmed that she continued to look for suitable 'A' rated institutions with which to invest but this was very time consuming. She had approached the UK Debt Management Office (the body that provided loans to local authorities) and would now complete the relevant forms to set up a fixed-term deposit account. The Chairman asked for a timescale and a list of which institutions had been considered. In the meantime, members agreed to invest a further £250,000 for a period of six months with the Skipton Building Society. The Senior Engineer confirmed that the Board would still have sufficient funds accessible to fund ongoing work and unforeseen costs.

Regarding the trade debtors account, the Finance Manager agreed to send Mr C. Crowe details of the amount outstanding with the Mining Remediation Authority.

Eight loans remained outstanding in the sum of £206,391.08 (detailed in Appendix A).

The attached Management Accounts for the period up to 31st January 2025 (Appendix 2) showed a positive variance of £88,943.55, largely due to additional income in respect of pumping station contributions and underspends on Consortium recharges and drains maintenance.

The balance sheet up to the end of January 2025 (Appendix 3) was presented.

The Forecast of Outturn based on accounts up to the end of November expected income of £1,897,723 and expenditure of £1,55,232 which would give a surplus of £75,992 at the year end. The Chairman stated that the Board had agreed to transfer £175,000 to Pumping Station Reserve Account to smooth future rate rises and ensure the Board had sufficient money to fund the future capital works programme. The Chief Executive agreed that it was prudent to put funds aside to ensure the Board could deliver the programme, especially as costs had increased significantly. The Chairman reported that the importance of maintaining sufficient funds to offset future schemes had been highlighted to the City of Doncaster Council. The expected surplus cash position at 31st March 2025 was £465,238.69 (34.46% of net operating costs).

Mr M. Oldknow declared an interest.

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

The Finance Manager had commenced a review of the Boards' Financial Regulations and would take into account any implications from the new Procurement Act which came into force on 24th February 2025. These would also be discussed with the internal auditor before being brought back to the Board for approval. Due to the delay with the Financial Regulations which were due to be brought to the meeting for approval today, Officers asked for the temporary delegated authority (approved at the January Board meeting) to be extended to the end of June 2025. Mr C. Crowe asked for a copy of the Finance Regulations so that the Mining Remediation Authority was aware of the procurement rules.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the Board's cash position be noted.
- (b) That a further £250,000 be invested with the Skipton Building Society at an interest rate of 4.65% for a period of six months.
- (c) That the attached Management Accounts be approved (Appendix 2).
- (d) That the forecast of outturn at 31st March 2025 be noted.
- (e) That the attached Schedule of Payments over £500 totalling £265,547.78 be approved (Appendix 4).
- (f) That the temporary levels of delegation approved in January 2025 be extended up to the end of June 2025.

2025.32 DRAINAGE RATES AND SPECIAL LEVIES

Drainage rates outstanding at 28th February 2025 totalled £465.89. Officers had attended court on 22nd January 2025, three Liability Orders were obtained, one of these had been referred to the Board's bailiff for recovery.

A schedule detailing the following write-offs was presented for consideration:

Account 33-0464 Ealand £23.75 - ratepayer gone away and unable to trace.

Account 33-701 Hatfield Chase £3.55 - land sold for commercial business and transferred to special levy.

RESOLVED

That the Officers' report be noted and rates to the value of £27.30 be written off.

2025.33 ENVIRONMENT AGENCY AND PARTNERSHIP MATTERS

Regarding the alleged environmental criminal damage on the River Smite, the Chief Executive reported that confirmation had been received from East Midlands Police that '*I have considered the extent of the work and relevant legislation along with available material about previous court cases for work on water courses which have or might affect Water Voles and Otters. The work does appear to go beyond what is in the documents supplied however with no survey completed or information about the presence of a protected mammal in that area the points to prove evidentially for an offence under sections 9(4)(a) and 21(1) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 are not made out.*

Damage to structures can be intentional or reckless but some evidence of use either before or after would be required.'

The Chief Executive had undertaken an internal review of the alleged incident and the period leading up to and after the Environment Agency (EA) had informed the TV to self-report to the Police. His DRAFT report had been reviewed by the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the four Consortium boards on Monday of the previous week. He gave an overview of the report and highlighted the following changes he would like to see considered by the EA:

- (a) That a change in procedures was required within EA Fisheries, Biodiversity and Geomorphology (FBG) to enable works rather than reduce the scope or prevent works being undertaken altogether on main rivers - this affected the EA operational teams as well as partner organisations.
- (b) That EA FBG procedures and threshold levels should be recalibrated to incorporate a closer approximation to the law.
- (c) That if there was an issue of concern, a range of options should be available depending on the circumstances of the issue, the credibility of the partner organisation involved, the contextual setting and the law; as opposed to the EA's arbitrary standards and procedures being applied in a blanket format.
- (d) That the EA liaise with their partner organisations should an issue arise rather than ceasing all communication.

The Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen had agreed the following action:

- (i) That an FOI request be prepared for submission through the Board's solicitor to the EA for information relating to the allegation of environmental criminal damage against the TV Board.
- (ii) That the information relating to the alleged incident be provided to DEFRA/Minister with the Boards' findings.
- (iii) That the Chief Executive request a Ministerial level review, with representatives from DEFRA and the EA being invited to meet with the Chairmen of the four Consortium Boards to highlight the issues around the current environmental procedures which are preventing work and to effect a change in policy to enable maintenance on main rivers.

The Association of Drainage Authorities would be approached to facilitate a meeting with DEFRA/EA as soon as possible. It was suggested that Mr N. Robinson (EA Director of Midlands Operations) should be invited to the meeting. Members were concerned that the Public Sector Cooperation Agreement (PSCA) was no longer a partnership agreement but a contract and were keen to find a way forward to enable work to be undertaken.

Regarding PSCA work for 2025/26, the EA had contacted the Board about undertaking work on the River Torne and seven watercourses. Members were concerned about the risk, but agreed that the work needed to be done or people would suffer. The Chief Executive stated that annual maintenance work carried less risk as it only involved flailing and weedcutting and this would be of significant benefit to the Board's systems and its ratepayers. Work on the River Torne would need to be considered carefully and oxygen monitoring may be required.

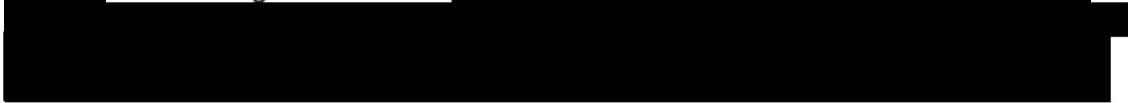
RESOLVED

- (a) That signing of the PSCA be delayed until a way forward had been agreed in respect of future works but, in the meantime, costs for the work be obtained.
- (b) That ADA be approached to facilitate a meeting with DEFRA, the EA and the Consortium Chairmen to discuss the points raised in (a) to (d) above and find a way forward to enable IDBs to continue to undertake PSCA works, preferably in line with their own environmental policies and the law.

2025.34 CORPORATE SERVICES UPDATE

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

Since the last Board meeting, two pumping stations had been broken into but there had been minimal damage and no theft.



The date of the Association of Drainage Authorities Trent Branch had now been confirmed as 10th July 2025.

Policy documents had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. These had been reviewed and some minor changes made. It was noted that operational and environmental policies would be reviewed and brought back to the June Board meeting.

The Corporate Services Manager presented the Business and Dynamic Risk Registers for consideration and approval; these had been reviewed and updated by Officers and changes were highlighted.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the updates mentioned above be noted.
- (b) That the following policy documents be approved: Members' Code of Conduct; Register of Members' Interests; Members' Expenses; Whistle Blowing; Anti-fraud and Corruption; Anti-bribery; Complaints Procedure; FOI Publication Scheme; Data Protection, Privacy and Breach; Access to Information and Charging, Policy Statement, Risk Register, Strategy and Policy.
- (c) That the attached Business and Dynamic Risk Registers be approved.

2025.35 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

CHAIRMAN

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DONCASTER EAST INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD	File Ref:	Agenda Item: 8
Meeting: Board Meeting Date: 28th March 2025	Subject: PUMPING STATION STATUS	

1. Overview (Current Focus and/or Status)

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

Asset	Pumps Available	Weedscreen Available	At Risk	Planned Works and Owner	Completion Date
Kilham Farm PS	1	Hand AMBER	Flooding to Farmland	No issues	
	2				
Torne Bridge PS	1	Yes	Flooding of Farmland	No issues	
	2				
Blaxton Quarry PS	1	N/A	Flooding to farmland and fishing ponds	No issues	
	2				
Franklins PS	1	N/A	Flooding of Farmland	No issues	
	2				
South Thorne Bank PS	1	N/A	Flooding of Farmland	No issues	
	2				
Cadmans PS	1 AMBER	N/A	Flooding of Farmland	New pumps to be installed	31/03/2025 (likely to be end of April 2025)
	2				
Park Drain PS	1 RED	Yes	Flooding of Farmland	Pump 1 is currently being refurbished by North Lincs Engineering - Impellor received date for install awaited.	31/10/2024 (likely to be w/c 17/03/25)
	2				
	3 AMBER				
Langholme PS	1	Yes	Flooding of Farmland	No issues	
	2				

Asset	Pumps Available	Weedscreen Available	At Risk	Planned Works and Owner	Completion Date
Idle Stop PS	1	Yes	Flooding of Farmland	No issues	
	2				
Elmhirst PS	1	Yes	Flooding of Farmland and some properties if sustained outage	No issues	
	2				
Medge Hall PS	1	Yes	Farmland and gardens elevated if North Soak drain overtops	No issues	
	2				
High Level North PS	1	No RED	Flooding of Farmland	Weedscreen cleaner PLC is beyond economical repair. - Options to be presented to Board	
High Levels South PS	1	Hand AMBER	Flooding of Farmland	H&S issue - Weedscreen not available to run in auto due to no fence around the station - Will require land purchase so secure fence can be installed.	31/12/2025
Wikewell PS	2				
	1	Yes	Pumps water from Kirton Lane and Cuckoo Lane PS and provides drainage to the M18 corridor	No issues	
	2				
Kirton Lane PS	3				
	1	Yes	Provides drainage for M18 corridor	No issues	
	2				
Cuckoo Lane PS	3				
Cuckoo Lane PS	1	N/A	Flooding of residential / commercial / industrial	H&S Issue - Site has been made safe temporarily - PO issued for supply and install of 3 x chamber covers - Install date prior to 31/03/2025	31/10/2024 (unlikely to achieve - Date prior to 31/03/2025
	2				
Sandall Grange PS	1	N/A	Flooding of Farmland	No issues	
	2				

Asset	Pumps Available	Weedscreen Available	At Risk	Planned Works and Owner	Completion Date
West Moor PS	1	Yes	Flooding of Farmland, some Commercial Properties	No issues	
	2				
Newington PS	1	No RED	Properties in the villages of Finningley and Austerfield	Placed the PO with ACE for the 2 x pumps & Inter-Lec have manufactured the new control panel - Awaiting date for install but on schedule prior to 31/03/2025	31/03/2025 (likely to be end of April 2025)
	2 RED			Report to Board March on options for weedscreen cleaner	
Low Ellers PS	1	Yes	Provides drainage for the south of Bessacarr and the East Coast Main Line	Industrial Pumps removed pump on 28/01/25 for investigation - Pump is being stripped down and a full report is awaited.	31/10/2024 (new date to be confirmed) LQ to chase
	2				
	3 RED				
	4				
Balby Carr PS	1	Yes	Provides drainage for Balby Carr Bank, White Rose Way areas of Doncaster, numerous retail, commercial, industrial and residential areas and the East Coast Main line	P2 has been lifted, inspected and in process of being refurbished at North Lincs Engineering - Impellor received - date for reinstall awaited.	30/11/2024 (likely to be March 2025)
	2 RED				
	3				
	4				
Seven Arches PS	1	N/A	Development of Warren Park Housing Scheme and M18 Motorway	Control panel condemned - requires replacement - PO placed with Inter-Lec Ltd and panel being manufactured - Inter-Lec to liaise direct with DNO for power isolation to facilitate change out of new panel - Date for delivery and install TBC	TBC
	2				

Asset	Pumps Available	Weedscreen Available	At Risk	Planned Works and Owner	Completion Date
Huxterwell PS	1	No RED	iPort development and A6182	New gearbox has been installed on the machine by Fenflow and it has been reinstalled - Inter-Lec are due to attend site w/c 10/03 to finalise repair	31/12/2024 (likely to be late March 2025)
	2				
	3				
	4				
Tickhill PS	1	N/A	Properties in the villages of Tickhill, A1 Transport Network, Farmland	No issues	
	2				

2. Matters for Note

2:1 [Pumping Station Emergency Repairs \(DE24302\)](#)

2:1:1 [Low Ellers Pumping Station - Pump No. 3](#)

2:1:1:1 Industrial Pumps attended site on the 28th January 2025 to collect pump 3 from the station to investigate for repair. Members may recall that the same pump was removed in 2023 and required impellor re-tipping, the shafts replacing, re-engineering of the bushes and the worn castings to be recoated.

2:1:1:2 A report on findings has been issued by Industrial Pumps following full strip down of the pump. Both the pump shaft and intermediate shaft have sheared again. Industrial Pumps have stated that it is highly unusual for this to happen twice and that the shafts will again require replacing. Upon investigation, the impellor was found to be in good condition with no obvious signs of wear together with the inlet bowl and bearing bushes. The pump was still able to rotate at both ends of the sheared shafts which suggested that there were no issues with the bearings. To understand the root cause, Industrial Pumps have sent the shaft away for analysis. A report is awaited together with a date for repair and re-install. An update will be presented once this information has been received.

2:2 [Costs to date](#)

2:2:1 The pumping station emergency repair budget for 2024/2025 is £243,278 and costs at the time of writing are £249,233.

Robert Brown
Senior Engineer

Antony Malin
Senior Operations Manager

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DONCASTER EAST INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD	File Ref:	Agenda Item: 9
Meeting: Board Meeting Date: 28th March 2025	Subject: ASSET RENEWAL AND REFURBISHMENT	

1. Overview

1:1 Projects – Completed

Project and Tasks	Description of Works	Budget £	Expenditure £	Final Out-turn
Kilham Farm Pumping Station - Pump Repairs - Replacement	Replacement of pumps due to seal leak failures NB Replacement is more cost effective than refurbishment	32,000.00		N
Torne Bridge Pumping Station - Pumps Repairs - Replacement	Replacement of pumps due to seal leak failures NB Replacement is more cost effective than refurbishment	28,000.00	10.18	N
Sandall Grange Pumping Station - Pump replacement / refurbishment	Replacement of pumps due to seal leak failures NB Replacement is more cost effective than refurbishment	17,500.00		N
Idle Stop Pumping Station - Pump 1 repair	Refurbishment of Pump 1 following failure.	17,000.00	16,874.00	N
South Thorne Bank Pumping Station - Pump Repairs - Replacement	Replacement of pumps due to seal leak failures NB Replacement is more cost effective than refurbishment	10,000.00	8,950.00	N

1:2 Projects - Current Focus

Project and Tasks	Description of Works	Budget £	Expenditure £	Planned Completion
Severn Arches PS - New control panel	Replacement of Pump control panel following significant NICEIC testing failure of existing panel.	40,000	1,461.00	31/12/2024 New date 31/03/2025
Park Drain Pumping Station - Pump repairs to Pump 1 and 3 and access bridge repairs	Repairs to Pump 1 and Pump 3 following seal leak failures on both pumps	65,000.00	27,270.30	29/11/2024 New date 04/04/2025
Newington Pumping Station - Pump & Panel Replacement	Replacement of pumps for Fish Friendly Pumps and associated control infrastructure.	164,000.00	582.00	31/03/2025
Cadmans Pumping Station - Pump Replacement and repairs to access bridge	Replacement of pumps due to seal leak failures NB Replacement is more cost effective than refurbishment	37,000.00		31/03/2025
Huxterwell PS - weedscreen cleaner install (from Parsons Carr)	Repairs to WSC trolley following breakdown of gearbox following reinstall.	20,000.00		31/03/2025 (new date w/c10/03/2025)
Park Drain Slips (Bootham Lane)	Bank slips / tip slipping into watercourses			
Elmhirst PS & EA's New Zealand PS - Joint Refurbishment / Rationalisation	Potential rationalisation of Elmhirst PS and upgrade / refurbishment of EA's New Zealand PS			31/03/2025

1:3 Other Projects

The following projects are within the planned works programme for this year but are not being progressed due to lack of resource which has been diverted to focus on the more critical schemes, emergency works and the Flood Recovery Bids and projects:

Risk	Project and Tasks	Description of Works
	Huxterwell Drain Improvements	Improvements to Huxterwell Drain adjacent M18 where the FARRRs Road diverted the watercourse into a drain of insufficient capacity. Works to be funded by DMBC.

Risk	Project and Tasks	Description of Works
	Park Drain Pumping Station Refurbishment	Rebuilding of the pumping station to fit fish and eel compliant pumps and delivery of Isle of Axholme Flood Risk Management Strategy aims.
	High Level South Pumping Station - H&S Improvements	Purchase of Land to enable boundary fence to be erected and a dedicated weed dump area to be built.
	Severn Arches Pumping Station Refurbishment	Refurbishment of pumping station including replacement of pumps, control panel, weedscreen, sheet pile painting and replacement fencing. Partial works being undertaken to replace control panel to make the station safe.
	Blaxton Quarry Pumping Station Refurbishment	Refurbishment of pumping station including replacement of pumps, control panel and weedscreen. Isle of Axholme Flood Risk Management Strategy supports potential rationalisation with Candy Farm South.
	Franklins PS Refurbishment	Refurbishment of pumping station including replacement of pumps, control panel, weedscreen. Isle of Axholme Flood Risk Management Strategy supports potential rationalisation with the EA's Bull Hassocks or Tunnel Pitts South.
	Wood and Ealand Common Drain Study	Local Levy application for study and drain improvements to alleviate localised flooding.
	Boating Dyke Study	Local Levy application for study for improvements to alleviate localised flooding and understand culvert capacity and restrictions.
	Great Black Lane Tickhill Drainage Scheme	Local Levy application for study and drain improvements to alleviate localised flooding.

2. Matters for note

2:1 IDB Storm Recovery and Asset Improvement Scheme

2:1:1 A detailed schedule for all applications and approvals under this scheme is attached for members' information.

2:1:2 As part of the Tranche 2B bids for funding, although the project for Tickhill (Middle Drain) Catchment Improvements was unsuccessful, the EA have indicated that it has been placed on a reserve list and that they may be able to support with this in the future.

2:2 IDB Storm Recovery Tranche 1 - Pump Replacements at Torne Bridge, Kilham Farm, Sandall Grange and Cadmans Pumping Station

2:2:1 Torishima have replaced six out of the eight new pumps at the above stations ahead of the planned schedule. Unfortunately, there has been an issue with the wrong pumps being supplied for Cadmans Pumping Station which is currently being resolved.

2:3 Newington Pumping Station Refurbishment

2:3:1 A request has been made to Northern Powergrid for a power isolation to enable the installation of the new control panel at the station.

2:3:2 The Van de Spec automatic weedscreen cleaner has failed and costs to refurbish the machine including a replacement control unit is around £35,000 - £40,000. Investigations are ongoing and an update will be made to a future Board meeting. The machine is not part of the IDB Storm Recovery and Asset Improvement Scheme funding.

Robert Brown
Senior Engineer

Water Management Consortium - IDB Storm Recovery & Asset Improvement Scheme
 Tranches 1, 2 & 2B - Bid and Award Amounts

LINDSEY MARSH DRAINAGE BOARD

Tranche	Details	Approved	Bid Amount	Award Amount
1	Storm Recovery	Yes	670,891.39	670,891.39
2 & 2B	Wyche Flood Alleviation - Deepening / widening, de-silting and culvert upgrades	No	267,464.70	
	2 Dudick Connection Drain - De-silting and low level berm removal	No	67,505.00	
	2 Hogsthorpe South End Sewer Flood Relief - New small pumping station	No	215,723.90	
2 & 2B	Steeping River Soak Dyke North - Reforming and culvert upgrades	No	335,903.50	
	2 Catchwater Drain - Widening and upgrade to penstock near Gotts PS	No	261,981.50	
	2 Bilsby Tank Trap Drain - Reform opposite bank and upgrade 2 x road culverts	No	217,419.00	
2 & 2B	Boygrift to Anderby Connection - Reforming and culvert upgrades	No	244,027.70	
	2 West Bank Drain - De-silting	No	55,363.30	
	2 Trusthorpe Pump Drain - De-silting	No	37,651.00	
2 & 2B	Installation of 14 water level monitoring sites at strategic locations in Board's area	Yes	156,975.00	156,975.00
TOTAL BID / AWARD			2,530,905.99	827,866.39

ISLE OF AXHOLME AND NORTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE WATER LEVEL MANAGEMENT BOARD

1	Storm Recovery - Original Bid	Yes	189,730.31	189,730.31
1	Storm Recovery - Additional Award	Yes	23,000.00	
2 & 2B	Wiseton Catchment Improvements - Drain Reforming and De-silting	No	734,355.60	
2	Whitgift Catchment Improvements - Drain Reforming	No	276,008.70	
2	New Pumping Station - Slaynes Lane, Misson	No	250,550.00	
2 & 2B	Installation of 9 water level monitoring sites at strategic locations in Board's area	Yes	81,262.50	81,262.50
TOTAL BID / AWARD			1,531,907.11	293,992.81

TRENT VALLEY INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

1	Storm Recovery	Yes	623,419.10	623,419.10
2 & 2B	Sutton on Trent	Yes (Part)	688,298.00	373,989.20
2 & 2B	Dover Beck Catchment Reforming - Watercourse Surveys	Yes (Part)	256,312.00	14,000.00
2 & 2B	River Greet Catchment Reforming - Watercourse Surveys	Yes (Part)	173,558.00	10,000.00
2 & 2B	Installation of 11 water level monitoring sites at strategic locations in Board's area	Yes	89,125.00	100,750.00
TOTAL BID / AWARD			1,830,712.10	1,122,158.30

DONCASTER EAST INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

1	Storm Recovery - Original Bid	Yes	266,498.73	266,498.73
1	Storm Recovery - Additional Award	Yes	150,000.00	
2 & 2B	Middle Drain (Tickhill) Catchment Improvements - Drain Reforming & Outfall Repair	No	582,661.00	
2 & 2B	Kilham Farm to Candy Farm Catchment Improvements - Drain Reforming inc road crossing	No	429,679.20	
2 & 2B	Installation of 10 water level monitoring sites at strategic locations in Board's area	Yes	90,325.00	90,325.00
TOTAL BID / AWARD			1,369,163.93	506,823.73
TOTAL WMC			7,262,689.13	2,750,841.23

FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION ONLY

DONCASTER EAST INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD	File Ref:	Agenda Item: 11
Meeting: Board Meeting Date: 28th March 2025	Subject: ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS	

1. Overview (Current Focus and/or Status)

1:1 **Biological Recording** – Improvements to increase the accuracy of recording has been implemented. It was noted that some records looked to be off track once captured via GIS, this would happen more often in areas with poor reception. Our IT team and software developers have now included the ability for a record to 'snap' onto to the relevant working area, despite any lack of signal.

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. Badger sett monitoring and mitigation is also being undertaken in various areas, due to the sensitivity of the species, no locations are mentioned.

Area of Focus	Survey Reason(s)	Status	Concerns / Mitigation
Tickhill	Winter works	On hold	Himalayan Balsam Access difficult Stancil Roman Villa requires communication with Historic England
South Ring	Winter works	On hold	HRA is required if work commences due to SSSI Access difficult

2. Matters for Note

2:1 Beaver Licence

The Board's Environmental Officer has been successfully granted a CL51 Beaver Licence. Training included an intensive course set by ADA in Kent and additional courses such as Beaver Ecology and Conservation, provided by the Mammal Society. The licence allows the holder to:

- modify or remove beaver dams, burrows and lodges
- possess dead beavers or their body parts

This licence allows disturbance to beavers while carrying out the licensed actions. Beavers cannot be disturbed for any other reason. Disturbance includes any activity that is likely to affect an animal's population numbers or distribution, or their ability to:

- survive
- breed, reproduce, rear or nurture their young
- hibernate or migrate

Natural England issues this licence to allow activities that:

- prevent serious damage to livestock, animal feed, crops, growing timber, fisheries or any other property
- preserve public health or safety
- conserve wild animals or plants of conservation concern
- allow you to carry out scientific or educational work

Recommendation:

To note report of Officers

Iain Turner
Environmental Officer

Robert Brown
Senior Engineer

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DONCASTER EAST INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD Meeting: Board Meeting Date: 28th March 2025	File Ref:	Agenda Item: 12
	Subject: FINANCE	

1. Overview – Current Position

1:1:1 Current Cash / Bank Position – as at 31st January 2025

<i>Account name</i>	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Interest Rate %</i>
Lloyds Current Account	£920,309.58	0.00%
Lloyds Rating Account	£362,702.11	0.00%
Total	£1,283,011.69	

A Lloyds Commercial Instant Access Account was opened on 10th March 2025, offering 0.5% interest on balances. The account allows immediate access to funds deposited and for them to be transferred to the Current Account if needed.

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%

On the 6th of March the principal of £250,000 was reinvested in a 6-month term deposit with Skipton B/Society at a rate of 4.1%, ending on 8th September 2025 earning interest of £5,223.29. The interest rate has reduced from 4.65% to 4.1%.

1:2:1 Current Loan Position – as at 31st January 2025

<i>31st March 2024 Balance</i>	<i>Period end Balance</i>	<i>Capital Repayments in Period</i>	<i>Interest Charge in period</i>
£267,183.73	£206,391.08	£60,792.65	£11,676.59

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 31st January 2025

<p><i>The accounts are prepared on an Accruals basis when income or expenditure is due rather than when cash is paid or received</i></p>	<p><i>Whole Year Budget for 2024/25 – As per Estimates approved Jan 2024</i></p>	<p><i>Variance – negative variance represents lower than expected position</i></p>	Weighted Budgets	Actuals
			£	£
Income	1,592,123	347,913.26	1,495,931.00	1,843,844.26
Own use of plant or labour on Schemes	0.00	634.35	0.00	634.35
Total Funds In	1,592,123	348,547.61	1,495,931.00	1,844,478.61
Maintenance costs for drains & PS etc	-792,886	-16,695.30	-618,203.00	-634,898.30
Supportive Costs	-600,281	29,440.74	-523,867.00	-494,426.26
Balance sheet costs incl Assets & Loans	-60,793	-5,850.77	-39,605.00	-45,455.77
Board funding to schemes	-143,000	0.00	-143,000.00	-143,000.00
Total Funds Out	-1,596,960	6,894.67	-1,324,675.00	-1,317,780.33
Unplanned adjustment to / (from) Reserves to Schemes	0.00	-266,498.73	0.00	-266,498.73
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year / Period	-4,837	88,943.55	171,256.00	260,199.55

The 10-month period positive variance of £88,943.55 has been achieved from additional Income relating to PS contributions of £47,706 and the Recharge admin fee of £28,014. Added to this positive variance are underspends in Consortium costs of £30,139 and drains maintenance of £20,573.

Offsetting these gains are overspends in PS Contractor/Consultants of £17,938, PS Insurances of £7,455 and replacement of tools £5,851.

The Unplanned adjustments to / (from) Reserves to Schemes of £266,498.73 relates to the Flood recovery Tranche 1 funds within Income used to offset the costs within schemes, including Emergency Pump expenditure £166,632.96; Newington PS refurbishment £90,800.32 and Flood Recovery Tranche Bid costs £9,065.45.

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

1:4:1 Balance Sheet – as at 31st January 2025

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

1:4:2 Fixed Asset Movements

<i>Asset description</i>	<i>Asset Cost</i>	<i>Incl in Estimates</i>	<i>Funds agreed to come from Plant Reserves</i>	<i>Variance. (Added) / Taken from General Reserves</i>
Stihl ST-FS461C Clearing Saw	£755.80	£0.00	£0.00	£ 755.80
Stihl AR3000L Backpack Battery	£1,250.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,250.00
Stihl MSA220 14" Chainsaw	£361.67	£0.00	£0.00	£ 361.67
Stihl HTA86 Pole Pruner shell	£487.50	£0.00	£0.00	£ 487.50
4 x Stihl AP300S Battery at £240 each	£912.00	£0.00	£0.00	£ 912.00
2 x Stihl AL500 Quick Charger at £112.51 each	£213.76	£0.00	£0.00	£ 213.76
Stihl HSA100 Hedgetrimmer & 1 x Stihl AR L Backpack	£408.54	£0.00	£0.00	£ 408.54
Stihl FSA135 Bushcutter	£474.17	£0.00	£0.00	£ 474.17
Makita 18V Combi drill & Impact Driver Twin Pack 4044R	£274.99	£0.00	£0.00	£ 274.99
Makita 18V SDS Drill 48570	£116.66	£0.00	£0.00	£ 116.66
Makita 18V 4 1/2" Grinder 997FV	£133.33	£0.00	£0.00	£ 133.33
Makita 18V 5Ah Battery 2721V	£54.16	£0.00	£0.00	£ 54.16
Stihl HLA 86 Cordless Hedge Trimmer	£408.33	£0.00	£0.00	£ 408.33
Total	£5,850.91	£ 0.00	£ 0.00	£5,850.91
<i>Asset description</i>	<i>Asset Disposal Proceeds</i>	<i>Incl in Estimates</i>	<i>Funds agreed to return to Plant Reserves</i>	<i>Variance. (Added) / Taken from General Reserves</i>
No Disposals	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

1:4:3 Trade Debtors – at 31st January 2025

Customer	Notes	Debt risk included in Period Balance Total	Period Balance Total	31 st March 2024 Balance
			£284,768.42	£387,511.93
[REDACTED]	Relates to debt between 03/2020 & 03/2024	£77,644.44	A further sum of £8,138.68 is due for the current year	
[REDACTED]	Relates to 25/7/24	£100.00	Paid 03.02.25	
[REDACTED]	Relates to debt between 07/23 & 09/24	£51,524.13		
[REDACTED]	relates to July/Aug 2024;	£660.41		
[REDACTED]	Flood Funding	£44,410.99	17/12/24 Pd £222,087.74 – remaining £44,410.99 due March 25	
Total		£174,339.97		

1:4:4 Trade Creditors & Retentions – at 31st January 2025

Supplier	Notes	Credit balances of note included in period balance	Period Balance Total	31 st March 2024 Balance
			£179,864.23	£249,656.85
Trade Creditors	No debt older than 30 days	£162,555.92		
Supplier Retentions	Relates to Interlec and Colwill Retention	£17,308.31		
Total		£179,864.23		

1:4:5 Reserves – Plant Reserve – at 31st January 2025

Plant Reserve Balance at 1 st April 2024	£10,000.00
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	£10,000.00

1:4:6 Reserves – Schemes Reserve – at 31st January 2025

Scheme Reserve Balance at 1 st April 2024	£489,023.22
Planned addition to Schemes from Rating Income in the 2024/25 Estimates	£143,000.00
Loan Funding received into Schemes in period	£0.00
Funding into the Schemes from External Sources – including grants & contributions	£0.00
Expenditure within Schemes in period	-£190,534.33
Unplanned Adjustments from / (to) General Reserves from Schemes in period	£266,498.73
Remaining Balance in Scheme Reserves at period end	£707,987.62

A number of Schemes are currently overspent; however, these are expecting funds from Partners.

Within the Remaining Balance, the PS Renewal Reserve, used to fund future schemes, currently holds £175,000, which is earmarked for future use mainly within 2026/27.

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 31st January 2025.

2. Overview – Forecast Position – Unforeseen Expenditure & 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 31 st March 2025
			£	£	£
Income	3	1,592,123			
• Tranche 1 money	4		266,499		
• Drainage Rates Income	5			-364	
• PSCA Income	6		19,581		
• Rechargeable works	7		295		
• Consenting Income – Surface Water	8			-16,300	1,897,089
• Higher PS contributions	9		5,000		
• Other Income incl Ins claims & admin fees	10		36,000		
• Interest	11			-5,745	
Use of plant or labour on Schemes	12	0.00			
• Use of labour within schemes	13		634		634
Total Funds In	14	1,592,123	328,009	-22,409	1,897,723
Maintenance costs for drains & PS etc	15	-792,886			
• Drains Contractor	16		28,200		
• Stocks	17		4,000		
• PS contractor expenditure	18			-12,500	-780,017
• PS electric	19		21,000		
• PS Insurances & Inspections	20			-8,250	
• PSCA expenditure	21			-19,581	
Supportive Costs	22	-600,281			
• DLO Costs incl training	23		2,900		
• Other Direct costs incl buyers fees	24		900		
• Consortium costs	25		38,350		
• Legal fees incl Employment Advice	26			-7,000	-565,571
• Insurance	27			-440	
Balance sheet costs incl Assets & Loans	28	-60,793		-5,851	-66,644
Board funding to schemes	29	-143,000			-143,000
Total Funds Out	30	-1,596,960	95,350	-53,622	-1,555,232
Unplanned adjustment to / (from) Reserves to Schemes	31	0.00	0.00	-266,499	-266,499
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year/period	32	-4,837	423,359	-342,530	75,992
Improvement / (worsening) in Surplus / (deficit) position	33				80,829

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

Surplus Cash Reserve Balance at 1 st April 2024	£564,246.69
Funds to be held for Plant Reserve at 1 st April 2024	£10,000.00
Funds to be held for Commuted Sum Reserve at 1 st April 2024	£75,774.68
Total Cash reserves at 1st of April 2024	£650,021.37
Expected Deficit position for the year to 31 st March 2025	-£4,837.00
Forecasted difference to Surplus / (deficit) position at 31st March 2025	£80,829.00
General Reserves - Forecasted Total Cash Reserve at 31st March 2025	£726,013.37
Forecasted funds held in Plant Reserve at 31 st March 2025	-£10,000.00
Forecasted funds held in Commuted Sums at 31 st March 2025	-£75,774.68
General Reserves - Forecasted Surplus Cash Position at 31st March 2025	£640,238.69
Predicted net operating costs for 2024/25 (costs less rating income)	£1,175,124.00
<i>Forecasted Surplus Cash as a % of 24/25 forecasted net operating costs</i>	<i>54.48%</i>

2:3 “**Total Cash Reserve**” (as above £726,013.37) relates to the expected funds held within the bank accounts not dedicated to Schemes or needed for immediate use on paying the Board’s creditors.

Of these readily available monetary funds, we deduct any committed sums to other reserves such as the Plant Reserve or any Commuted Reserves or Capital Receipts Reserves to ascertain the “**Surplus Cash position**”.

It is the “**Surplus Cash position**” (as above £640,238.69), that is available to the Board for use on unexpected or unbudgeted expenditure within the year. It is this Reserve we aim to achieve a 30% balance based upon the net operating costs of the year.

2:4

Recommendations:

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

3. Matters for Note

3:1 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.

3:2 Financial Regulations and Delegated Authority

3:2:1 Due to the new Procurement Act coming into force on the 24th February 2025, the Board's Financial Regulations and any proposed amendments shall be discussed with the Internal Auditor and brought back to the Board for approval at the June 2025 Board Meeting.

In light of the delay, the Board are asked to consider extending the temporary delegated authority, approved at the January Board meeting, to coincide with this. A note of the approved delegated authorities are detailed below.

3:2:2 Authority for Procurement and Expenditure on Goods & Services:

Chief Executive £50,000

Senior Engineer / Engineer to the Board £50,000

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

Operations Managers £10,000

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

Recommendations:

- To approve the extension of the approved temporary delegated authorities to end of June 2025.

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>Original Loan amount</i>	<i>Year of Loan</i>	<i>Term of Loan in Years</i>	<i>Interest Rate</i>	<i>Balance outstanding</i>
501518	£230,000.00	2002	25	4.75%	£36,872.02
501506	£84,154.00	2003	25	4.65%	£18,307.81
501507	£52,119.00	2003	25	4.65%	£11,338.64
501508	£58,368.00	2003	25	5.25%	£15,046.30
501519	£116,000.00	2003	25	4.85%	£25,653.99
501520	£43,535.00	2005	25	4.45%	£14,028.02
501514	£138,106.74	2010	18	4.86%	£55,394.97
501517	£227,543.39	2011	14	3.83%	£29,749.33
Total					£206,391.08

Appendix 2

DONCASTER EAST INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

Variance to Estimates Report - For the 10 months to 31st January 2025

	Whole Yr Estimate	31.01.25 Variance	31.01.25 Estimate	31.01.25 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					
Agricultural drainage rates	122,369.00	(363.84)	122,369.00	122,005.16	
Special levies	1,128,747.00	0.00	1,128,747.00	1,128,747.00	
Rental, wayleaves & grazing income	211.00	(1.76)	208.00	206.24	Rental £100; Wayleaves £106.24
Income from PSCAs	20,000.00	19,709.05	19,872.00	39,581.05	Weedcutting works for the EA
Income from rechargeable works	0.00	294.99	0.00	294.99	Labour costs recharged to IOANN £227.99. Accrued income to be recharged on completion of Legal Agreement re First Point & Huxterwell £67
Income from recharge of disbursements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Flood Recovery Funds – Income to match to historic costs	0.00	266,498.73	0.00	266,498.73	Full amount of Tranche 1 Funds
Income from consenting	33,000.00	(16,373.68)	32,410.00	16,036.32	Includes Surface Water Contributions of £13,155.32 and Consent fees £2,881.
Contributions to PS expenditure	237,620.00	47,705.84	158,683.00	206,388.84	Directly relateable to PS costs, the higher the costs the higher the contributions
Contributions to other costs	32,176.00	170.98	27,152.00	27,322.98	Contribution towards Vehicle running costs £5,679.88 plus rental to CA £6,000. Contributions to DLO shared with IOA £15,643.10
Deferred income, commuted sums & contributions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Other income	0.00	30,272.54	0.00	30,272.54	Admin fee on Scheme & PS Contributions of £28,014.50. Ins claim for break ins £2,733.58. VAT repayment supplement £24.46. Summons Receipts £250.00. Return of App income - £750.00.
Investment interest	18,000.00	0.41	6,490.00	6,490.41	Interest received from Skipton Building Society
TOTAL INCOME - not including absorption income	1,592,123.00	347,913.26	1,495,931.00	1,843,844.26	
Absorption Income - offset to costs					
Own use of plant recharged (absorption) to Schemes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Use of own plant within schemes improves the General Surplus Cash Position of the Board
Own use of labour recharged (absorption) to Schemes	0.00	634.35	0.00	634.35	Use of own DLO labour within schemes improves the General Surplus Cash Position of the Board.
TOTAL INCOME - including absorption income in schemes	1,592,123.00	348,547.61	1,495,931.00	1,844,478.61	

DONCASTER EAST INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

Variance to Estimates Report - For the 10 months to 31st January 2025

	Whole Yr Estimate	31.01.25 Variance	31.01.25 Estimate	31.01.25 Actual	Notes
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EXPENDITURE

Where the expenditure variance is negative this shows that the expenditure is more than estimated for

MAINTENANCE & DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE - EXTERNAL COSTS ONLY

Drain maintenance expenditure	393,254.00	20,573.15	323,275.00	302,701.85	Contract costs £19,396.72 over budget, due to timing of invoices to budget Electric £3,739.42 under budget. Contractors/consultants £17,937.79 over budget however the majority of this has been recharged to partners. Annual insurance £7,455.56 over budget. Stocks/Materials £5,475.20 under budget. Contractor costs
Pumping station expenditure	358,139.00	(16,981.67)	257,183.00	274,164.67	
PSCA Recharge expenditure	20,000.00	(19,709.05)	19,872.00	39,581.05	
Recharge expenditure	0.00	(200.71)	0.00	200.71	
Consenting time expenditure	21,493.00	(377.02)	17,873.00	18,250.02	
Disbursement Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Cost of goods sold & stock variances	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL MAINTENANCE & DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE	792,886.00	(16,695.30)	618,203.00	634,898.30	

SUPPORTIVE EXPENDITURE

DLO costs	89,244.00	1,810.94	74,309.00	72,498.06	
Other direct expenses	5,970.00	844.64	2,479.00	1,634.36	Woldmarsh buyer's fees £942.00 under budget
Environment Agency precept	218,880.00	0.00	218,880.00	218,880.00	
Support & establishment costs	272,540.00	27,647.87	219,685.00	192,037.13	Consortium fees £30k lower than estimate. Employment advice £5.9k over budget. IT costs £3.3k under budget.
Finance costs	13,447.00	99.42	8,314.00	8,214.58	
Depreciation costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Bad debt costs	0.00	(3.50)	0.00	3.50	Court Summons Costs
Biodiversity & environmental costs	200.00	(958.63)	200.00	1,158.63	Environmental Officers time & contribution for mink control
TOTAL SUPPORTIVE EXPENDITURE	600,281.00	29,440.74	523,867.00	494,426.26	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,393,167.00	12,745.44	1,142,070.00	1,129,324.56	
	198,956.00	361,293.05	353,861.00	715,154.05	
EXCEPTIONAL INCOME	0.00	1,671.42	0.00	1,671.42	This is a non-monetary accounting adjustment
INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	198,956.00	362,964.47	353,861.00	716,825.47	

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Variance to Estimates Report

	<i>Whole Yr Estimate</i>	<i>31.01.25 Variance</i>	<i>31.01.25 Estimate</i>	<i>31.01.25 Actual</i>	
INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	198,956.00	362,964.47	353,861.00	716,825.47	
ADJUSTMENTS TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO 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	(1,671.42)	0.00	(1,671.42)	This is a non-monetary accounting adjustment
	198,956.00	361,293.05	353,861.00	715,154.05	
ADJUSTMENTS FOR BALANCE SHEET ENTRIES					
Adjustments for Reserves Movements					
Add the intended transfer to Plant Renewals Fund -if in reserves (rated for)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	No planned transfers in year. Plant reserve currently has reserves of £10k
Plant/Vehicle net expenditure occurred in year - funded from Plant reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Plant/Vehicle planned net expenditure not occurred in year - held over to Plant reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Fixed Asset Adjustments					There are NO budget plant / vehicle additions in the 24/25 year
Motor	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Plant additions					
1 x Stihl ST-FS461C Clearing Saw		755.80	0.00	755.80	23/08/2024
1 x Stihl AR3000L Backpack Battery		1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00	10/10/2024
1 x Stihl MSA220 14" Chainsaw		361.67	0.00	361.67	10/10/2024
1 x Stihl HTA86 Pole Pruner shell		487.50	0.00	487.50	10/10/2024
4 x Stihl AP300S Battery at £240 each		912.00	0.00	912.00	10/10/2024
2 x Stihl AL500 Quick Charger at £112.51 each		213.76	0.00	213.76	10/10/2024
1 x Stihl HSA100 Hedge trimmer & 1 x Stihl AR L Backpack		408.54	0.00	408.54	11/10/2024
1 x Stihl FSA135 Bushcutter		474.17	0.00	474.17	15/10/2024
1 x Makita 18V Combi drill & Impact Driver Twin Pack 4044R		274.99	0.00	274.99	30/10/2024
1 x Makita 18V SDS Drill 48570		116.66	0.00	116.66	30/10/2024
1 x Makita 18V 4 1/2" Grinder 997FV		133.33	0.00	133.33	30/10/2024
1 x Makita 18V 5Ah Battery 2721V		54.16	0.00	54.16	30/10/2024
1 x Stihl HLA 86 Cordless Hedge Trimmer		408.33	0.00	408.33	04/11/2024
	0.00	5,850.91	0.00	5,850.91	
Plant disposals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Loan Capital Adjustment					
PWLB Loan repayments - Existing	60,793.00	(0.14)	39,605.00	39,604.86	
PWLB Loan repayments - Future	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	60,793.00	(0.14)	39,605.00	39,604.86	
Non I&E (Costs) & Income	60,793.00	5,850.77	39,605.00	45,455.77	
Variance at 31/01/2025	138,163.00	355,442.28	314,256.00	669,698.28	
Planned Board Funding towards schemes	(143,000.00)	0.00	(143,000.00)	(143,000.00)	
	(4,837.00)	355,442.28	171,256.00	526,698.28	
Surplus/(deficit) to be taken from General Reserves as at 31st January 2025	0.00	(266,498.73)	0.00	(266,498.73)	
See Transfer of Budgets:					
Additional Funds Required for Engineering Schemes to be taken from General Reserves	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Engineering Scheme funds transferred back to General Reserves	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Variance at 31/01/2025	(4,837.00)	88,943.55	171,256.00	260,199.55	

Appendix 3

Doncaster East Internal Drainage Board **Balance Sheet Report**

All Values are shown in Pound Sterling	Selected Period 10	ending 31/01/2025	
		<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>
FIXED ASSETS			
LAND & BUILDINGS	22500.00	22500.00	
PUMPING STATIONS	311916.96	311916.96	
PLANT & EQUIPMENT	7740.83	3338.94	
MOTOR VEHICLES	7905.55	7905.55	
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	350053.40		346659.45
CURRENT ASSETS			
BANK ACCOUNT	1533011.69	1029315.38	
STOCK	30.75	30.75	
DEBTORS CONTROL ACCOUNT	284769.42	387511.93	
RATES DEBTORS ACCOUNT	565.80	(259.10)	
OTHER DEBTORS	1018.55		
PREPAYMENTS	8635.77	8668.77	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	1829030.09		1426167.73
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
TRADE CREDITORS & SUPPLIER RETENTIONS	178864.23	249656.85	
OTHER CREDITORS	546.59	371.84	
ACCRUALS	(613.48)	4292.10	
VAT LIABILITY	(29128.39)	(21887.23)	
PAYE CONTROLS	1656.84	1812.02	
LOANS	21187.80	60792.66	
DEFERRED INCOME & COMMUTED SUMS	56378.28	63057.49	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	225801.87		347915.80
NET CURRENT ASSETS	1860202.62		1423911.38
LONG TERM LIABILITIES			
LOANS DUE AFTER ONE YEAR	206391.07	206391.07	
TOTAL LONG TERM LIABILITIES	206391.07		206391.07
	1743811.45		1217520.31
RESERVES:			
EARMARKED			
PLANT RESERVES	10000.00	10000.00	
ENGINEERING PROJECTS RESERVE	707987.62	489023.22	
COMMUTED SUM RESERVE	75774.68	75774.68	
TOTAL EARMARKED	783762.30		574797.90
CURRENT PERIOD SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	526291.14	194403.57	
GENERAL RESERVES (P&L RESERVE)	423758.01	448318.64	
TOTAL UN-EARMARKED	950049.15		642722.41
NON-DISTRIBUTABLE			
TOTAL NON-DISTRIBUTABLE			
TOTAL RESERVES	1743811.45		1217520.31

Appendix 4

Schedule of payments over £500 submitted to the Doncaster East Internal Drainage Board meeting for approval on 28th March 2025

Trans Date	Account	Narrative	Payment Value	Notes
			£	
23/01/2025	Inter-Lec Ltd	PP/INTL001	21,000.00	New pump control panel at Newington PS
20/01/2025	Woldmarsh Producers Ltd	PP/WOLD001	1,121.21	Materials
22/01/2025	Public Works Loans Board	PWLB PA501517	10,298.70	Loans repayment and interest
30/01/2025	J [REDACTED]	PP/BICHJ001	660.00	
30/01/2025	Isle of Axholme & North Nottinghamshire WLMB	PP/IOAN001	3,954.21	Recharge and Shared employee charges Dec 24 Consortium, Engineering, Consenting & Disbursement
30/01/2025	Lindsey Marsh Drainage Board	PP/LMDB001	29,133.05	recharges Dec 24
30/01/2025	Schneider Electric Systems UK Limited	PP/SCHN001	4,512.64	Telemetry Support Jan-Mar 25
30/01/2025	Net Wages	Wages Week 43	4,177.50	
03/02/2025	Public Works Loans Board	PWLB PA501506 I	12,547.29	Loans repayment and interest
05/02/2025	Total Energies	PP/TOTG001	511.18	Pumping Station Electricity
05/02/2025	Total Energies	PP/TOTG001	577.70	Pumping Station Electricity
05/02/2025	Total Energies	PP/TOTG001	754.63	Pumping Station Electricity
05/02/2025	Total Energies	PP/TOTG001	1,028.76	Pumping Station Electricity
05/02/2025	Total Energies	PP/TOTG001	1,208.27	Pumping Station Electricity
05/02/2025	Total Energies	PP/TOTG001	1,655.66	Pumping Station Electricity
05/02/2025	Total Energies	PP/TOTG001	1,748.75	Pumping Station Electricity
05/02/2025	Total Energies	PP/TOTG001	2,022.12	Pumping Station Electricity
05/02/2025	Total Energies	PP/TOTG001	3,009.01	Pumping Station Electricity
05/02/2025	Total Energies	PP/TOTG001	3,946.19	Pumping Station Electricity
05/02/2025	Total Energies	PP/TOTG001	4,806.51	Pumping Station Electricity
06/02/2025	Pension Fund	NEST	546.59	
07/02/2025	Colwill Contracting Ltd	PP/COLW001	84,011.77	Weedcutting contract
10/02/2025	Public Works Loans Board	PWLB PA501518 I	13,388.63	Loans repayment and interest
13/02/2025	Isle of Axholme & North Nottinghamshire WLMB	SP/IOAX001	750.00	Return apprenticeship charges - shared with IOANN
14/02/2025	P.A.Y.E.	PAYE Month 10	1,656.84	
20/02/2025	Belton Motor Services	PP/BELT001	682.92	
20/02/2025	Eco-Power Construction Group	PP/ECOP001	4,584.60	Repairs to brickwork at Elmhurst Pumping Station
20/02/2025	Woldmarsh Producers Ltd	PP/WOLD001	544.78	Materials
27/02/2025	Net Wages	Wages Week 47	4,152.21	
28/02/2025	Eco-Power Construction Group	PP/ECOP001	8,305.66	Repairs to access bridge at Cadmans Pumping Station
28/02/2025	Isle of Axholme & North Nottinghamshire WLMB	PP/IOAN001	2,956.04	Disbursement recharge and Shared Employee costs Jan 25 Consortium, Engineering, Consenting & Disbursement
28/02/2025	Lindsey Marsh Drainage Board	PP/LMDB001	30,794.36	recharges 24 Contribution towards extraction of water from North
06/03/2025	Black Drain Drainage Board	PP/BLAC001	2,500.00	Common Area
		Total	<u>263,547.78</u>	

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