

# **BLACK SLUICE**

## **INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD**



## **Executive Committee Meeting**

Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at **9am**

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## To the Chairperson and Members of the Executive Committee

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Executive Committee will be held at the Offices of the Board on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 9am at which your attendance is requested.

*D. Withmatt*

Chief Executive

## AGENDA

1. Recording the meeting.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Declarations of Interest.
4. To receive and, if correct, sign the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (**pages 1 - 12**)
5. **CONFIDENTIAL** - To receive and, if correct, sign the Confidential Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (**pages 13 & 14**)
6. Matters Arising.
7. To receive an update from James Scott of Brewin Dolphin regarding the Board's investments (**verbal**)
8. To consider Period 08 Management Accounts (**pages 15 - 21**)
9. To receive an ADA Press Release regarding a Local Government Association Special Interest Group seeking a new approach to funding IDBs (including a further press release from East Lindsey District Council) (**pages 22 - 26**)
10. To receive an indicative report for the 2024/2025 budget and 10-year estimates
  - a) 2024/25 budget and 10-year estimates (**page 27**)
  - b) 2024/25 Ten-Year Plant Replacement budget (**page 28**)
    - (i) New flail for Aebi (**pages 29 & 30**)
  - c) 2024/25 estimated electricity costs (**page 31**)
11. To receive a report on the process of employee drug testing (**pages 32 & 33**)
12. Any Other Business.
  - (a) Bourne Fen Slipes Rental (**verbal**)
  - (b) Finance & Admin Director attendance for specific elements of the Executive Committee meetings (**verbal**)
  - (c) Feedback on Lincs Reservoir questions (**verbal**)

# BLACK SLUICE INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

## MINUTES

of the proceedings of a meeting of the Executive Committee

held at the offices of the Board on  
14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 2pm

### Members

Chairperson - \* Mr K C Casswell

\* Cllr P Bedford

\* Mr J Fowler

\* Mr M Rollinson

Mr M Brookes

\* Mr P Holmes

\* Member Present

In attendance: Mr D Withnall (Chief Executive)  
Mr P Nicholson (Capital Projects Director & Deputy CEO)

#### 2185 Recording the Meeting - Agenda Item 1

Committee members were informed that the meeting would be recorded.

#### 2186 Apologies for absence - Agenda Item 2

Apologies were received from Mr M Brookes.

#### 2187 Declarations of Interest - Agenda Item 3

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 2188 Minutes of the Meeting - Agenda Item 4

Minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023, copies of which had been circulated, were considered and it was AGREED that they should be signed as a true record with the following amendment:

- Minute 2151(a)(i) – Spelling mistake – ‘...and is barley noticeable’ should be ‘...and is barely noticeable’.

#### 2189 Confidential Minutes of the Meeting - Agenda Item 5

Confidential Minutes of the last meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023, copies of which had been circulated, were considered and it was AGREED that they should be signed as a true record with the following amendment:

- Minute 2156 - ‘...affluently’ should be ‘...fluently’.

#### 2190 Matters Arising - Agenda Item 6

##### (a) Pay Award 2024/25 - Minute 2150(a)

The Chief Executive noted that negotiations for the Pay Award 2024/25 will be ongoing at a meeting of the ADA Pay & Conditions Committee next week.

The figures used to create the formula for the pay award have been published as follows:

- 12 Month average year on year figure = 6.45% (adopted to generate the 2.1% last year)
- 3 Month average year on year figure = 12.2% (Figure previously used)
- CPI(H) July 2023 = 6.4%
- RPI July 2023 = 9%

Unison have submitted a pay claim of an increase on all salary points / wage rates equal to July 2023 Retail Price Index (RPI) 9% plus 2%.

It was noted that the IDB's involved with the negotiations are as follows:

- Black Sluice IDB
- North East Lindsey IDB
- South Holland IDB
- Upper Witham IDB
- Witham First IDB
- Witham Third IDB
- Witham Fourth IDB

**(b) Electricity (Woldmarsh & Pumping Regime) - Minute 2151(a)(i)**

Mr J Fowler noted that he believes there is an emerging trend in electricity prices where the lower night rates are being increased, meaning the night rate is not that much cheaper than the day rate. Mr J Fowler believing that the electricity companies are overcoming the Ofgem price cap by increasing the night rates, noting that careful observation needs to be given to this in any electricity negotiations.

**(c) Investments - Minute 2151(a)(ii)**

It was noted that the Board's £500,000 invested with Brewin Dolphin is not doing well, currently at £398,962. The Chairperson felt it would be beneficial for the Brewin Dolphin representative to attend the next Executive Committee meeting in December to discuss this. All AGREED.

**(d) 2023/24 10 Year Plant Replacement Budget - Minute 2153(b)**

The Projects Director informed the committee that the four new Toyota Trucks are due to be delivered in October (three trucks on the 14<sup>th</sup> October and the fourth on the 24<sup>th</sup> October). The trade in value of the current Mitsubishi trucks will need to be established.

**(e) Cyber Security - Penetration Testing - Minute 2157(b)**

The Chief Executive informed the committee that the penetration testing has now been completed, with the following three vulnerabilities identified and corrected as below:

- Port open on the telemetry – was used by Oriel to work on them, a different secure access has now been given to Oriel.
- SSL Certificates were self-signed – cost of £300, now not self-signed.

- User Portal open (used by users to log into firewall to download the software to access the system) – has been shut down.

The Board's network is now as secure as it can be.

(f) Starlink Internet - Minute 2157(c)

The Chief Executive questioned how Mr P Holmes was finding Starlink? Mr P Holmes reported that he is getting on well, hasn't has any issues and it seems stable.

(g) Finance Assistant - Alexandra Emms - Minute 2156

It was agreed and thereby RESOLVED to exclude the public from the next part of the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

2191 Period 05 Management Accounts - Agenda Item 7

The Chief Executive presented the management accounts.

Firstly, noting a correction on the bottom of the balance sheet, as displayed below:

		Current Interest Rate @ 12/09/2023	Balance	Annual Equivalent Income
Natwest	Drawings Account	N/A	£ (91,219)	
Natwest	Call Account	N/A	£ 10,000	
Natwest	Natwest Reserve Account	1.71%	£ 881,408	£ 15,072
Natwest	35 Day Notice Account	3.25%	£ 1,500,000	£ 48,750
	Petty Cash	N/A	£ 425	
Natwest	Chargecard	N/A	£ (2,797)	
Loughboough BS	12 Month fixed term deposit	5.65%	£ 200,000	£ 11,300
Vernon BS	12 Month fixed term deposit	6.00%	£ 200,000	£ 12,000
			<b>£ 2,697,817</b>	<b>£ 87,122</b>

The Chief Executive highlighted the Loughborough and Vernon Building Society's interest rates of 5.65% and 6%. Also noting 3.25% on the Natwest 35-day notice account, noting that there is another option with Natwest for a 95-day notice account, but it is only attracting 4.25% and so the Chief Executive didn't believe it was worth changing to the longer notice period.

The Chief Executive also noted that BGC have not yet provided an option for investing another £200,000 for twelve months.

Mr M Rollinson questioned how the Board would stand with Government Bonds? Noting that it is 6.2% for 12 months.

The Chief Executive responded that he can ask if the Board can take them out direct. Adding that it is not currently permitted within the Board's Financial Regulations, but that could be considered and reviewed by the Audit & Risk Committee if it were a possibility.

(i) Insurance Renewal

The Chief Executive presented the insurance renewal premium as displayed below (like for like 2022/23 to 2023/24):

	NFU 2022/23 after adjustments in year	NFU 2023/24	Increase in Premium	Premium Increase %
Motor Fleet	£ 16,112.61	£ 15,670.34	-£ 442.27	-2.74%
Commercial Combined	£ 52,310.01	£ 48,053.11	-£ 4,256.90	-8.14%
Excess Liability (Extra £10m Public, £5m Employers)	£ 3,528.00	£ 3,472.00	-£ 56.00	-1.59%
Environmental Liability (cover doubled)	£ 3,808.76	£ 6,050.24	£ 2,241.48	58.85%
Engineering Inspection	£ 9,555.07	£ 9,824.50	£ 269.43	2.82%
Professional Indemnity	£ 3,024.00	£ 3,024.00	£ -	0.00%
Management Liability	£ 2,232.72	£ 2,232.72	£ -	0.00%
<b>TOTAL PREMIUM</b>	<b>£ 90,571.17</b>	<b>£ 88,326.91</b>	<b>-£ 2,244.26</b>	<b>-2.48%</b>
VAT	£ 1,911.01	£ 1,964.90		
	<b>£ 92,482.18</b>	<b>£ 90,291.81</b>		

It was noted that the renewal price has not been received yet for the figures highlighted in yellow.

The committee noted the positive insurance renewal figures.

The Chief Executive also noted the recent insurance inspections carried out by Vulcan, who are being very thorough and detailed. Some immediate concerns have been raised about elements at the pumping stations, which will be prioritised and resolved. The Projects Director added that although it must be safe, it still needs to be operationally feasible.

2192 Direction on 2023/24 Budgets and Ten-Year Estimates - Agenda Item 8

The Chief Executive noted that the Board has not needed to use the extra finance budgeted for electricity and so a large favourable budget is showing. However, how much is needed in the remaining financial year is very much weather dependant, the favourable weather conditions being noted. Currently the Board is in a positive financial position and so hopefully a reasonable increase will only be required, following the large increase last year. The Chief Executive also noted that because the electricity prices have reduced and are now known, the figure the Board are aiming towards (to be able to fund a minimum of two consecutive "Wet" years of electricity from the General Reserve) will be less than what was being aimed for when setting the budgets this time last year.

Mr M Rollinson noted how varied the electricity prices have been.

It was noted that the funding received from the government to help the councils pay the Speical Levies last year was described as a one-off, but is not strictly not possible in the future, now it has been done once.

(a) 2023/24 Capital Schemes Budgets

The Projects Director noted that he has removed some possible Board contributions for catchment studies for next year (£30,000 across Bicker Fen, Dunsby Fen and Ewerby Fen), as it is not known yet what these contributions may be.

It was noted that the draft report for the whole catchment study is expected this week. There may be some catchments where funding will not be achievable for the works and so contributions will be required from either the Board or partners (e.g. ASDA for work at Allan House Pumping Station).

The Projects Director continued that he has added in 2024/25 and 2025/26 a budget of £75,000 for each year for further Natural Flood Management (NFM) studies. In reference to the NFM works, grant funding has been achieved, with the Projects Director of the opinion that gaining more funding would be achievable, the challenge is delivering those works on site, however, they have now started to roll out. Mr M Rollinson noted his concern that a lot of the NFM schemes will be affected by the Lincolnshire Reservoir. The Projects Director noted that many schemes are on a ten-year basis. The Projects Director noted that Lesley Sharpe, who currently fronts the NFM work, is due to retire in 2025, however, she is training her successor.

Mr M Rollinson referenced the desilting of the South Forty Foot Drain (SFFD) and whether there is apprehension from the Environment Agency (EA) to complete these works due to the potential works on the SFFD as a result of the Lincolnshire Reservoir? The Projects Director noted that they are probably conscious of it. It was noted that if it hadn't been desilted, then the consequences and effects of the fluvial event in 2019 would have been a lot greater. The Chairman noted the importance of maintenance of what has already been done.

Mr P Holmes questioned that, now it can be emptied quicker using the nav lock, is it more self-cleansing? The Projects Director responded that there would be no way of identifying that without regular survey data, however, he did note that the highland carriers contribute a lot of silt into the SFFD.

The Projects Director noted that he had previously priced 150 NFM interventions.

Mr M Rollinson noted that it has now been confirmed that NFM work can be double funded alongside Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI), if the funding is external from the EA and so this may encourage more NFM works.

It was also highlighted that the Board have put in a bid for a peat project (two sites at Bourne Fen), there were 48 bids received and so it has now gone to a formal Defra bid.

#### (b) 2023/24 Plant Budget

The Projects Director noted the revised estimated trade in values for the Mitsubishi trucks, being replaced by Toyotas, which are due to be received in November.

The Projects Director next referred to the ride-on lawnmower, noting that he has received some indicative quotes to change, which are coming back at around £28,000. The estimated trade in value is a figure generated from a generic formula, a company trade-in value is being awaited for. It was noted that the Pump Engineer has expressed an interest in an electric lawn mower (current mower is diesel), which would be around the same price.

It was felt that more needed to be known about how long it would last and the logistics of charging it.

Mr P Holmes questioned if there is any update on the Hooby? The Operations Manager noted that there is no update currently.

Reference was made to the Hitachi and the possibility of pushing back its replacement date, noting that it is in good condition. It was noted that the Hitachi's are more expensive but are more reliable, more cost efficient to run, the repairs are cheaper when needed and it holds its value, also preferred by the workforce. It was noted that Hitachi and Volvo will be looked at when changing the excavators, noting their long-term value.

It was also noted that one of the workforce has raised that his JCB excavator is not stable and the track is lifting off the ground with a long reach arm on. It is therefore booked in to have a trial with an adjustment to the counterweight in October.

**2193 To receive the External Auditor's Opinion for 2022/23 - Agenda Item 9**

The Chief Executive noted that there was nothing of concern raised by the External Auditors. It also being noted that the Finance and Admin Director compiled it for the first time this year.

**2194 To consider committee membership - Agenda Item 10**

*Audit & Risk Committee (2 vacancies)* – It was noted that Cllr M Geaney has expressed her interest in joining the Audit & Risk Committee and it was felt she would be an asset on it. It was also noted that only Cllr M Geaney has expressed an interest in the committee, but that there are two vacancies. It being further noted that Cllr Z Lane had expressed an interest in the Environment Committee but there being no vacancy for her, suggested that she may be interested in joining the Audit & Risk Committee. All AGREED Cllr M Geaney be asked to join the Audit & Risk Committee and the Chairperson of the Audit & Risk Committee to discuss with Cllr Z Lane about her also joining the committee.

*Environment Committee (1 vacancy)* – It was noted that Cllr C Rylott has expressed her interest in joining the Environment Committee and it was felt she would be an asset on it. Further reference was made to succession planning and whether Mr J Atkinson would be prepared to stand down from the Environment Committee and his son, Mr G Atkinson (co-opted member) fill his vacancy. Likewise, it was suggested that perhaps Mr R Welberry (co-opted member) may wish to stand down from the committee in order for his daughter, Cllr S Welberry (Board Member), to join the committee. All AGREED Cllr C Rylott be asked to join the Environment Committee and for the Chairperson of the Environment committee to discuss with Mr J Atkinson and Mr G Atkinson, and Mr R Welberry and Cllr S Welberry about the possible options regarding the committee outlined above.

*Structures Committee (2 vacancies)* – It was noted that Cllr D Middleton and Mr M Leggott have expressed their interest in joining the Structures Committee and it was felt that they would be an asset on it. All AGREED Cllr D Middleton and Mr M Leggott be asked to join the Structures Committee.



2195 To review the draft timetable for 2024 meetings - Agenda Item 11

The committee RESOLVED to recommend the below timetable of meeting dates for 2024:

Executive	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	2pm
Board	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	2pm
Environment	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	2pm
Structures	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	2pm
Southern Works	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	-
Audit & Risk	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	2pm
Executive	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	2pm
Board	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	2pm
Northern Works	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024	-
Executive	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	2pm
Joint Works	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	2pm
Audit & Risk	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	2pm
Board	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	2pm
Executive	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	2pm

It was noted that there will be a full Board inspection next year to celebrate the retirement of the Chairperson and Chief Executive. It was suggested that this will be tied into the Board meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

2196 To consider the Wyberton Towns Drain Realignment - Agenda Item 12

The Projects Director reminded the committee that he has requested an indemnification of the Board's work if they carry it out due to the soil conditions and risk of it failing. Chestnut Homes are not happy to do this or any of the other options that have been suggested. The Project Director's recommendation being that if Chestnut Homes can't agree to an indemnification, then the Board won't complete the works.

The Chairperson agreed with the opinion of the Projects Director, noting his concern for the soil conditions there. Mr J Fowler and Mr P Holmes added their support.

It was noted that it is a Board maintained drain, if the work was carried out by a third party and then failed, the Board would remove anything blocking the conveyance of water but would recover the cost.

The Projects Director noted that he has suggested another option to Chestnut Homes of the Board completing the work but at an enhanced specification including revetment measures (additional £20,000), which, again, Chestnut Homes were not in agreement to.

It was suggested that the Board write to Chestnut Homes to outline the following three options Chestnut Homes have:

1. Works are completed by the Board to a high specification including revetment works.
  2. Works are completed by the Board to a normal specification with an indemnity.
  3. Works are completed by a third party adhering to the Board's specification.
- All AGREED.

**2197 To consider the current access to Great Hale Pumping Station - Agenda Item 13**

The Capital Projects Director informed the committee that the Board require access across private land (132 metres) in order to access Great Hale Pumping Station. It was previously agreed by the Board in 2021 that an annual contribution of £150 would be made to the landowner for this. This year, an invoice was received from the landowner for an increased amount of £170. The landowner felt that the increase was justified given the increase in drainage rates in April 2023.

The Capital Projects Director noted that he has considered this, but also considered other private roadways which are used to access pumping stations.

Mr P Holmes suggested that it is increased now to the £170 and fixed at that for five years.

The Chairperson felt the landowner should get £150, as previously agreed, this year, and increase it for the following five years.

Cllr P Bedford was of the opinion that it should remain at £150.

Mr J Fowler suggested an alternative of payment in gravel.

It was noted that there is a caveat on his deeds, that he hasn't presented himself in a negotiable manner and so ALL AGREED that the Board's contribution to therefore remain at £150, as agreed by the Board in 2021.

The Projects Director questioned if the Board should be looking at alternative access to the pumping station (field access)? It was felt that the caveat on the deeds covered the Board's access.

**2198 To receive an update on the new organisation structure in practice - Agenda Item 14**

It was agreed and thereby RESOLVED to exclude the public from the next part of the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

**2199 Any Other Business - Agenda Item 15**

**(a) Attendees for the National ADA Conference - 21 November 2023**

The following are to attend the National ADA Conference on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023:

- Daniel Withnall
- Keith Casswell
- Paul Nicholson
- Cllr Peter Bedford (provisionally)

Mr P Holmes noted that he will attend if anybody listed above can't make it.

(b) Retirement Lunch for Ian Warsap (Chief Executive)

It was confirmed that the Executive Committee, Chief Executive and Projects Director are to join Ian for lunch at the Black Bull, Donington on 12<sup>th</sup> October to mark his retirement from Chief Executive of the Board.

(c) Lincolnshire Reservoir Working Partnership Task & Finish Group

The Chief Executive noted that Ian (South Lincolnshire Water Partnership Consultant) has questioned whether the Board would like him to represent the Board on the Lincolnshire Reservoir Working Partnership Task & Finish Group. It being felt that this group is an extension of the SLWP, all AGREED.

(d) South Forty Foot Water Bank Pilot Study

The Chief Executive explained that Lindsay Hargreaves and David Matthews are promoting the SFF Water Bank Pilot Study, with the aim being to improve and make watercourses bigger so that the water can be stored within them, as opposed to the reservoir.

It was felt that this would require a large amount of surface area and not be practical.

It was suggested that the Projects Director to attend this meeting. Mr M Rollinson noted that if Board Member representation is required, he would be willing to attend.

It was also noted that they have requested the use of the Board Room for the first meeting, which the committee agreed were happy to do.

(e) Joint Works Committee – Attendance of SLWP Consultant

The Chief Executive questioned whether the committee want the South Lincs Water Partnership Consultant (Ian Warsap) to attend the Joint Works Committee on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October to give an update on the Lincolnshire Reservoir? All AGREED it would be beneficial for Ian to attend and give an update.

(f) Wash Barrier

The Chief Executive noted that ADA have been approached to get involved with the Wash barrier, which ADA have declined and noted to IDBs. The Chief Executive continued that he has discussed this with the Chairperson, it being felt that the Board should distance themselves from it at the moment to as remain neutral.

(g) Crop Loss Claim

The Chief Executive explained that some soil has been put on land within a cradge, which has overspilled, photos were displayed on screen. The landowner is seeking to claim crop loss compensation for the cradge and overspill for two years (too wet to push out so is not going to be able to be cropped for another year).

It was confirmed that when the cradge was built, there was no crop on the land and so, ordinarily, the Board wouldn't pay crop loss compensation.

It was confirmed that once the new surveying equipment has arrived, it will be used to attend the site and measure the area in question, noting that the landowner has provided his own measurements. It also being noted that the crop this year was peas.

Mr P Holmes and Mr M Rollinson felt that if the landowner couldn't crop it for two years, then he should be compensated for the area he couldn't crop, including the overspill.

It was confirmed that the Board's crop loss policy is only relevant in cases where a crop has been covered, it doesn't refer to when the land is bare but couldn't be cropped, as it is in this case. Mr M Rollinson felt that if the Board want to keep a good working relationship with landowners, then they should be compensated for cradges on their land, even if they did not lose a crop.

The Chairperson felt he should only be compensated for the second year, as he was notified of it the first year.

Mr P Holmes noted that he hasn't lost the crop, but has lost potential earnings from peas in that area and will then lose potential earnings from his next crop (wheat) if it is too wet to push out and so felt he should be compensated for two years.

Cllr P Bedford left the meeting.

It was noted that the landowner has varied the cradge width on his measurements, as opposed to taking an average line, which the committee felt was a fair measurement.

Mr M Rollinson suggested that the rate didn't ought to be at crop loss rate as he hasn't actually lost the crop. Mr M Rollinson therefore suggested that the John Nix Farming Book and use the average gross margin on the crops he would have drilled – peas and wheat. Mr M Rollinson suggested using the high figure from the book.

Mr J Fowler suggested another option of paying crop loss for one year and rent the area from him for the second year.

All AGREED to pay for the potential loss of income for each year, calculated using the high average figures stated within the John Nix book, applied to the area of the cradge and overspill (to be measured by the Board), for one crop of peas and one crop of wheat.

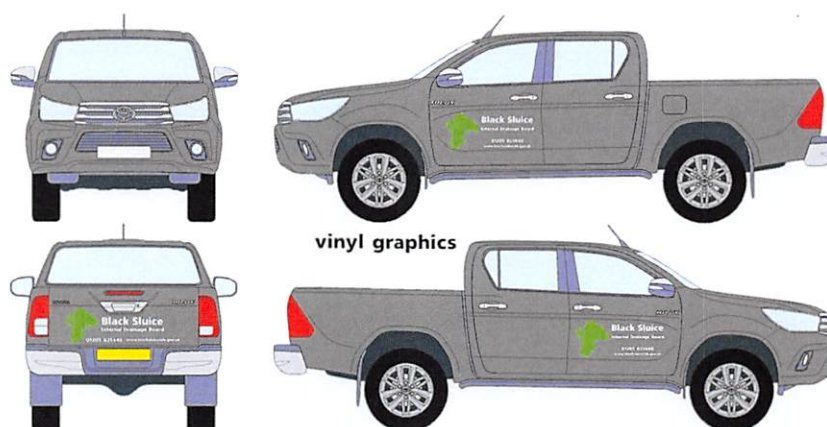
(h) Fens 2100+ Visit - 18 October 2023

The Chief Executive informed the committee that the Fens 2100+ team are visiting the Board on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The aim of Fens 2100+ is to bring together all the different projects such as the Lower Witham Project, sea banks, Lincolnshire Reservoir etc.

The team are visiting to learn about the role of the IDB and so the visit will include the induction presentation and any other specific topics they might want to discuss. It was noted that the Chairperson and Mr J Fowler will be in attendance.

(i) Vehicle Signage

It was noted that with the new trucks arriving soon, consideration has been given to vehicle signage. Options were displayed on screen. The committee AGREED that the below is the preferred option:



(j) Benches at Langrick Road, Boston

The Chief Executive noted that a Councillor has questioned whether the Board would be willing to fund some benches at Langrick Road, Boston – photos were displayed on screen. The Chief Executive noted that he has explained that the Board would not be able to purchase the benches due to being a local authority. It has since been asked whether the Board would give permission for benches to be put on there funded by others? The committee felt that this should not be supported due to potentially encouraging anti-social behaviour, litter, and a liability for the Board.

(k) Annual Value of rating account 30-3030-5

The committee were reminded of the rating account above and that the landowner is continuing to persist that he does not believe he should be paying the rate of a special building on his chicken sheds when they are not used as chicken sheds.

The Chief Executive noted that he has told the ratepayer that if the equipment is taken down, but stored in the sheds, then the Board would accept that and would no longer be treated as chicken sheds, but whilst the equipment is still in place, they could be used as chicken sheds at any time.

The Chief Executive has also noted the relevant parts of the Land Drainage Act to the ratepayer and told him that he can write and ask the Board to make a formal determination, which he doesn't want to do.

Mr J Fowler noted that by leaving the equipment in place, he is securing his chances of future planning permission.

The option that the ratepayer has put forward is for him to sign something to say he won't use them as chicken sheds, however, this does not change the building. The committee also felt this would set a precedent.

The Chief Executive expressed that he is not sure how to move this forward, as the ratepayer is continually persistent.

All AGREED to formally write to the ratepayer to outline that the equipment (feeders and drinkers) in the chicken sheds need to be dismantled for the special building status to be removed. It was felt it would be beneficial to cc Mr W Ash into the letter.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 16:31.

**BLACK SLUICE INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - 12 DECEMBER 2023**

**AGENDA ITEM 08**

**PERIOD 08 MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS**

**Income**

- Drainage Rates - £21,799.20 outstanding (1.50%)
  - 16 accounts have had Distress Warrants signed by Magistrates and will shortly be referred to Rossendale's for recovery action to commence.
- Special Levy income has all been received now, £676,556.95 was received after Period End so will show in Period 9 accounts.
- Interest & Investment Income £31,428 more than budget, £152 down on the recent Forecast.
- Rechargeable Income is still doing better than budgeted YTD (£141,070) and is also doing better than recently Forecasted (£33,080).
- Solar income £4,362 more than budget YTD
- The negative figure of £668,198 for Overall Income in the current period is due to a timing issue with the special levy payments, without the timing issue Overall Income YTD would be £329,173 greater than budget, which has improved from £320,814 in Period 7.

**Expenditure**

- Schemes are still showing an underspend because most of the budgeted works have not yet been completed, the Forecast was rephased to show the expected expenditure for the rest of the year.
- Pumping Station Maintenance is currently showing £151,523 YTD favourable, and expenditure was £13,578 less than expected in Period 8. The electricity figures are accurate to the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023.
- Drain Maintenance is now £24,451 underspent, and it was £19,906 underspent for the Period. It is £7,638 underspent compared to the Q2 Forecast.
  - Summer Cutting = £40,235 underspent YTD
  - Desilting = £54,807 overspent YTD
  - Bushing = £18,202 underspent YTD
  - Culvert Surveying = £11,849 underspent YTD
  - Jetting = £8,971 underspent YTD
- Admin & Establishment is now £8,802 overspent for YTD, £3,871 overspent compared to the Q2 Forecast.
  - Salaries are £10,260 more than expected in the period, £3,273 overspent YTD.
  - New Office is £8,380 overspent YTD due to the offices moves in Period 5, £1,941 overspent compared to the Forecast.
  - Depot now £670 overspent YTD but £1,512 underspent compared to the Forecast.
  - Hessle Drive Bungalow will be at least £3,395 overspent for the year due to the kitchen refurbishment. Due to the recent Q2 Forecast, this is now showing as £150 underspent compared to the Forecast.

**Balance Sheet**

- Plant Account has recovered to roughly the same surplus at this point last year.
  - £179,706 2022/2023 P08
  - £181,662 2023/2024 P08
- Wages Oncost is still showing a surplus for the year of £9,958 (was a surplus of £6,520 in Period 7)
- The overdue outstanding invoice from Period 07 has now been paid.
- BFF investment stands at £313,740
  - Estimated income £11,538
- BSIDB Investment £399,669
  - Estimated Income £15,573

# Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board

## Project Summary

### 2023/24

Period 08 - November 2023

Description	Period Current Year			Year To Date					Last Year	
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance	Forecast	Variance	Actual YTD	Variance to Current Year
Rates & Levies	90,277	775,786	(685,509)	2,284,208	2,971,873	(687,665)	2,967,143	(682,935)	1,797,167	487,042
Interest & Grants	7,932	1,401	6,531	382,250	192,066	190,184	382,401	(151)	33,502	348,747
Development Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Income	310	991	(681)	18,577	13,911	4,666	19,747	(1,170)	160,474	(141,897)
Rechargeable Income	16,376	5,025	11,351	346,380	205,310	141,070	313,300	33,080	416,460	(70,080)
Solar Panel Income	722	612	110	22,174	17,812	4,362	21,754	420	16,564	5,610
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>115,617</b>	<b>783,815</b>	<b>(668,198)</b>	<b>3,053,588</b>	<b>3,400,972</b>	<b>(347,384)</b>	<b>3,704,345</b>	<b>(650,757)</b>	<b>2,424,166</b>	<b>629,422</b>
Schemes	26,590	0	(26,590)	361,755	370,000	8,245	305,333	(56,422)	112,943	(248,812)
Pumping Station Schemes	686	0	(686)	70,683	287,139	216,456	71,909	1,226	30,670	(40,013)
Pumping Station Maintenance	32,457	93,928	13,578	240,151	598,261	151,523	498,977	52,239	174,320	(178,883)
Electricity	47,893			206,586					93,535	0
Drain Maintenance	109,980	129,886	19,906	598,001	622,452	24,451	605,639	7,638	551,607	(46,394)
Environmental Schemes	997	234	(763)	10,551	14,663	4,112	15,204	4,653	8,823	(1,728)
Administration & Establishment	58,532	48,338	(10,194)	451,762	442,960	(8,802)	447,891	(3,871)	412,845	(38,917)
EA Precept	138,276	138,276	0	276,552	276,552	0	276,552	0	138,276	(138,276)
Rechargeable Expenditure	15,978	4,674	5,072	320,847	190,987	(129,860)	283,231	(37,616)	390,450	(346,857)
Solar Panel Expenses	0	0	0	250	0	(250)	0	(250)	546	296
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>431,390</b>	<b>415,336</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>2,537,139</b>	<b>2,803,014</b>	<b>265,875</b>	<b>2,504,736</b>	<b>(32,403)</b>	<b>1,914,015</b>	<b>(1,039,584)</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(315,773)</b>	<b>368,479</b>	<b>(684,252)</b>	<b>516,449</b>	<b>597,958</b>	<b>(81,509)</b>	<b>1,199,609</b>	<b>(683,160)</b>	<b>510,151</b>	<b>6,298</b>
<b>Movement on reserves</b>										
Plant Reserve	(24,023)	0	24,023	(181,662)	0	181,662	(181,714)	(52)	(179,706)	1,956
Pump Engineer Oncost	659	0	(659)	(2,376)	0	2,376	0	2,376	1,286	3,663
Wages oncost Reserve	(3,439)	0	3,439	(9,958)	0	9,958	0	9,958	(34,763)	(24,805)
Grants Manager	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>(288,970)</b>	<b>368,479</b>	<b>(711,054)</b>	<b>710,445</b>	<b>597,958</b>	<b>(275,506)</b>	<b>1,381,323</b>	<b>(695,443)</b>	<b>723,334</b>	<b>25,485</b>



# Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board Drainage Rates & Special Levies

2023/24

Period 08 - November 2023

## Drainage Rates & Special Levies Due

### Drainage Rates

Annual Drainage Rates - Land and/or buildings	1,451,545.17	
Land/Property - Value Decreased	(10,019.75)	
Land/Property - Value Increased	9,030.03	
New Assessment	633.51	
Write Offs & Irrecoverables	(5.23)	
Adjustments required for Special Levy		
Summons Collection Costs		

<b>Balance</b>	1,451,183.73	48.66%
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### Special Levies

Boston Borough Council	1,139,128.16	
South Holland District Council	213,985.74	
North Kesteven District Council	97,415.80	
South Kesteven District Council	80,851.16	
	1,531,380.86	51.34%

<b>Total Due</b>	2,982,564.59	100.00%
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## Drainage Rates & Special Levies Collected

B/F Arrears/(Allowances)	(1,842.22)	
Payments Posted	1,431,569.63	
Returned Amount		98.50%
Paid Refund	(342.88)	
Bourne North Fen Trust Contribution		
Special Levies Received	854,823.91	55.82%
<b>Total Received</b>	2,284,208.44	

## Drainage Rates & Special Levies Debtors

Special Levy Outstanding	676,556.95	44.18%
Drainage Rates Outstanding	21,799.20	1.50%
	698,356.15	

	2,982,564.59	
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# Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board Income & Expenditure Summary

2023/24

Period 08 - November 2023

	This Year	Last Year	Variance
Drainage Rates	1,429,385	1,132,750	296,634
Special Levies	854,824	664,417	190,407
Recoverable	346,380	416,460	(70,080)
Misc Income	402,022	195,014	207,007
Solar Panel Income	22,174	16,564	5,610
	3,054,783	2,425,205	629,579
Employment Costs	1,019,508	916,503	(103,005)
Property	335,722	131,029	(204,693)
General Expenses	154,587	154,637	50
Materials / Stock	10,320	9,274	(1,046)
Motor & Plant	186,723	212,071	25,348
Miscellaneous	637,478	278,370	(359,108)
Recharges	(467,343)	(485,421)	(18,079)
Plant	467,343	485,409	18,066
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>2,344,338</b>	<b>1,701,871</b>	<b>(642,467)</b>
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>710,445</b>	<b>723,334</b>	<b>(12,888)</b>

# Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board

## Balance Sheet at Period End

### 2023/24

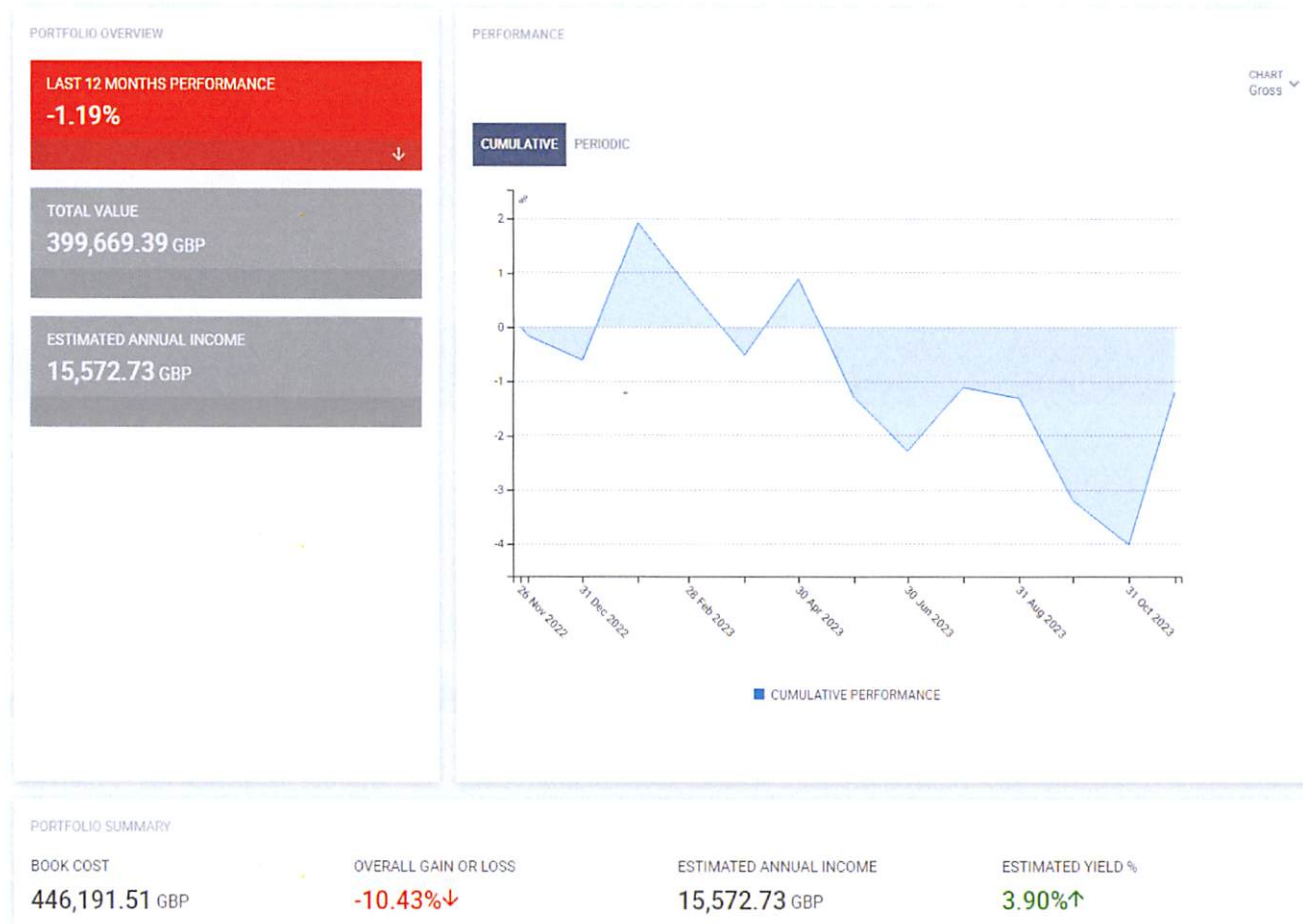
Period 08 - November 2023

	<u>This Year</u>		<u>Last Year</u>	
	£	£	£	£
Operational Land & Buildings Cost	1,009,350		1,009,350	
Pumping Stations Cost	3,861,354		3,861,354	
Non-operational Property Cost	165,000		165,000	
Vehicles, Plant & Machinery Cost	1,005,007		908,859	
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		<u>6,040,711</u>		<u>5,944,563</u>
Stock	44,903		41,839	
Debtors Control	126,818		70,829	
VAT	32,775		57,182	
Car Loans	5,718		10,928	
Prepayments	103,656		96,992	
Drawings Bank Account	(432,606)		(93,959)	
Call Bank Account	410,000		310,000	
Petty Cash	164		245	
Highland Water	0		0	
Work in Progress	(25,776)		(120,411)	
Nat West Government Procurement Card	(1,422)		(1,919)	
Brewin Dolphin Investment	399,669		427,570	
Natwest Reserve Account	914,894		1,399,017	
Natwest 35 Day Notice Account	1,500,000		500,227	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>3,078,795</u>		<u>2,698,541</u>
Trade Creditors	30,288		(8,673)	
PAYE & NI Control Account	(32,700)		(27,023)	
Superannuation Contrl Account	(28,531)		(19,447)	
Accruals	(158,476)		(69,548)	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u>(189,419)</u>		<u>(124,692)</u>
Pension Liability		446,000		(2,703,000)
		<u><u>9,376,087</u></u>		<u><u>5,815,412</u></u>
Capital Reserve	5,933,400		5,759,896	
Pension Reserve	446,000		(2,703,000)	
Brewin Dolphin Revaluation	(100,331)		(72,430)	
<b>Total Capital</b>		<u>6,279,069</u>		<u>2,984,466</u>
Revenue Reserve	1,432,256		1,262,024	
Development Reserve	579,839		478,907	
Plant Reserve	246,454		292,206	
Wages Oncost Reserve	128,023		74,476	
General Reserve	710,445		723,334	
<b>Total Reserves</b>		<u>3,097,018</u>		<u>2,830,946</u>
		<u><u>9,376,087</u></u> 0		<u><u>5,815,412</u></u>
<b><u>Cash &amp; Bank Balances</u></b>				
Drawings Account		(432,606)		
Call Account		10,000	410,000	
Natwest Reserve Account @ 1.46% wef 15/08/23		914,894		
Natwest 35 Day Notice Account @ 3.25% wef 15/08/23		1,500,000		
Petty Cash		164		
Chargecard		(1,422)		
Loughborough BS @ 5.65%		200,000	12 Month Fixed Term Deposit	
Vernon BS @ 6.00%		200,000	12 Month Fixed Term Deposit	
		<u><u>2,391,031</u></u>		

# Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board Investment Summary 2023/24 Period 08 - November 2023

PORTFOLIO P1684056 VALUATION DATE 4 Dec 2023

26 Nov 2022 - 26 Nov 2023



# Black Sluice Internal Drainage Board

## BFF Investment Summary

### 2023/24

#### Period 08 - November 2023

PORTFOLIO P0000789299 VALUATION DATE 4 Dec 2023

26 Nov 2022 - 26 Nov 2023



**PORTFOLIO SUMMARY**

BOOK COST	OVERALL GAIN OR LOSS	ESTIMATED ANNUAL INCOME	ESTIMATED YIELD %
<b>305,984.80 GBP</b>	<b>2.53%↑</b>	<b>11,537.83 GBP</b>	<b>3.68%↑</b>

# Fifteen councils form Local Government Association Special Interest Group to seek new approach to funding Internal Drainage Boards

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ADA has been working closely with affected local councils to make representations to government about the increasing financial pressures on their budgets and the effect of the Special Levy payments to IDBs on those budgets. All of the councils concerned appreciate the work of the IDBs and last year supported increases, which in some cases were considerable.

The rate cap on councils (4.99%) however, includes Special Levy so when an IDB votes to increase the Special Levy by, for example, 15%, only 4.99% of that can be passed onto ratepayers, the rest coming from council reserves or savings in other services. The Rate Support Grant from Treasury used to pay a large part of the Special Levy but over the past few years, that has been gradually reduced to near or at zero in some cases.

ADA has made representations to Government about this situation and the 15 most affected Councils put a case to the Local Government Association (LGA) for the creation of a Special Interest Group (SIG) to look into this issue in more detail. The LGA have agreed to the setting up of the SIG and ADA expects relevant IDB members to play an active part in the group.

ADA is also keen to ensure that there is no adverse effects on Special Levy to the disadvantage of Internal Drainage Boards and will be closely monitoring the work of the SIG and any engagement with Government. Government did provide some financial support (£3m) in total to the 15 most affected Local Authorities earlier this year and it is hoped that through the SIG and ADA's work, some longer-term mechanism to support Local Authorities paying Special Levy to IDBs can be agreed.

## PRESS RELEASE from East Lindsey District Council

Fifteen local authorities disadvantaged by the current funding mechanism to support the vital work of Internal Drainage Boards have successfully joined together to request a sustainable solution from Government.



The District Councils have formed a Local Government Association Special Interest Group (SIG) which aims to secure a revised approach from the Government to the current funding method which has left the councils disproportionately impacted and, in some cases, financially precarious.

Internal Drainage Boards manage water levels and reduce the risk from flooding in areas where special flood management measures are needed. Their work is essential for keeping communities safe and we would be lost without them. The SIG aims to showcase the essential service IDBs provide while it campaigns for a better method for IDBs to get the funds they require.

All the councils in the SIG are currently required to pay a Special Levy to fund the Internal Drainage Boards for their Council area. The levy varies from year to year and the Councils have no control over the sum. Historically, IDBs raised the levy directly from local ratepayers and, for efficiency from the 1970s onwards, the collecting of the rates was passed to local councils who then transferred them on to the IDBs.

The levy is paid from the funds collected through Council Tax, meaning less money is then available to fund statutory services the Council must provide to taxpayers. In some cases, services are being cut to fund the levy.

Electric and fuel costs to power the pumps and machinery used by the drainage boards have soared, resulting in increased levies in recent years. This year, the total levy requirement from IDBs to Councils is £45.852m – up from £38,881 for 2022/23.

One of the authorities most hard hit is Boston Borough Council. In the 2023/24 net budget, the IDB levy represented 22 per cent of the Borough Council's overall budget and took 58 per cent of the total Council Tax collected.

This year, the council tax yield was £168,000 – almost half of the IDB increase of £320,000.

Similarly in East Lindsey for 2023/24 due to the levies, the council tax yield was £321,000 compared to a IDB increase of £946,000.

This issue is unique to a handful of councils – all with relatively small overall budgets – as local authorities not covered by drainage boards do not have this financial disadvantage.



Earlier this year, the Government made a one-off payment to the 15 councils significantly impacted to mitigate the levy increase. While this was hugely welcomed, it was a one-off payment and offers no permanent solution, with the levies expected to increase further in 2024/25. For some local authorities, the one-off payment did not cover this year's levy increase in their budgets.

Through the SIG, the councils are now seeking a longer term, more sustainable approach to how Special Levy payments to Internal Drainage Boards are funded.

Cllr Paul Redgate, Chairman of the IDB SIG and Portfolio for Finance at South Holland District Council said: *"There is no doubt that Drainage Boards play a vitally important role to protect and support our communities as well as the economy. That is jointly felt by all the Councils in the SIG. The work of the drainage boards came into their own with the recent impact from Storm Babet in how they worked around the clock, pumping water to restore farmland and protect communities.*

*"It is extremely important the funding mechanism to support the IDBs is addressed by the Government. The current system is unsustainable and resulting in some of the Councils being placed in a position where they are having to make cuts to services to fund the levies rather than using Council Tax yield to grow services to meet demand.*

*"The levies may only affect a relatively small number of authorities but that places us at a significant financial disadvantage compared to authorities who do not have drainage boards.*

*"The formation of the SIG is a significant move for the councils to collectively lobby for a change in the way drainage boards are funded and to strongly put our case forward as the levies in their current form will continue to strongly affect our budgets and what we can and can't deliver for our communities."*

The formation of the SIG is the latest proactive measure to highlight the deficit and serious impact the levies is having on Council budgets and service provision.

Last month, representatives from the 15 local authorities addressed the All Party Parliamentary Group for Sustainable Flood and Drought Management in London.

Christine Marshall, Deputy Chief Executive – Corporate Development at the South & East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership, was a guest speaker to the APPG and presented how the existing approach is simply unsustainable for many small councils.

From the start, the Partnership has worked collaboratively with the drainage authorities and continues to work together to lobby the Government for a fairer funding approach.

The SIG is writing to the Chancellor Jeremy Hunt; Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Michael Gove, MPs in the area of each of the 15 Councils and the District Councils Network.

Chief Executive Innes Thomson from ADA (the Association of Drainage Authorities), representing drainage, water level, and flood risk management authorities, said: *"The working relationship between local councils and IDBs is longstanding and crucial for the management of water levels and flood risks in the areas they function. Councils are today*

*caught between a rock and a hard place where they are obliged to pay the Special Levy as set by the IDBs but, with rate capping, they are seriously disadvantaged in not being able to pass on all the Special Levy charges to ratepayers.*

*"Changes are urgently needed to alter this catch-22 situation for Councils without disrupting the essential work of the IDBs."*

Cllr Darren Rodwell, environment spokesperson for the LGA said: "We are pleased that the Internal Drainage Board Special Interest Group is joining the local government family.

"The scale of costs being passed onto this small group of councils is not sustainable. The LGA supports their ambitions of securing a revised approach from the Government to the current funding method and we look forward to working with them."

The Councils which have formed the SIG are:

1. Bassetlaw District Council
2. Boston Borough Council
3. City of Lincoln Council
4. East Lindsey District Council
5. Fenland District Council
6. Folkestone and Hythe District Council
7. Newark and Sherwood District Council
8. North Norfolk District Council
9. South Holland District Council
10. South Kesteven District Council
11. East Cambridgeshire
12. West Lindsey District Council
13. Borough of King's Lynn and West Norfolk
14. Swale Borough Council
15. North Kesteven District Council

Other local authorities affected by IDB levies also have the opportunity to join the SIG following its formation.

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**BLACK SLUICE INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD**  
**2024/25 Budget and 10 Year Estimates**  
**1ST DRAFT**

Income	Actual	Budget	Q2 Forecast	Budget / Estimates									
	2022/23	2023/24	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34
Rates and Levies	2,325,594	2,990,356	2,982,571	3,213,822	3,406,583	3,611,285	3,792,105	3,981,454	4,181,039	4,390,858	4,610,913	4,841,203	5,083,433
Interest & Investment Income	17,357	18,225	79,820	83,811	88,002	92,402	97,022	101,873	106,966	112,315	117,930	123,827	130,018
Grants/Local Levy	70,000	265,000	535,844	80,000	1,579,000	828,000	435,000						
Contribution Development Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Other Income	185,928	23,066	27,179	28,538	29,965	31,463	33,036	34,688	36,422	38,244	40,156	42,164	44,272
Rechargeable Income	683,313	470,608	473,595	497,275	522,138	548,245	575,658	604,441	634,663	666,396	699,716	734,701	771,436
Solar Panel Income	21,411	21,657	25,600	26,880	28,224	29,635	31,117	32,673	34,306	36,022	37,823	39,714	41,700
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>3,308,603</b>	<b>3,793,912</b>	<b>4,129,609</b>	<b>3,935,326</b>	<b>5,658,912</b>	<b>5,146,030</b>	<b>4,968,938</b>	<b>4,760,128</b>	<b>4,998,397</b>	<b>5,248,834</b>	<b>5,511,538</b>	<b>5,786,609</b>	<b>6,075,859</b>

Expenditure	Actual	Budget	Q2 Forecast	Budget / Estimates									
	2022/23	2023/24	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34
Board Funded Schemes	200,011	249,000	266,783	271,000	410,000	427,000	363,000	327,000	314,000	317,000	324,925	393,000	393,000
FDGiA/Local Levy Funded Schemes	68,073	879,966	930,574	80,000	1,579,000	828,000	435,000						
Pumping Station Maintenance	197,746	214,080	285,135	299,391	314,361	330,079	346,583	363,912	382,108	401,213	421,274	442,337	464,454
Pumping Station Electricity	257,092	763,250	685,182	719,441	755,413	793,184	832,843	874,485	918,209	964,120	1,012,326	1,062,942	1,116,089
Insurance	68,031	85,260	92,999	97,648	102,531	107,657	113,040	118,692	124,627	130,858	137,401	144,271	151,485
Drain Maintenance	808,893	944,845	955,088	1,002,842	1,052,985	1,105,634	1,160,915	1,218,961	1,279,909	1,343,905	1,411,100	1,481,655	1,555,738
Environmental Works	17,808	21,000	24,806	26,046	27,349	28,716	30,152	31,659	33,242	34,905	36,650	38,482	40,406
Administration & Establishment	621,767	642,308	659,177	692,136	726,743	763,080	801,234	841,295	883,360	927,528	973,905	1,022,600	1,073,730
EA Precept	276,552	276,552	276,552	276,552	276,552	276,552	276,552	283,466	290,552	297,816	305,262	312,893	320,716
Rechargeable Expenditure	621,532	437,775	427,498	462,581	485,710	509,996	535,496	562,270	590,384	619,903	650,898	683,443	717,615
Solar Panel Expenditure	866	3,238	3,238	3,400	3,570	3,748	3,936	4,133	4,339	4,556	4,784	5,023	5,274
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>3,138,371</b>	<b>4,517,274</b>	<b>4,607,031</b>	<b>3,931,038</b>	<b>5,734,213</b>	<b>5,173,646</b>	<b>4,898,750</b>	<b>4,625,874</b>	<b>4,820,731</b>	<b>5,041,804</b>	<b>5,278,524</b>	<b>5,586,647</b>	<b>5,838,507</b>

OPENING BALANCE	1,262,024	1,432,256	1,432,256	954,834	959,121	883,821	856,205	926,392	1,060,646	1,238,312	1,445,342	1,678,356	1,878,318
Introduced from Plant Reserve													
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) IN YEAR	170,232	(723,362)	(477,422)	4,287	(75,301)	(27,615)	70,187	134,254	177,666	207,030	233,014	199,962	237,352
<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>	<b>1,432,256</b>	<b>708,894</b>	<b>954,834</b>	<b>959,121</b>	<b>883,821</b>	<b>856,205</b>	<b>926,392</b>	<b>1,060,646</b>	<b>1,238,312</b>	<b>1,445,342</b>	<b>1,678,356</b>	<b>1,878,318</b>	<b>2,115,670</b>

<b>RATE</b>	<b>13.71</b>	<b>17.53</b>	<b>17.53</b>	<b>18.84</b>	<b>19.97</b>	<b>21.17</b>	<b>22.23</b>	<b>23.34</b>	<b>24.51</b>	<b>25.74</b>	<b>27.03</b>	<b>28.38</b>	<b>29.80</b>
Increase in Rates		27.86%	27.86%	7.47%	6.00%	6.01%	5.01%	4.99%	5.01%	5.02%	5.01%	4.99%	5.00%

## PLANT REPLACEMENT BUDGETS 2024/25

Existing Plant/Equipment	Year Purchased	Purchase Price	Hours / Miles		Age to Replace	Replace Year	New Plant	Replace Cost	Est Trade in Target	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33
			As at 27/11/22							£431,304	£381,859	£391,115	£482,463	£340,939	£451,661	£606,826	£593,265	£590,533
Twiga SPV2 (2015)	2015/16	£174,800	6,423	Hours	8	2031/32	Twiga/Herder?	£288,295	£60,000									£228,295
Twiga SPV2 (2019)	2019/20	£197,150	2,835	Hours	8	2027/28	Twiga/Herder?	£291,280	£72,820				£218,460					
Twiga SPV2 (2017)	2017/18	£205,811	4,469	Hours	8	2025/26	Twiga/Herder?	£304,077	£76,019		£228,057							
Aebi T211	2016/17	£55,058	3,496	Hours	13	2029/30	Aebi & Rear Flail	£103,820	£15,972						£87,848			
Hitachi ZX 210LC-5B	2016/17	£133,845	7,082	Hours	8	2024/25	20T Excavator	£197,750	£49,438	£148,313								£219,125
Unimog	2020/21	£148,000	74,503	Km	8	2028/29	New unimog	£218,663	£54,666					£163,998				
JCB 130 Telescopic LR	2019/20	£105,350	4,820	Hours	8	2027/28	13T Excavator	£155,650	£38,912				£116,737					
JCB 145 Standard & LR	2019/20	£129,850	3,872	Hours	7	2026/27	13T Excavator	£182,712	£52,203			£130,509						
JCB 145 Telescopic LR	2022/23	£137,500	0	Hours	8	2030/31	14T Excavator	£203,150	£50,788								£152,363	
JCB 150X Excavator	2022/23	£139,605	664	Hours	8	2030/31	15T Excavator	£206,260	£51,565								£154,695	
JCB 631 Teleporter	2012/13	£43,470	3,580	Hours	12	2024/25		£78,066	£13,011	£65,055								
Vauxhall (Fitter)	2019/20	£16,255	37,616	Miles	7	2026/27	Fitters Van	£22,872	£3,267			£19,605						
Mitsubishi(Pump Engineer)	2019/20	£20,431	50,694	Miles	4	2027/28	Pick-Up	£27,610	£11,500				£16,110				£19,582	
Mitsubishi(Works Supervisor)	2019/20	£20,431	88,553	Miles	4	2027/28	Pick-Up	£27,793	£9,500				£18,293				£22,235	
Mitsubishi(Pump Maintenance)	2019/20	£20,431	37,120	Miles	4	2027/28	Pick-Up	£27,793	£12,000				£15,793				£19,196	
Mitsubishi (Works Manager)	2019/20	£20,000	31,993	Miles	4	2027/28	Pick-Up	£28,768	£11,000				£17,768				£21,597	
Vauxhall Tipper	2022/23	£30,271	21,843	Miles	7	2029/30	Tipper	£42,594	£6,085						£36,509			
Dump Trailer 1	2006	£13,832			18	2024/25	Dump Trailer	£33,288	£3,699	£29,590								
Low Loader Trailer	2020/21	£27,000			15	2036/37	Low Loader	£56,131	£7,484									
Tipping Trailer	2022/23	£6,895			25	2047/48		£23,349	£1,868									
4m Trailer	2022/23	£4,500			25	2047/48		£15,239	£1,219									
100mm Self priming Pump					16	2039/40		£22,000										
Vibrating piling hammer	2015/16				20	2035/36												
150mm Portable Pump	2006	£16,050			16	2039/40		£30,000										
Compressor	2008	£4,950																
Ride on Lawnmower	2016/17				8	2024/25		£26,000	£6,500	£19,500								
Fuel Tanks										£6,000								
8" Mobile Pump	2021/22	£52,566			20	2041/42		£139,473										
Weedbaskets										£7,000		£7,718			£8,934	£9,381	£9,850	£10,342
Net Spend from Plant Reserve										£275,457	£228,057	£157,831	£403,162	£163,998	£133,291	£316,438	£320,755	£229,467
Generated										£226,013	£237,313	£249,179	£261,638	£274,720	£288,456	£302,878	£318,022	£333,923
Balance C/F										£381,859	£391,115	£482,463	£340,939	£451,661	£606,826	£593,265	£590,533	£694,989

**BLACK SLUICE INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - 12 DECEMBER 2023**

**AGENDA ITEM 10(b)(i)**

**Aebi Rear Flail Mower proposed replacement**

The Board purchased an Aebi TT211 in 2017 to complete maintenance predominantly for the Environment Agency on its raised river embankments, as part of a maintenance contract delivered through the Public Sector Cooperation Agreement.

The Aebi was purchased complete with the front mounted flail mower and the rear flailmower was purchased the following year.

When trying to find a suitable rear mounted flailmower, due to the capacity of the machine and the specifics required, the options were for an offset mower or an arm mower.

The current rear flail is a Muthing offset mower with a 1.5m head. It has had some problems with the framework cracking and has welded repairs on several occasions. This machine whilst in operation also is bending the lift arms.



Due to these problems in operation, a suitable alternative has been sought, however there are few options that meet the specification.

Other offset mowers that are the correct weight to fit the Aebi do not have the required offset.

An arm mower may be the best option and having spoken with ID Spares where the Aebi was purchased from, the following options have been given.

Bomford Robin



McConnell PA3430



Both machines being the same at an estimated price of £16,000.



## **BLACK SLUICE INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD**

### **EXECUTIVE MEETING - 12 DECEMBER 2023**

#### **AGENDA ITEM 11**

#### **EMPLOYEE DRUG TESTING**

##### *Information provided by Alpha Biolabs*

The below information sets out the process for oral fluid drug and breath alcohol testing and for urine drug and breath alcohol testing. The method of testing chosen is simply down to the Board's preference, as long as there isn't a specific method written into the drug and alcohol policy. The below gives an idea of the difference between the two methods.

##### Oral fluid drug and breath alcohol testing: instant on-site screening results

- Detection window: up to 48 hours
- 6 panel of drugs including: Cannabis, Cocaine, Opiates, Benzodiazepines, Methamphetamine and Amphetamine
- 3-5 working day turnaround from receipt of sample at the lab for any non-negative drug samples
- Laboratory confirmations processed at our own UKAS accredited laboratory
- Laboratory confirmation costs - £69.00 +VAT for up to 3 drugs / £35.00 +VAT per additional drug

##### Urine drug and breath alcohol testing: instant on-site screening results

- Detection window: up to 72 hours detection window (can be up to 28 days for some regular users of cannabis)
- 14 panel of drugs including - Cocaine, Cannabis, Opiates, Benzodiazepines, Barbiturates, Methadone, Amphetamine, Methamphetamine, Ecstasy (MDMA), Ketamine, Buprenorphine, Phencyclidine, Propoxyphene, Tramadol
- 3-5 working day turnaround from receipt of sample at the lab for any non-negative drug samples
- Laboratory confirmations processed at a UKAS accredited partner laboratory
- Laboratory confirmation costs - £75.00 +VAT for the first drug / £50.00 +VAT per additional drug

The quotations include one of Alpha Bio Labs trained sample collectors attending our location to carry out the required drug and alcohol screening tests. The collector will attend with all of the necessary equipment for the testing; all methods of testing provide instant results and all samples are collected following a strict chain of custody. Should any non-negative drug samples be obtained (substances detected), the collector will then prepare and send the samples back to a UKAS accredited laboratory for confirmation analysis. The additional costs and lab turnaround times listed above apply to any non-negative samples.

For the random selection of employees, the Board can provide a list of employees on-site on the day of the appointment and our collector will select randomly from that list. Alternatively, Alpha Biolabs can select random donors from a list provided prior to the appointment – there is a £25.00 +VAT charge for this service.



### Costs - Oral fluid drug and breath alcohol testing

Quantity	Item	Item Price	VAT	Total Price
1.00	Workplace - Scheduled Collection First Donor - 6 Panel Oral Fluid & Breathalyser	£179.00	£35.80	£214.80
7.00	Workplace - Scheduled Collection Additional Donor - 6 Panel Oral fluid & Breathalyser	£65.00	£91.00	£546.00

Total Net Amount:	£634.00
Total VAT Amount at 20%:	£126.80
Quote Total:	£760.80

### Costs - Urine drug and breath alcohol testing

Quantity	Item	Item Price	VAT	Total Price
1.00	Workplace - Scheduled Collection First Donor - 14 Panel Urine & Breathalyser	£169.00	£33.80	£202.80
7.00	Workplace - Scheduled Collection Additional Donor - 14 Panel Urine & Breathalyser	£55.00	£77.00	£462.00

Total Net Amount:	£554.00
Total VAT Amount at 20%:	£110.80
Quote Total:	£664.80