

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the East Suffolk Water Management Board held in the Blythe Room at East Suffolk Council, East Suffolk House, Station Road, Melton, Woodbridge IP12 1RT on Monday, 26 January 2026 at 10.00am. Attendance in person is preferred, but if necessary, can be virtually via MS Teams please [Click here](#)

If any member of the public would like to join the general business session, please contact the Business Support Team via email at business.support@wlma.org.uk before 3.00 pm on Friday 23 January 2026.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of Interest
3. To confirm the minutes of the last Board meeting held on 20 October 2025 (**Pages 4 - 10**)
4. Matters arising from the minutes, not covered elsewhere on the agenda
5. To consider the recommendations arising from the unconfirmed minutes of the River Deben Catchment Works Committee meeting held on 03 December 2025 (**Pages 11 - 12**)
6. To consider the recommendations arising from the unconfirmed minutes of the Alde & Ore Works Committee meeting held on 03 December 2025 (**Pages 13 - 14**)
7. To consider and approve:
 - Health, Safety & Welfare Performance Review (**Pages 15 - 16**)
 - Capital Works Programme Overview and Project Development Update (**Page 17**)
 - Project Delivery Report (**Page 18**)
 - Operations Report (**Pages 19 - 23**)
 - Environmental Report (**Pages 24 - 25**)
 - Sustainable Development Report (**Pages 26 - 28**)
8. To receive the Schedule of Paid Accounts for the period 01 September 2025 to 30 November 2025, for publication on the WMA Group's website (**Pages 29 - 30**)
9. To consider and approve the Financial Report for the period 01 April 2025 to 30 November 2025 (**Pages 31 - 52**)

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Jane Marson (Chairman)

Michael Paul (Vice-Chairman)

Marcus Coleman (Chief Executive)

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10. To consider and approve the Rate Estimates and the Capital and Maintenance Works Programmes for 2026/27 (**Pages 53 - 69**)
11. To Lay and Seal the Drainage Rates and Special Levies for 2026/27
12. To review the Board's performance for 2025/26 and approve the Board's objectives for 2026/27 (**Pages 70 - 74**)
13. To consider and approve any material changes to the Risk Register for those risks with a risk assessment matrix score of ≥ 6 (**Pages 75 - 80**)
14. To review any official complaints and other feedback received since the last Board meeting (**Page 81**)
15. Date / Time / Type of next meeting: Monday 08 June 2026 at 10.00 am, face-to-face and/or virtually
16. Any other business
17. Open Forum: to hear from any member of the public, with leave of the Chairman
18. **CONSORTIUM MATTERS**
 - 18.1. To receive the unconfirmed minutes and report extracts from the Consortium Management Committee (CMC) meeting held on 05 December 2025, to view [Click here](#)
 - Unconfirmed minutes of the meeting
 - WMA Schedule of Paid Accounts for the period 01 September 2025 to 31 October 2025
 - WMA Group's Portfolio of Capital Work as at 21 November 2025
 - WMA Group's Communication Report for the period 01 September 2025 to 31 October 2025
 - 18.2. To consider and approve the WMA Projected Out-turns for 2025/26 and the Estimates for 2026/27 (**Pages 82 - 89**)
 - 18.3. To consider and approve the following WMA policies due for review (**Page 90**):
 - Supplementary Guidance: Managing Procurement and Conflicts of Interest Policy
 - WMA Arterial Infrastructure Policy (previously named: Supplementary Guidance for Adoption and Abandonment of Watercourses)
 - 18.4. To consider and approve the Catchment Services Report (**Pages 91 - 94**)
 - 18.5. To consider and approve the WMA Annual Carbon Report for 2024/25 (**Pages 95 - 124**)
 - 18.6. To apprise Board Representatives of any specific matter relating to the WMA for discussion at the next CMC meeting on 24 April 2026
19. **CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

This section of the agenda provides an opportunity for members to raise and discuss any confidential business when the public are excluded from the meeting, in accordance with the Board's Standing Orders.

 - 19.1. To confirm the confidential minutes of the last Board meeting held on 20 October 2025 (**Pages 125 - 126**)
 - 19.2. Matters arising from the confidential minutes

- 19.3. To receive the unconfirmed confidential minutes of and reports for the last CMC meeting held on 05 December 2025 (**Pages 127 - 129**)
- 19.4. Any other confidential business