A MEETING OF THE PEVENSEY AND CUCKMERE WLMB WAS HELD IN THE ORWELL ROOM AT THE WELCOME BUILDING, COMPTON STREET, EASTBOURNE, EAST SUSSEX BN21 4BP AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 27 JANUARY 2026 AT 10.00 AM.

	Elected Members		Appointed Members
	Pevensey District		**Eastbourne BC**
*	B Gower (Chairman)		A Collins
	M Hole	*	A Dehdashty
	R Miles	*	D Small (substitute)
	D Robinson		P Diplock
*	C Wadman (Vice Chairman)		J Murray
	Cuckmere District	*	R Smart
*	R Brown		**Hastings BC & Rother DC**
	D McCutchan		R Thomas
	Combe Haven District		
	L Gearing		**Wealden DC**
		*	M Fairweather
		*	D White
			*Present (47%)

Bill Gower in the Chair

In Attendance: (vvia MS Teams)

Water Management Alliance (WMA)
Phil Camamile (Strategic Advisor to the Chief Executive), Marcus Coleman (Chief Executive), Richard Dann (Operations Manager), Olivia Follen (Business Support Manager), Sallyanne Jeffrey v (Chief Financial Officer) Revai Kinsella (Area Manager, East Sussex) and Gareth Oliver (Flood Risk Engineer)

Members of the Public
Shirley Mackinnon Pevensey Parish Council, Harriet Peacock (Wealden District Council)

ID	Pevensey and Cuckmere WLMB, Minute	Action
01/26	**WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**	
01/26/01	The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular Marcus Coleman, who was attending his first meeting as Chief Executive of the Water Management Alliance and its 7 Member Boards.	
01/26/02	Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Catherine Beaumont, Nick Claxton, Andy Collins, Penny Di Cara, Martin Hole, Duncan McCutchan, Robert Miles and David Robinson.	
02/26	**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**	
02/26/01	Mark Fairweather declared an interest in the financial report due to his capacity as a Member of Westham Parish Council and as a District Councillor for the Pevensey Levels ward. RESOLVED that this be noted.	

02/26/02 The Strategic Advisor to the Chief Executive declared an interest in item 18.4 of the agenda, under Confidential Business. In particular minute 65/25 of the Confidential CMC Minutes from 05 December 2025, regarding the future technical support arrangements of the WMA's core billing system. RESOLVED that this be noted.

03/26 MINUTES OF THE LAST BOARD MEETING

03/26/01 The minutes of the last Board meeting held on 14 October 2025 were confirmed and signed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

04/26 HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE PERFORMANCE REVIEW

04/26/01 The Health, Safety and Welfare Performance Review (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book) was considered in detail and approved. There were no matters arising.

05/26 PROJECT DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

05/26/01 The Capital Works Programme Overview and Project Development Update (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book) was considered in detail and approved. Arising therefrom:

05/26/02 The Board were concerned over the tight deadlines to carry out projects, following funding from the Environment Agency being received. The Chief Financial Officer advised that this was a condition of receiving the funding. Richard Brown suggested that it should be a priority for the Water Management Alliance to challenge the tight deadlines imposed by central government, which if successfully challenged would enable work to be carried out later in the year at less cost. However, it was noted that the WMA had no control over the deadlines imposed by central government. If the Board were not prepared to accept the deadlines imposed, then it would not receive the funding.

06/26 OPERATIONS REPORT

06/26/01 The Operations Report (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book) was considered in detail and approved. There were no matters arising.

07/26 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

07/26/01 The Environmental Report (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book) was considered in detail and approved. There were no matters arising.

08/26 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT REPORT

08/26/01 The Sustainable Development Report (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book) was considered in detail and approved. There were no matters arising.

09/26 FINANCIAL REPORT

09/26/01 The Financial Report for the period 01 April 2025 to 30 November 2025, was considered in detail and approved (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book). There were no matters arising.

10/26 CHAIRMAN'S COMMITTEE MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS

10/26/01 The recommendations arising from the unconfirmed minutes of the Chairman's Committee meeting held on 15 January 2026 (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book) were considered in detail and approved. There were no matters arising.

10/26/02 Capital and Maintenance Works Programme for 2026/27

The Capital Works Programme for 2026/27 (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book) was considered in detail and approved. There were no matters arising.

10/26/03 The Maintenance Works Programme for 2026/27 (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book) was considered in detail and approved. There were no matters arising.

10/26/04 Annual Budget and Rate Requirements for 2026/27

The annual budget for 2026/27 and projected out-turns for 2025/26 (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book) was considered in detail and approved. Arising therefrom:

10/26/05 Robert Smart requested further detailed reports to be included within the meeting pack. The Chief Financial Officer noted that preparing the further detailed reports would involve a significant level of additional work. Given current priorities and resource consideration, it was agreed that these reports will not be developed at this stage.

11/26 DRAINAGE RATES AND SPECIAL LEVIES FOR 2026/27

11/26/01 Annual Values as of 31 December 2025

It was agreed and thereby RESOLVED to approve the aggregate Annual

Values as at 31 December 2025 as presented, used for the purposes of raising and apportioning net expenses from agricultural drainage rates and special levies for 2026/27 (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book).

11/26/02 Rates and Levies for 2026/27

It was proposed by Richard Brown, seconded by Chris Wadman and thereby RESOLVED, to approve an increase of 4.12% in Agricultural Drainage Rates and Special Levies for 2026/27 for the Pevensey Levels

Sub District and an increase of 3.73% in Agricultural Drainage Rates and Special Levies for 2026/27 for the Cuckmere River Sub District. It was noted that Robert Smart and David Small voted against the recommendation. All other members present voted in favour of the recommendation, which was carried.

Pevensey Levels Sub District

Drainage Rate in the Pound: 4.587p

Occupiers' Drainage Rates:	£18,074
Eastbourne Borough Council:	£310,702
Hastings Borough Council:	£15,727
Rother District Council:	£5,764
Wealden District Council:	£62,424
	£394,616

Cuckmere River Sub District

Drainage Rate in the Pound: 73.387p

Occupiers' Drainage Rates:	£33,161
Wealden District Council:	£21,848
	£55,009

11/26/03 Earmarked Balances and Reserves

The adequacy and appropriateness of the Balances and Reserves as detailed in the Capital Financing and Reserves Policy and shown in the Development Reserve Estimate was considered in detail and approved. There were no matters arising.

12/26 IDB/EA LIAISON UPDATE

12/26/01 The Operations Manager reported that the relationship with the EA at operational level remained positive. RESOLVED that this be noted.

13/26 BOARD'S PERFORMANCE FOR 2025/26

13/26/01 The Performance Review of objectives for 2025/26 (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book) was considered in detail and approved. There were no matters arising.

14/26 BOARD'S OBJECTIVES FOR 2026/27

14/26/01 It was agreed and thereby RESOLVED to approve the following aims and associated objectives for 2026/27:

i) Prove ourselves to be a progressive, environmentally aware and delivery-based IDB, through having a strong identity as a highly competent water management organisation.

ii) Ensure that the Board is seen as an important partner organisation to other Risk Management Authorities.

iii) Deliver safe effective, consistent and efficient routine maintenance operations.

iv) Have a well-functioning drainage network, with reliable assets that collectively work together to provide effective drainage.

v) Operate in a cost-effective way for rate payers, levying justifiable and proportionate drainage rates & consortium charges.

15/26 RISK REGISTER

15/26/01 Members considered and approved the risk register for those risks with a risk assessment matrix score of ≥ 6 (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book). There were no matters arising.

16/26 OFFICIAL COMPLAINTS AND OTHER FEEDBACK

16/26/01 The Official Complaints and Other Feedback Report (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book) was considered in detail and approved. There were no matters arising.

17/26 MAIN RIVER DE-MAINING PRIORITIES

17/26/01 The Main River De-Maining Priorities Briefing Paper (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book) was considered in detail and approved. There were no matters arising.

17/26/02 Robert Smart requested a copy of the map of the whole district. RESOLVED that this be actioned. **RK**

18/26 DATE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

18/26/01 It was agreed that the next scheduled meeting of the Board would take place on Tuesday, 16 June 2026, at 10.00 am, to be held in The David White at Hellingly Community Hub and via Microsoft Teams

19/26 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

19/26/01 The Chairman thanked Phil Camamile for his dedication and service to the Board and presented him with a gift of appreciation.

20/26 OPEN FORUM: TO HEAR FROM ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC, WITH LEAVE OF THE CHAIRMAN

20/26/01 Shirley Mackinnon enquired about the Board's involvement with Wealden District Council's Local Plan. The Area Manager advised members that the Board had been consulted and that they would be providing further comments with a detailed response.

20/26/02 Shirley Mackinnon advised that there had been fly tipping at Tower Ditch. The Area Manager advised members that they would investigate this and take appropriate action.

21/26 CONSORTIUM MATTERS

21/26/01 Unconfirmed Minutes and Report Extracts

The unconfirmed minutes and report extracts from the last Consortium Management Committee (CMC) meeting held on 05 December 2025 were considered in detail and approved. There were no matters arising.

21/26/02 Administration and Technical Support Budgets
Projected Out-turns for 2025/26 and the Estimates for 2026/27

The Projected Out-turns for 2025/26 and the Estimates for 2026/27, as recommended at the CMC meeting held on 05 December 2025 (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book) were considered in detail and approved. There were no matters arising.

21/26/03 WMA Policies for Review

The updated WMA Supplementary Guidance: Managing Procurement and Conflicts of Interest Policy and the WMA Arterial Infrastructure Policy was considered in detail and approved (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book). There were no matters arising.

21/26/04 Catchment Services Report

The Catchment Services Report (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book) was considered in detail and approved. Arising therefrom:

21/26/05 It was unanimously agreed and thereby RESOLVED to adopt the 'WMA Catchment Services Strategy', replacing the current Planning and Byelaw Strategy.

21/26/06 It was unanimously agreed and thereby RESOLVED to update the WMA Member Boards Schedule of Reserved Matters as outlined in the Catchment Services Report.

21/26/07 It was unanimously agreed and thereby RESOLVED to create a new committee known as the WMA Chief Executive's Planning Committee and adopt the Terms of Reference as outlined in the Catchment Services Report.

21/26/08 It was unanimously agreed and thereby RESOLVED to add the WMA Chief Executive's Planning Committee to the Board's Scheme of Delegation, with the decision-making authority delegated to the Committee by the Board as outlined in the Catchment Services Report.

21/26/09 It was unanimously agreed and thereby RESOLVED to amend the Terms of Reference for the Chief Executive's Management Committee as outlined in the Catchment Services Report.

21/26/10 WMA Annual Carbon Report and Carbon Management Plan

The WMA Groups' Annual Carbon Report for 2024/25 and the Carbon Management Plan (copies of which are filed in the Report Book) were considered in detail and approved. There were no matters arising.

21/26/11 Items for discussion at the next CMC meeting

There were no issues raised by members for discussion at the next CMC meeting on 24 April 2026. Should members wish to raise any item for discussion at the next meeting, they should contact any of the Board's representatives: the Chairman (William Gower), the Vice-Chairman (Chris Wadman), the substitute representative (Jim Murray) or the Chief Executive directly.

22/26 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

22/26/01 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 2 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and the Board's Standing Orders.

HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE PERFORMANCE REVIEW
For the period 29 September 2025 to 10 January 2026

1. LEARNING EVENTS

1.1. None in Pevensey area. Wider WMA events shared.

2. ACCIDENTS

Norfolk Rivers IDB – BT Cable Strike

2.1. A BT cable junction case was caught by an excavator bucket while de-silting highway grips on behalf of Norfolk County Council. BT attended the site and fixed the damage on the same day.

3. TOOLBOX TALKS & TRAINING

3.1. The Operations Manager and the Flood Risk Engineer attended a Cable Avoidance Tool (CAT) & Genny Training Course in November 2025

4. UPDATES TO GENERIC RISK ASSESSMENTS (GRA) & SAFE SYSTEMS OF WORK

4.1. The GRA template was updated to refer to Versions, allowing better change monitoring and preventing the need to re-print annually.

5. HEALTH & SAFETY INSPECTIONS

5.1. Cope Safety Management, now known as AW Safety, conducted a safety inspection in November 2025. The inspection concentrated on Board assets along the Freshwater Stream in the Cuckmere sub-district.

5.2. The following issues were identified:

- obstructions and overgrowth at two structures
- missing edge protection at two structures

5.3. Clearance will be undertaken at the two structures and edge protection will also be installed.

5.4. Allianz Engineering Inspection Services Ltd carried out a thorough examination of our equipment at the pumping stations in November 2025, to check compliance with Lifting Operations & Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998 and Provision & Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998.

5.5. No defects which could cause a danger to persons were identified during the assessment. There were also no other parts were identified that require rectification.

REVAI KINSELLA
AREA MANAGER – PEVENSEY AND CUCKMERE
January 2026

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT
For the period 30 September 2025 to 10 January 2026

1. Pevensey Water Management Improvement Scheme and modelling programme

1.1 The main project for proposed replacement for all pumping stations on the Pevensey Levels is on hold while we are waiting for updates to the Environment Agency's Medium-Term Plan and partnership funding rules (due out in April 2026) which will give an indication of potential funding available for all projects in the region.

1.2 The hydraulic modelling covering the area west of Bexhill, Pevensey Haven, and Wallers Haven is ongoing. Jacobs are finalising the model which will be used to understand the following:

- Impact of development in that part of the drainage district.
- Optimum pump sizes, taking into account climate change and development impacts
- Climate change impacts on outfalls at Pevensey and Normans Bay.

1.3 Following Jacobs's initial assessment of the outfalls at Pevensey and Eastbourne, discussions have been held with the EA's project team for the Pevensey Bay to Eastbourne Coastal Scheme regarding a collaboration on the detailed assessment of the outfalls.

1.4 The table below summarises the spend on the hydraulic modelling project. The total grant for this project, which includes detailed design of the Drockmill Pumping Station and Feasibility Study for Manxey Pumping Station, is £593,096.

ITEM	SPEND TO DATE
Channel Survey	£151,625.75
Hydraulic modelling	£69,845.00
TOTAL	**£221,470.75**

1.5 The hydraulic modelling is programmed to be completed by February 2026.

2 Tranche 2B Projects

2.1 The Board received funding from the IDB Storm Recovery Fund – Asset Improvement Tranche 2B for the following projects:

- Hankham Gut Structures, Pevensey Levels
- Spaghetti Junction, Pevensey Levels
- Drockmill Pumping Station

2.2 All the projects need to be completed by 31st March 2026. The progress for each project is summarised below.

HANKHAM GUT STRUCTURES

2.3 All site investigations and detailed design have been completed. Manufacture of the penstock and headwall in which the penstock will be installed has been completed and the items will be delivered by 23rd January 2026.

2.4 Thorne Civil Engineers started construction work on site on 6th January 2026. Construction is expected to be completed in eight weeks, weather permitting. This will ensure that the project is complete before the 31st March 2026 funding deadline.

2.5 A variation of project was submitted to the EA to allow the project to incorporate the replacement of the culvert and water control structure on Martins Ditch, which is approximately 2km south of the Hankham Gut structure. Verbal discussions indicate that this is likely to be approved, however, a decision is still awaited.

2.6 The table below summarises the spend on the project to date. The costs detailed below include staff time and investigations/survey costs for the Martins Ditch structure.

ITEM	SPEND TO DATE
Surveys, investigations and design	£43,089.06
Materials and structures	£64,977.50
Consents and construction	£1,000.00
TOTAL	**£109,066.56**

SPAGHETTI JUNCTION STRUCTURES

2.7 All surveys, environment mitigation and design is now complete. The tilting weirs and the headwalls in which they will be housed have been manufactured and the final delivery is expected by 19th January 2026.

2.8 Site work started on 29th September 2025, which started with improvements to the site access and installation of temporary works to manage water levels during construction.

2.9 Progress on site was delayed following the flooding of the access road, which necessitated the installation of additional temporary works to manage water levels and keep both the working area and site access dry. These will also have an impact on the project costs.

Figure 1: Flooding of Site Access

2.10 Due to the delays experienced due to weather conditions and the additional temporary works, completion of the project is now anticipated to be week commencing 4th April 2026.

2.11 The table below summarises the spend on the project to date. For now it is anticipated that that the project will be completed within the allocated funding, however, this could change if any more delays are encountered and result in an increase in costs.

ITEM	SPEND TO DATE
Surveys, investigations and design	£74,610.75
Materials and structures	£138,815.80
Environment mitigation and construction	£241,142.32
TOTAL	**£454,568.87**

DROCKMILL PUMPING STATION

2.12 Detailed design, site investigations, all and all environmental surveys are now complete. All required consents/assents from other organisations such as the EA, NE and Wealden District Council are now in place.

2.13 Negotiations with affected landowners are almost complete. Transfer of the additional land being acquired by the Board is now underway.

2.14 Breheny Civil Engineering Ltd. started site work on 17th November 2025. There was a delay in starting the works on the foundations while we were still negotiating the occupation licence with one of the affected landowners. This has resulted in a three week delay in the programme, which also has an impact on the project costs.

2.15 Nevertheless, it is still anticipated to start the installation of the new pumps from 26th March 2026. The completion of all site works is now anticipated to be mid-May 2026. The EA was notified of the potential delay to the completion of the project beyond 31st March and discussions are still ongoing.

2.16 The table below shows the spend on the project to date.

ITEM	SPEND TO DATE
Consents, planning and permits	£5,064.83
Site investigations and surveys	£22,914.04
Design and project management support*	£158,422.68
Land purchase and associated costs	£8,759.00
Construction stage costs	£660,776.85
TOTAL	**£855,937.40**

* This does not include most of the detailed design, which was funded by the pumps business case grant

2.17 Discussions are also ongoing on an application made to the EA for additional funding to the project.

2.18 Nevertheless, officers continue to work with contractors to find cost savings, to achieve total costs as close to the currently confirmed awarded funding of £3M.

REVAI KINSELLA - AREA MANAGER
JANUARY 2026

OPERATIONS REPORT
For the period 30 September 2025 to 10 January 2026

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. The following information pertains to works carried out for the Pevensey and Cuckmere WLMB involving:

- Area Manager (Revai Kinsella)
- Operations Manager (Richard Dann)
- Flood Risk Engineer (Gareth Oliver)

2. MAINTENANCE

2.1. Machine based work was undertaken on the following systems by the contractors:

System	Work Undertaken
Kentland Sewer	Flailing and Mowing
Church Farm Ditch	Flailing and Mowing
Curteis Ditch	Flailing and Mowing
Mark Dyke	Flailing and Mowing
Upper Dowles Stream	Flailing and Mowing
Burgh Fleet and Monkham Sewer	Flailing and Mowing
Sew Ditch	Flailing and Mowing
Dowles Stream	Flailing and Mowing
Manxey Sewer	Flailing and Mowing
Waterlot Stream	Flailing, Mowing and de-silting
Pinnock Stream	Mowing
New Guy Stream	Mowing
Inn Stream	Mowing
Boreham Pond Stream	Flailing and Mowing
Waterhouse Stream	Flailing and Mowing
Dodsons Ditch	Mowing
East Langney Sewer	Flailing and Mowing
Springfield Farm Ditch	Mowing
Bill Gut	Mowing
Old East Stream	Mowing
Barnhorn Ponds Stream	Mowing
Stream Ditch	Mowing
Foul Ditch	Mowing
Cheney Stream	Mowing and de-silting
Drockmill Hill Gut	Mowing
Otham Court Ditch	Mowing
Duck Puddle	Mowing
Wadham New Cut	Mowing
Horse Eye Sewer	Mowing

2.2. The team continues to work on, and improving, our current systems. The following works were undertaken by the team on the systems:

- Sluice keeping, managing water levels
- Brush management at pumps
- Clearing grills of reeds and debris

2.3. Our agreed process of operating Environment Agency (EA) structures continues and is working well.

3. PUMPS AND TILTING WEIRS

3.1. The six pumping stations, wind pump, Milton Lock gate and five tilting weirs were serviced in October 2025.

3.2. The wind pump requires some oil change and the installation of a third greaser, which will be carried out during the April 2026 servicing since the pump is not operated during winter.

3.3. The tilting weirs are all in good operating condition, with no issues. We are currently working with our telemetry supplier, Lee Dickens, to finalise the automatic function on the tilting weirs, which should be complete by 30th January 2026. This will allow us to set required levels using the telemetry and allow the weirs to operate automatically to meet this level.

3.4. Milton Lock is also in good operating condition and no issues were identified.

3.5. Barnhorn Pumping Station is still operating with two pumps after the third one failed and no spare parts could be found for its repair. We are monitoring funding sources to allow replacement of the entire station, if none are forthcoming, the failed pump will be replaced into the existing housing.

3.6. The plinth at Barnhorn also needs underpinning and the pump overload reset solenoids are faulty and need to be replaced. This work is still being discussed with our MEICA consultant with the intention of getting it done before April 2026.

3.7. There are damages to the roof at Manxey Pumping Station. We are in the process of obtaining quotes for the repairs to the roof.

4. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

Cuckmere Update

Milton Lock

4.1. We are continuing to work with several EA teams, including the Fisheries and Biodiversity team, on exploring options for improving the fish pass and allow the gate to continue operating until such a time a long term plan can be made.

4.2. Currently, investigations into the design of a new Larinier fish pass with an eel pass beside it, which uses the existing structure are underway.

4.3. The EA and Board officers continue to explore funding options for the improved fish pass.

Cuckmere Adaptation Strategy

4.4. The Board is leading on a project which aims to develop an evidence-based climate change adaptation strategy for the Cuckmere Catchment. This strategy will inform risk management authorities' maintenance priorities and consider opportunities for water storage in appropriate areas within the catchment. The Board is working in partnership with East Sussex County Council (ESCC), Wealden District Council (WDC), Environment Agency and Southern Water.

4.5. The Southern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (RFCC) approved £239,000 from the Local Levy fund towards the Cuckmere Adaptation Strategy at its October 2025 meeting. The project is also receiving £50,000 funding from Southern Water during the 2026/27 financial year.

4.6. ESCC and WDC are contributing £35,000 each towards the project during the 2025/26 financial year. These contributions will be used to undertake a channel survey of the relevant sections of the River Cuckmere. A channel survey specification which dictates the details of the survey to be carried out is underway, and should be completed by 23rd January when it will be shared with surveyors for cost estimates.

4.7. The current planned completion for the project is July 2027.

5. CAPITAL SCHEMES

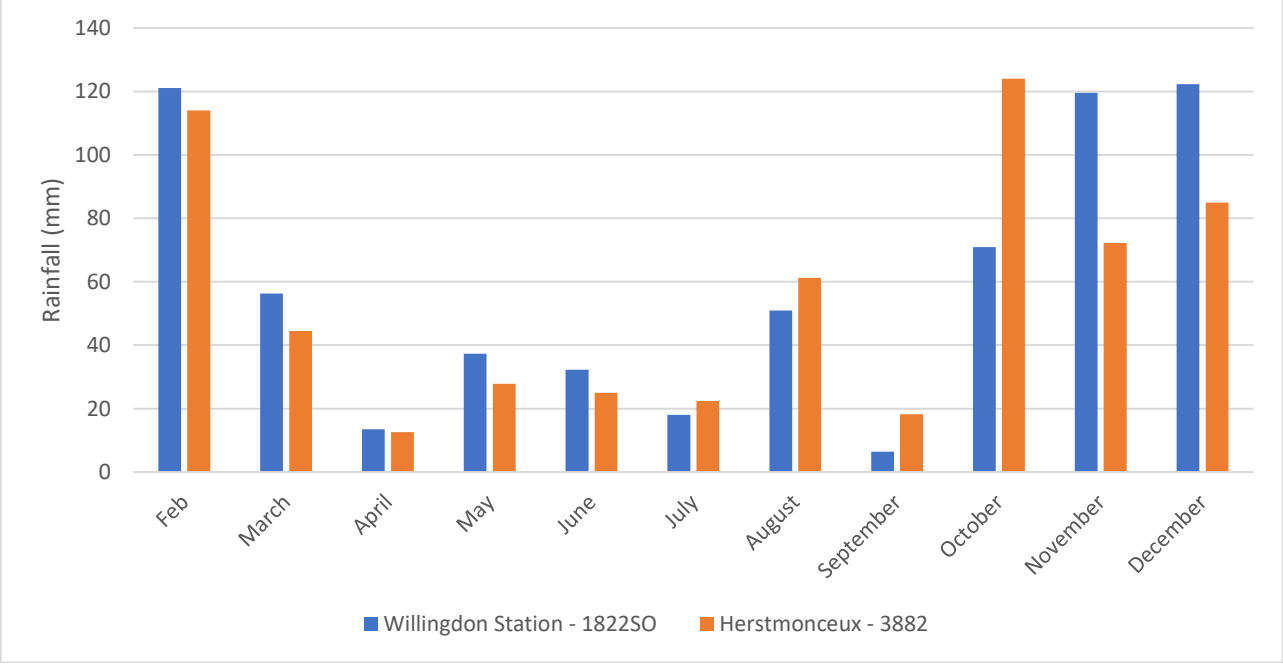
5.1. The updates on all capital schemes are covered in the Project Development Report.

6. HYDROLOGY

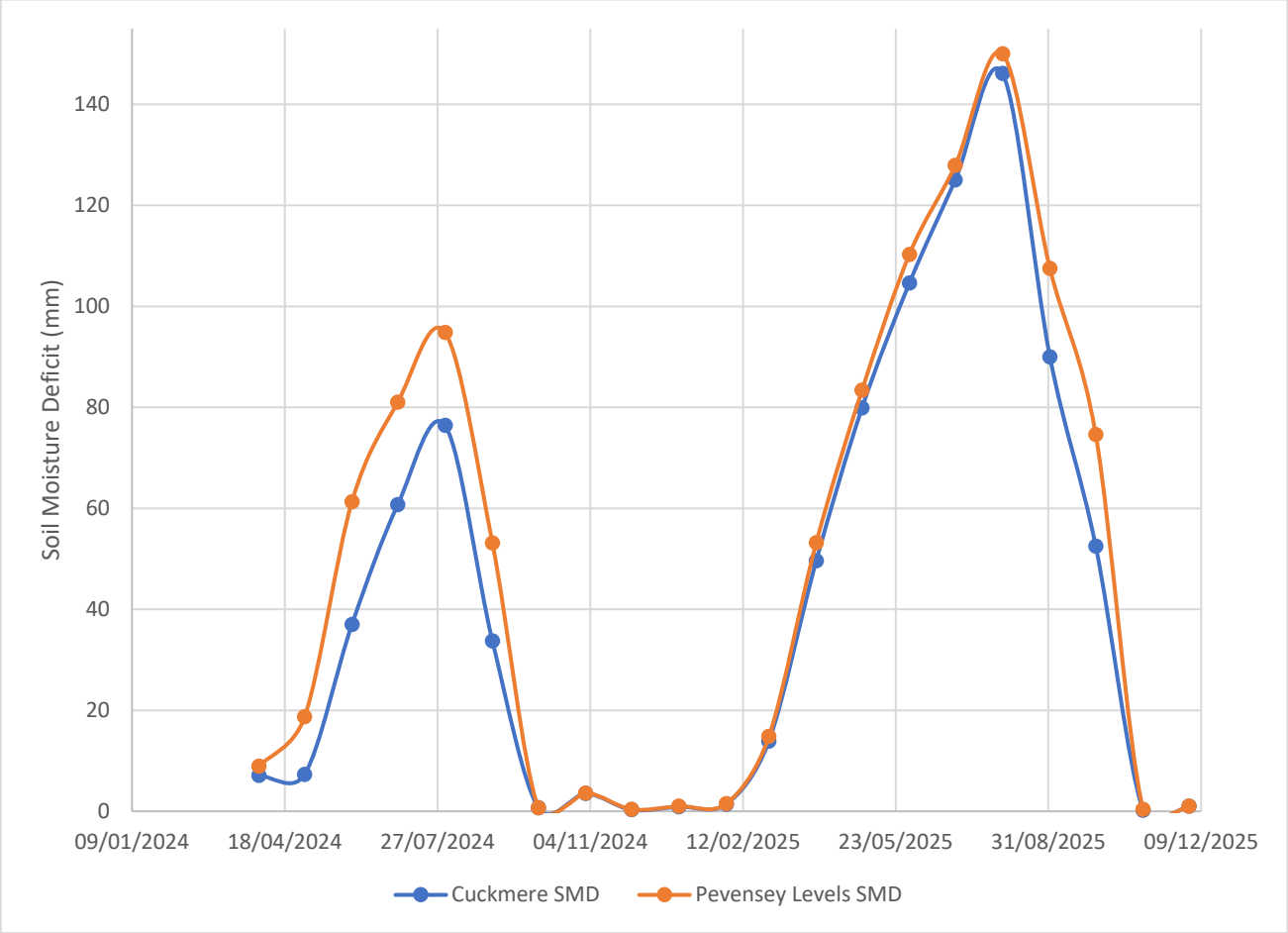
6.1. The table below gives the monthly total rainfall recorded in the district between December 2024 and September 2025. This shows that the rain it received in September is similar to that of January.

LOCATION	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Willingdon – Station 1822SO	13.5 mm	37.3 mm	32.3 mm	18 mm	50.9 mm	6.4 mm	70.9 mm	119.6 mm	122.3 mm	113.7 mm
Herstmonceux – Station 3882	12.6 mm	27.8 mm	25 mm	22.4 mm	61.2 mm	18.2 mm	124 mm	72.2 mm	85 mm	91 mm

6.2. The graph below gives a graphical representation of the monthly total rainfall recorded in the district between March 2025 and December 2025. This was recorded at the Environment Agency's rainfall station in Willingdon and at Herstmonceux.



6.3. The soil moisture deficit within the Cuckmere and Pevensey catchments between April 2024 and December 2025 is shown in the graph below.



REVAI KINSELLA
AREA MANAGER
January 2026

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT
For the period 01 October 2025 to 13 January 2026

1. INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD

1.1. PCWLMB STANDARD MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS AUDITS

The Environment Team have undertaken two drain audits during this period within the PCWLMB catchment, following the completion of maintenance works. This is to ensure that maintenance on the drains is done to the standard set out by the PCWLMB's Standard Maintenance Operations Document and ensure compliance.

The drains audited were Spring Ditch DRN 222G 0201, East Langley Sewer DRN 222G 0204, Bill Gut DRN 222G0302 and New Mountney DRN 222G0302 which were audited on 03rd December 2025. An audit report is currently in preparation.

1.2. FLOATING PENNYWORT BIOCONTROL ON THE PEVENSEY LEVELS

Throughout 2025, the Board have worked alongside the CABI UK Invasive Species Management Group on the Biocontrol of Floating Pennywort on Pevensey Levels using the floating pennywort weevil as a part of a national programme of trials. The aim of the national programme is to release weevils on watercourses with abundant Floating Pennywort within the Pevensey Levels. Ideally the weevils should be allowed to proliferate during the key hot summer months and a boom in weevil population will allow for faster control of pennywort, wider spread and better overwintering; also allowing for earlier impact on Floating pennywort year on year. In turn, this should lead to reduced management costs and carbon emissions by having an abundant biocontrol agent in the wider landscape, which keeps the invasive in check.

2025-2026 Pevensey Levels Floating Pennywort Biocontrol plan:

- Monitoring existing sites and newly colonised channels in July and October 2025 and March 2026 (3 in Hailsham, 2 in Hankham) as well as control site for comparison
- Collection of samples for assessments in CABI labs to evaluate weevil stages, number of generations supported and associated impact and spread
- Collection of abiotic information (e.g. temp data to feedback to national strategy and weevil establishment potential)
- Assessment of non-target plants at colonised sites
- Reporting to sponsors and to the national steering group on FP management

Following an update from CABI, it is believed that there is already good weevil activity along White Dyke lane/Horse eye sewer. CABI confirmed that signs of feeding on the leaves have been visible from the bank, and researchers have observed adults during the survey. Samples of plants were collected to assess larval stages. Results showed:

- Site 1. Is showing good feeding activity across the previous release areas and beyond and a lot of native plant diversity in the ditches was observed as the pennywort becomes less dominant.
- Site 2 : White Dyke has seen good weevil numbers and impact on the remnants of floating pennywort along the accessible length of the Horse Eye Sewer, either side of the bridge (rotted down material from the last removal could be seen on the bank).
- Site 3: has had better weevil damage than previous years with clear yellowing and stunted patches around original release area.

Overall, the surveys provide a very encouraging picture of the spreading of the weevils as a biocontrol agent and the damage they cause to floating pennywort. Going forward, conversations are to be had between the board and CABI to discuss the feasibility of a larger scale survey of the area in 2026, to see how far they have spread. Equally if there is capacity to undertake additional releases on other farms, then that would be very helpful and speed up the process.

A copy of the report produced by CABI, can be made available to members upon request.

2. BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN – UPDATE

2.1. MINK

2.1.1 WATERLIFE RECOVERY TRUST (WRT) - UPDATE

The aim of the WRT charity is to eradicate mink throughout Great Britian via a partnership approach from many organisations. The WRT today sees partner organisations and volunteers trapping mink and seeing native wildlife rebound from Yorkshire through to Sussex, with more counties to likely sign up. The Environmental Manager continues to sit on this steering group to represent WMA interests.

The latest WRT steering group meeting was held and attended on the 09 January 2026 and a WRSE steering group meeting was also held on 3rd November 2025 and was attended by the Environmental Manager. Edition 12 of the WRT newsletter produced for October 2025 provides some interesting information, updates on the project and its progress and can be found here.

2.2. PCWLMB BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN (BAP) – PROGRESS REVIEW 2025-2026

The Biodiversity Action Plan for the PCWLMB has been subject to an annual review of progress. Various actions have been undertaken during 2025 by the Board, mostly via the day to day running of the Boards Maintenance and Capital Scheme Delivery programmes. Some actions, however, are delivered via other organisations on behalf of the Board, where they receive funding from the Board to facilitate projects. A summary of the progress made thus far in 2025-26 can be found in **Appendix A**.

2.3. PARROTS FEATHER - FRESHWATER STREAM

The non-native invasive parrots feather was sprayed twice in 2025 on the Freshwater Stream as a part of its annual spraying programme.

The contractor reported that they were very pleased with the small amount of parrot's feather present through the site. There were no large areas of parrot's feather observed, only lots of small areas, but none in unexpected places. The contractor believes it was just fragments potentially emerging from the mechanical clearance, so a follow up visit in the new year will be required. We can see further progress this year with its control/eradication and hopefully a frosty winter will also help increase control.

2.4. NATURAL ENGLAND FEN RAFT SPIDER SURVEYS

During 2025, the Board has worked in Partnership with Natural England, the British Arachnological Society and the University of Nottingham to undertake a survey, to determine presence and distribution of the Fen Raft Spider on the Pevensey Levels. The species is classified both globally and nationally as Vulnerable on the IUCN Red List due to its extreme rarity. A report of the findings is awaited and members will be appraised in due course.

3. SCOPING VISITS DURING THE PERIOD:

Scoping visits were undertaken on the following drains by the Environment Team and PCWLMB operations team:

Waterlot, and Pinnock 02/12/2025

4. ASSENTS/LICENCES GRANTED AND/OR APPLIED FOR DURING THE PERIOD:

Licence / WFD Assessment / Assent / Habitat Regulations Assessment	Applied	Granted
Wrenham Stream and Bill Gut (EA 1326) Tree & Bush Management – WFD Assessment	N/A	01/10/2025
Martins Ditch WCS Replacement Project - Martins Ditch (EA 1341) – HRA, Assent & WFD Assessment	23/10/2025	11/11/2025

5. TRAINING ATTENDED:

Date	Officer	Training Attended	Brief Description
19/11/25	DP	CIEEM - Badger Ecology and Surveys training	This training event held at the Whisby Nature Reserve provided a comprehensive introduction to badger ecology and surveys. The training included an overview of badger ecology, relevant legislation, survey planning and techniques, field signs (including sett identification) and writing badger reports.
20/11/25 & 21/11/25	CH & EB	CIEEM -Tree Identification for Beginners training	This CIEEM course covered the following key areas; recognition and identification of common tree species, ancient woodland indicator plants, and the different habitats in which they grow best. The course also covered the relationships that exist between trees and other organisms, how trees grow and reproduce and epiphytes, mycorrhizal fungi and symbiotic relationships between tree species and their importance for biodiversity.
01/12/25	CL, EB, DP	ADA Environmental Forum	Meeting with partners of the ADA Environmental Forum to discuss relevant topics of the IDB's.

6. NON-COMPLIANCE

Nothing to report within this period.

7. COMPLAINTS

Nothing to report within this period.

CAROLINE LABURN
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER
JANUARY 2026

Sustainable Development Report

1. Reporting Period

1.1. This Sustainable Development Report covers the reporting period 26th September 2025 to 10th January 2026.

2. Consent / Agreement Applications

2.1. There are currently seventeen consent / agreement applications being processed. The most common types of consent or agreement that the Board receive and determine in its regulatory capacity are set out in the table below, alongside the current breakdown of cases:

Application Type	***Number***
Byelaw 3 (B3) – Discharge of Treated Foul Water (TFW):	1
Byelaw 3 (B3) – Discharge of Surface Water (SW):	10
Byelaw 4 (B4) / Section 23 (S23), LDA 1991 – Alteration of watercourse	3
Byelaw 10 (B10)– Works within 9m of a Board's maintained watercourse:	3
Total:	**17**

2.2. The current status of these applications is provided in the table below:

Application Type	***B3 - TFW***	***B3 - SW***	***B4/ S23***	***B10***	***Total***
Awaiting further information from the applicant:	1	7	2	2	12
Awaiting applicant acceptance of conditions:	0	2	0	0	2
Being processed by officers:	0	1	1	1	3
To be determined by the Board in this report:	0	0	0	0	0
Total:	**1**	**10**	**3**	**3**	**17**

3. Consents / Agreements Determined

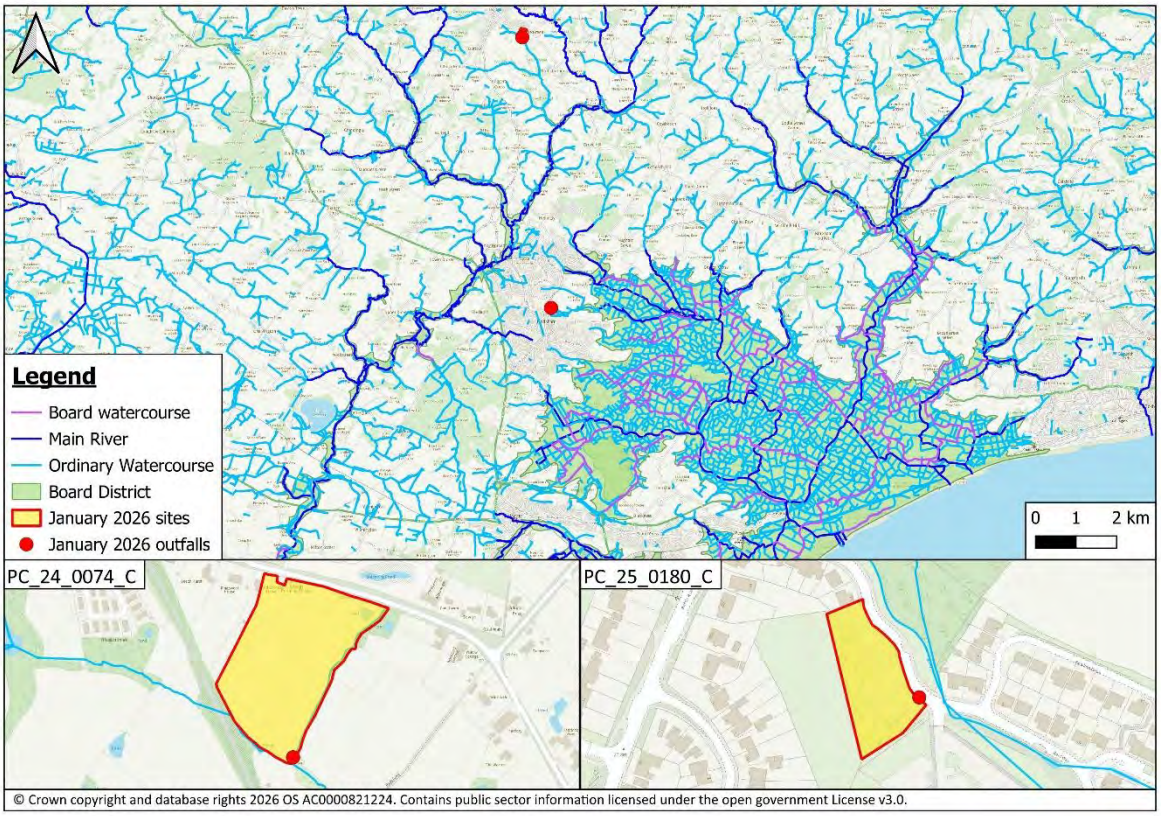
3.1. During this reporting period, two agreements have been granted under the Land Drainage Act 1991, Board's Byelaws, and general flood risk management:

Application Type	***Number***
Byelaw 3 (B3) – Discharge of Treated Foul Water (TFW):	0
Byelaw 3 (B3) – Discharge of Surface Water (SW):	2
Byelaw 4 (B4) / Section 23 (S23), LDA 1991 – Alteration of watercourse	0
Byelaw 10 (B10)– Works within 9 m of a Board's maintained watercourse:	0
Total:	**2**

3.2 The determined agreements are listed in more detail in the table below:

Case Ref.	Case File Sub-type	Location	Description of Proposal	Determination
PC_25_0180_C	Byelaw 3 Discharge of Surface Water	Land at Reef Way, Hailsham.	Surface water discharge at 1.2 l/s via a 225mm outfall into existing private drainage from development of 6 dwellings.	Granted 14/10/2025
PC_24_0074_C	Byelaw 3 Discharge of Surface Water	Land at Old Orchard House, Horebeech Lane, Horam, East Sussex TN21 9DZ	Discharge of surface water at 10.2 l/s via a 150mm outfall into a riparian watercourse, serving a new development	Granted 22/12/2025

3.3 The location of the proposed discharge points (surface water outfalls), which have been agreed as part of the determined agreements, together with the boundaries of the associated development and the location of the consent, are shown on the map below:



4. Enquiries

4.1. Officers have responded to three enquiries whose details are outlined below:

Case Reference	*Case File Sub-type*	*Location*	*Description*
PC_25_0185_Q	About Regulation	Montague Farm Hankham	Request to approve Water Level Management Plan
PC_25_0184_Q	Planning advice	Hampden Court Tennis Club	Drainage modifications at tennis club
PC_25_0183_F	Flooding	Old Swan Lane, Hailsham	Flooding around Old Swan Lane - condition of drains poor
PC_25_0182_Q	Planning enquiry	A259 Exceat Bridge	Proposals to install UKPN infrastructure under ordinary watercourse
PC_25_0178_Q	About regulation	Cole Stream Cooden	Meeting and correspondence with regards to maintenance requirements on the Cole Stream
PC_25_0177_Q	Planning enquiry	104 Bexleigh Avenue St. Leonards on Sea	Advice on consenting for minor development in St. Leonards
PC_25_0176_Q	Planning enquiry	Eastbourne Lake	Proposal by EBC for works on Eastbourne Lakes, wanting to understand what consents are required

5. Planning Comments

5.1 Officers have provided comments on 69 planning applications and pre-application enquiries, which is a 6% decrease on the cases from the previous reporting period, (1st June - 25th September 2025). This report covers the period from 26th September 2025 - 9th January 2026

5.2 These applications are either in, or have a potential impact on, the Boards Internal Drainage District. 77% of the applications were reviewed by the Board's officers, whilst East Sussex County Council officers reviewed the remaining 23% with the support of the Board's officers. The table below summarises the number of consultations by LPA:

Local Planning Authority	Number of consultations
Eastbourne Borough Council	6
East Sussex County Council	4
Hastings Borough Council	13
Rother District Council	11
South Downs National Park Authority	2
Wealden District Council	33

5.3. The table below sets out the current planning stage of these applications. 53% of the planning consultations were addressed within the deadline agreed with the LPA planning officer.

Planning stage	Number of consultations
Outline planning	6
Full planning	20
Reserved matters	7
Discharge of planning conditions	28
Pre-application	8

5.4. Approximately 57% of the planning applications had several re-consultations due to insufficient information submitted with the planning application. These re-consultations can be resource intensive and, in some cases, required several meetings in order to resolve concerns with the surface water management of the proposed developments.

5.5. Providing advice to developers at pre-application stage could help reduce the number of re-consultations.12% of the planning applications had requested pre-application advice prior to submission of a planning application. This is a decrease on the previous reporting period. We will explore additional incentives to increase uptake of pre-application advice.

6. Fees

6.1. The main activity being regulated is the direct or indirect discharge of surface water runoff into the Board's drainage district. All the discharge consents issued attract payment of a surface water development contribution.

6.2. The table below provides the details of the surface water development contribution received during the reporting period:

7.

Case Ref:	Location	Amount (excl. VAT)	Date Invoiced	Invoice paid	Reason for payment
PC_25_0180_C	Land at Reef Way, Hailsham.	£2,101.05	17/12/2025	No	Byelaw 3 – Surface Water development contribution
PC_24_0074_C	Land at Old Orchard House, Horebeech Lane, Horam, East Sussex TN21 9DZ	£10,949.00	23/12/2025	No	Byelaw 3 – Surface Water development contribution

Partnership and stakeholder engagement

7.1 Board officers continue to attend meetings for the South Wealden and Eastbourne Dynamic Flood Risk Management (Blue Heart) Project, as part the Environment Agency's Flood and Coastal Resilience Innovation Programme (FCRIP).

7.2 SuDS for Schools received funding from EA Grant in Aid, the Department of Education, and Southern Water for the retrofit of SuDS at 14 schools - 3 in Hastings and 11 in Eastbourne. There is potential to add further schools in the Eastbourne/Hastings area to the scheme, so please advise of any interested schools.

7.3 The BeFloodWarned platform is live (Landing Page), ready for interested partners and the community members to trial and provide feedback on. BeFloodWarned is currently a 'one stop shop' for live flood and weather alerts and local rainfall information. It is intended that later this year Blue Heart surface water alerts will accompany the current EA and MetOffice alerts.

7.4 The Blue Heart machine learning model is producing very promising results, with this work being the first of its kind in the UK. Scenario testing for the integrated catchment model is nearing completion, with the model able to predict the impact different management scenarios may have on the catchment.

7.5 The final round of telemetry installations is nearing completion with an additional 5 bore holes installed, and 3 real time control sites selected. Final designs for RTC are due in January, with an intended installation in March 2026.

7.6 The PCWLMB are still in discussions with East Sussex Highways and their designers with regards to Exceat Bridge.

7.7 The Exceat Bridge project will provide will a new water level control structure on land being used to compensate for impacts on the SSSI. Once completed, the Board will adopt the water control structure.

Revai Kinsella – Area Manager
Gareth Oliver – Flood Risk Engineer
January 2026

Pevensey and Cuckmere
Water Level Management Board

From: 01 April 2025 **Period To:** 8
To: 30 November 2025 **Year Ending:** 31 March 2026

NOTE	INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT	£ BUDGET 2025/26	£ ACTUAL 2025/26	£ VARIANCE 2025/26	£ BUDGET 2025/26	£ ACTUAL 2025/26	£ VARIANCE 2025/26	£ BUDGET 2025/26	£ ACTUAL 2025/26	£ VARIANCE 2025/26
	INCOME									
	Drainage Rates	17,359	17,359	0	31,969	31,969	0	49,328	49,328	0
1	Special Levies:	379,006	379,006	0	21,063	21,063	0	400,069	400,069	0
		396,365	396,365	0	53,031	53,031	0	449,396	449,396	0
	Other Income:									
	Surface Water Development Contributions	150,000	178,997	28,997	0	7,178	7,178	150,000	186,175	36,175
2	Highland Water Contributions	84,809	84,809	0	1,521	1,521	0	86,330	86,330	0
	Grants Applied	350,000	87,818	-262,183	0	0	0	350,000	87,818	-262,183
	Tranche Funding Income Applied	0	1,030,903	1,030,903	0	0	0	0	1,030,903	1,030,903
	Bank and Investment Interest	59,556	58,079	-1,477	6,910	7,852	943	66,466	65,931	-535
3	Income from Rechargeable Works	0	42,318	42,318	0	0	0	0	42,318	42,318
4	Other Income	3,826	25,270	21,444	425	2,808	2,383	4,251	28,078	23,827
		648,191	1,508,193	860,002	8,856	19,359	10,504	657,047	1,527,553	870,506
		1,044,557	**1,904,558**	**860,002**	**61,887**	**72,390**	**10,504**	**1,106,443**	**1,976,949**	**870,505**
	(-) EXPENDITURE									
	Directly Allocated Expenditure									
5	Capital Works	350,000	87,818	262,183	0	0	0	350,000	87,818	262,183
	Tranche Funding Expenditure	0	1,073,282	-1,073,282	0	0	0	0	1,073,282	-1,073,282
6	Environment Agency Precept	9,858	9,858	0	142	142	0	10,000	10,000	0
7	Maintenance Works	337,820	90,833	246,987	14,700	26,579	-11,879	352,520	117,412	235,108
	Cuckmere Deshingle & Targeted Desilting	0	0	0	25,000	0	25,000	25,000	0	25,000
	Cost of Rechargeable Works	0	37,812	-37,812	0	0	0	0	37,812	-37,812
		697,678	**1,299,603**	**-601,924**	**39,842**	**26,721**	**13,121**	**737,520**	**1,326,324**	**-588,804**
	Apportioned Expenditure									
8	WMA Technical Services Consortium	109,494	63,052	0	12,166	16,716	-4,550	121,660	79,767	41,892
8	WMA Admin Costs Consortium	72,483	44,839	0	8,054	4,982	3,072	80,537	49,821	30,716
8	Employment and Hosting Costs	139,003	87,390	0	0	0	0	139,003	87,390	51,613
	Drainage Rates Increases/Decreases/Write Offs	50	148	-98	50	1	49	100	149	-49
	Vehicle Depreciation + Running Costs	14,851	8,450	6,401	1,775	939	836	16,626	9,389	7,238
		335,881	**203,878**	**6,303**	**22,045**	**22,637**	**-593**	**357,926**	**226,516**	**131,410**
		1,033,559	**1,503,481**	**-595,621**	**61,887**	**49,359**	**12,528**	**1,095,446**	**1,552,840**	**-457,393**
	Profit/(Loss) on Disposal of Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	(=) Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Period	**£10,997**	**£401,077**	**£264,380**	**£0**	**£23,032**	**£23,032**	**£10,997**	**£424,109**	**£413,112**

Pevensey and Cuckmere Water Level Management Board

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To:	**30 November 2025**	**Year Ending:**	**31 March 2026**

NOTE	BALANCE SHEET, AS AT 30-11-2025	£ 01/04/2025	£ MOVEMENT	£ 30/11/2025
9	**Fixed Assets:**			
(i)	Vehicles and Trailers	34,219	-6,646	27,573
(ii)	Lockup and Equipment	0	0	0
(iii)	Pumping Stations	6	0	6
		34,225	**-6,646**	**27,579**
	Current Assets:			
10	Bank Account	563,078	1,135,597	1,698,675
11	Short-Term Investments	2,700,000	900,000	3,600,000
12	Trade Debtors	1,156	124,230	125,385
13	Work In Progress	0	0	0
15	Rates and Special Levies Due	688	238	925
16	Prepayment WMA	0	-16,732	-16,732
	Vat Due from HMRC	128,178	-48,227	79,951
		3,393,099	**2,095,105**	**5,488,204**
	Current Liabilities:			
	Trade Creditors	429,305	-226,023	203,282
	Accruals	765,526	-596,834	168,692
	Payments Received in Advance	1,434	-1,434	0
		1,196,264	**-824,290**	**371,974**
	Net Current Assets	**2,196,835**	**2,919,395**	**5,116,230**
	Net Assets	**£2,231,060**	**£2,912,749**	**£5,143,809**
	Financed by:			
17	Grant Reserve	307,340	-87,818	219,523
18	Tranche Funding Grant Reserve	0	2,576,457	2,576,457
19	General Reserves	407,130	424,109	831,239
20	Development Reserve	1,505,689	0	1,505,689
21	Cuckmere Targeted Improvements Works Reserve	10,896	0	10,896
22	Revaluation Reserve	6	0	6
		£2,231,060	**£2,912,749**	**£5,143,809**

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CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Pevensey and Cuckmere Water Level Management Board

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Note **Notes to the Accounts**

1 Special Levies due from constituent Billing Authorities are as follows:

	Y-T-D BUDGET	Y-T-D 2025/26
Eastbourne Borough Council	298,412	298,412
Hastings Borough Council	15,105	15,105
Rother District Council	5,536	5,536
Wealden District Council	81,017	81,017
	400,069	**400,069**

2 The EA Highland Water Claim for 2025/26 has been submitted to the Environment Agency. This has been paid in full on 15 December 2025.

3 There has been a small amount of rechargeable works completed in this financial year.

4 Other income is made up as follows:

	Y-T-D BUDGET	Y-T-D 2025/26
Shared Income from WMA	3,083	27,696
Sundry Income	0	382
Summons Costs	0	0
	3,083	**28,078**

5 The gross cost of each capital scheme is approved by the Board annually and detailed on the schedule of capital works as managed by the Area Manager and/or Project Delivery Manager, which can be made available to members on request. The Grants Due/(Unapplied) also correspond with the figures shown on the Balance Sheet.

6 The EA Precept due for 2025/26 is payable to the EA on 31 May and the other half is payable to them on 30 November.

7 Detailed maintenance operations are approved by the Board annually and shown on the Operations map, together with the schedule of maintenance works for each catchment, which can be made available to members on request. Expenditure is analysed as follows:

	Y-T-D BUDGET	Y-T-D 2025/26
Drains Maintenance	69,347	67,627
Pumping Stations	42,433	42,593
Water Level Control Structure	3,333	0
Small Tools and Consumables	3,233	1,262
Direct Works	**118,347**	**111,482**
Technical Support Staff Costs	103,488	103,465
Other Technical Support Costs	63,674	63,692
Biodiversity Action Plan Costs	7,000	5,930
Maintenance Works	**292,508**	**284,569**

8 Administration charges reflect the Board's share of consortium expenditure (excluding technical support costs). Detailed expenditure is monitored by the Consortium Management Committee and the Board every four months:

	Y-T-D BUDGET	Y-T-D 2025/26
Administration Staff Costs	0	0
Other Administration Costs	47,039	49,811
Development Expenditure	0	0
Drainage Rates AV Increases/(Decreases)	67	149
Sundry Debtors written off	0	0
Sundry Expenses	0	10
Settlement Discount	0	0
	47,106	**49,970**

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Note **Notes to the Accounts**

8(ii). **Consortium Charges**

	Y-T-D Budget	Y-T-D Actual
Expenses		
Technical Support Staff (note 8)	103,488	103,465
Other Technical Support (note 8)	63,674	63,692
Administration Staff Costs (note 9i)	0	0
Other Administration Costs (Note 9i)	47,039	49,811
Shared Income from the WMA (note 5)	-3,083	-27,696
Net Consortium Charge	**211,118**	**189,272**

9 **Cost**

	Pumping Stations	Plant and Equipment	Lock Up and Small Tools	Total
Opening Balance as at 1-4-2025 b/fwd	6	45,824	10,268	56,098
(+) Additions	0	0	0	0
(-) Disposals	0	0	0	0
(=) Closing Balance as at 30-11-2025 c/fwd	**6**	**45,824**	**10,268**	**56,098**
Depreciation				
Opening Balance as at 1-4-2025 b/fwd	0	11,605	10,268	21,873
(+) Depreciation Charge for year	0	6,646	0	6,646
(-) Accumulated Depreciation written out on disposal	0	0	0	0
(=) Closing Balance as at 30-11-2025 c/fwd	**0**	**18,251**	**10,268**	**28,519**
Net Book Value as at 31-3-2025	**6**	**34,219**	**0**	**34,225**
Net Book Value as at 30-11-2025	**6**	**27,573**	**0**	**27,579**

10 Additional sums are now being invested on the short term money market to maximise the return on the working balances, in accordance with the Board's Investment Policy. The Bank Account is reconciled as follows:

	2024/25	2025/26
Opening Balance as at 1-4-2024 b/fwd	75,175	563,078
(+) Receipts	4,489,388	5,549,285
(-) Payments	-4,001,485	-4,413,689
(=) Closing Balance as at 30-11-2025 c/fwd	**563,078**	**1,698,675**
Balance on Statement as at 30-11-2025	563,078	1,698,675
Less: Unpresented payments	0	0
Add: Unpresented receipts	0	0
Closing Balance as at 30-11-2025 c/fwd	**563,078**	**1,698,675**

11 Term Deposits are currently as follows:

Financial Institution	Capital	Investment Date	Maturity Date	Variable Interest Rate
West Bromwich Building Society	250,000	22/09/2025	18/12/2025	3.90%
Furness Building Society	500,000	14/10/2025	18/12/2025	3.90%
National Counties Building Society	500,000	18/11/2025	13/01/2026	3.83%
Saffron Building Society	500,000	17/07/2025	13/01/2026	4.10%
Vernon Building Society	100,000	27/11/2025	14/01/2026	3.22%
Progressive Building Society	250,000	30/10/2025	29/01/2026	4.00%
Nottingham Buiding Society	500,000	13/11/2025	31/03/2026	3.85%
Newbury Building Society	500,000	27/11/2025	14/04/2026	3.80%
Furness Building Socity	500,000	06/05/2025	06/05/2026	4.25%
	3,600,000			

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Note **Notes to the Accounts**

12 Aged Debtor profile is currently as follows:

Debt period	**Pevensey £**	**Cuckmere £**	**Number of Debtors**
<=30 days	39,055	0	3
>30 days and <=60 days	0	0	0
>60 days and <=90 days	0	0	0
>90 days (EA HWC - Paid 15.12.25)	86,330	0	1
	125,385	**0**	**4**

13 Work in Progress is currently made up of the following jobs:

Customer	**Amount**	**Comp. Date**	**Originator**
	0		
	0		

14 Special Levies are due to be paid by Constituent Councils in two halves on 1 May and 1 November every year.

15 There are currently 29 Ratepayers that have not paid their Drainage Rates for 2025/26 as compared to 45 Ratepayers this time last year. Summarised transactions for Drainage Rates and Special Levies during the year are as follows:

	2024/25	**2025/26**
Arrears b/fwd	268	688
Drainage Rates for the year	41,805	49,328
Special Levies for the year	280,270	400,082
Payments Received	-323,371	-449,010
Settlement Discount	0	0
Returned/(Represented) amounts	613	0
Paid Refund	446	0
Annual Value Decreases	-885	-695
Annual Value Increases	0	12
New Assessments	885	682
Irrecoverables and write offs	-231	-314
Creditors Control Contra	0	0
Summons collection costs	900	0
Special Levy Adjustment	-12	0
Drainage Rate Adjustment	0	150
Arrears c/fwd	**688**	**925**

16 Prepayments represent the amount that has been paid to the WMA in advance, which will be used by the WMA to pay the Board's share of consortium expenditure during the next reporting period.

17 **Grant Reserve**

	Pevensey	**Cuckmere**	**2025/26**
Opening Balance, as at 1-4-2025 b/fwd	307,340	0	307,340
(+) Grants Received	0	0	0
(+) Grants Due	0	0	0
(-) Grants Applied to Income & Expenditure Account (SCH01)	-87,818	0	-87,818
Closing Balance, as at 30-11-2025 c/fwd	**219,523**	**0**	**219,523**

Grant Due	**Pevensey**	**Cuckmere**	**2024/25**
	0	0	0
	0	**0**	**0**

18 **Tranche Funding Grant Reserve**

	Pevensey	**Cuckmere**	**2025/26**
Opening Balance, as at 1-4-2025 b/fwd	0	0	0
(+) Grants Received	3,607,360	0	3,607,360
(-) Grants Applied to Income & Expenditure Account	-1,030,903	0	-1,030,903
Closing Balance, as at 30-11-2025 c/fwd	**2,576,457**	**0**	**2,576,457**

Pevensey and Cuckmere Water Level Management Board

From:	**01 April 2025**	**Period To:**	**8**
To:	**30 November 2025**	**Year Ended:**	**31 March 2026**

Note **Notes to the Accounts**

19 **General Reserve**

		Pevensey	Cuckmere	2025/26
	Opening Balance, as at 1-4-2025 b/fwd	361,056.81	87,076.93	448,133.74
	(+) Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Period	401,077	23,032	424,109
*	(-) Transferred to Earmarked Development Reserve	0	0	0
	(-) Transferred (to)/from Cuckmere Targeted Improvement Reserve	0	0	0
	Closing Balance, as at 30-11-2025 c/fwd	**762,134**	**110,109**	**872,243**
*	Surface Water Development Contributions Invoiced during the year	-178,997	-7,178	-186,175
	(-) Collection Costs:			
	Gross cost of employing Sustainable Development Officer	0	0	0
	Hydromodelling/DEF	0	0	0
		0	0	0
*	(=) Transferred to/(from) Earmarked Development Reserve	**-178,997**	**-7,178**	**-186,175**

20 **Development Reserve**

		Pevensey	Cuckmere	2025/26
	Opening Balance, as at 1-4-2025 b/fwd	1,296,850.88	167,833.94	1,464,684.82
*	Transferred (to)/from General Reserve, as detailed in Note 35 above	0	0	0
	Closing Balance, as at 30-11-2025 c/fwd	**1,296,851**	**167,834**	**1,464,685**

21 **Cuckmere Targeted Improvements Reserve**

		Pevensey	Cuckmere	2025/26
	Opening Balance, as at 1-4-2025 b/fwd	0	10,896	10,896
	Transferred (to)/from General Reserve, as detailed in Note 35 above	0	0	0
	Closing Balance, as at 30-11-2025 c/fwd	**0**	**10,896**	**10,896**

22 **Revaluation Reserve**

	2024/25	Movement	2025/26
Star Inn Pumping Station	1	0	1
Barnhorn Pumping Station	1	0	1
Drockmill Pumping Station	1	0	1
Horsebridge Pumping Station	1	0	1
Rickney Pumping Station	1	0	1
Manxey Pumping Station	1	0	1
	6	**0**	**6**

24 The Board is a member of the Water Management Alliance Consortium and as such also has a proportion of the pension liability for the shared staff that are employed by King's Lynn IDB, t/a the Water Management Alliance. The Fund Actuary for Norfolk County Council has prepared a separate Report for the Water Management Alliance, which identifies a notional net pension asset of £2,821,000 as at 31 March 2025 that is shared by all 7 Member Boards. The Board's share of this pension liability/asset is set out every year in the WMAs Basis of Apportionment, which was approved by the Board on 21st January 2025.

25 The Reserves are managed in accordance with the Capital Financing and Reserves Policy, as approved by the Board on 03 November 2022. This policy is available for viewing on the Board's website.

26 The purpose of the Development Reserve is to reduce the impact on drainage rates and special levies from development that takes place in the area. The Board charges developers a standard rate per impermeable hectare for agricultural land which is developed and becomes a hard standing area, such as housing, roadways etc. The money is credited to this Reserve and then used to reduce the gross cost of capital work needed to cater for the additional flows arising from such development. The income for this Reserve therefore comes exclusively from developers and is used to fund in part improvement works that are necessary because of development.

27 **Related Party Transactions**

(i) All elected members of the Board pay drainage rates either as individuals, Partners in Partnerships, or as Directors of limited companies; the exact nature of which can be found in the Rate Book as at 1 April 2025.

(ii) The Board is a member of the Water Management Alliance Consortium, who provide administrative services to the Board. The Board has 2 representatives and a substitute member, who serve on the Consortium Management Committee, this includes the Chairman of the Board. The Chairman receives £3,500.00 Chairmans Allowance for his duties annually. This allowance is paid monthly via WMA payroll.

Recommended Actions:

1. To approve the Financial Report for the period ending 30-11-2025.

S JEFFREY BSc (Hons) FCCA CPFA
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

BUDGETS (ESTIMATES) 2026/27: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Board is asked to approve the following recommendations:

1. Increase the rate in Pevensey Levels Sub-District by 4.12% to 4.587p in the pound for next year as shown in Option 1, which will minimise flood risk and deliver a balanced budget.

2. Increase the rate in the Cuckmere Sub-District by 3.73% to 73.387p in the pound for next year as shown in Option 1 below, which will minimise flood risk and allow the works to continue for the Cuckmere Desilting in the future.

1. The increase for the Pevensey Levels Sub-District is recommended to be 4.12% to produce a balanced budget for 2026/27.
2. The Cuckmere Sub-District has a recommendation for a rate increase of 3.73% in 2026/27. The budget allows for £25k to be raised in relation to the Cuckmere Desilting Project.
3. These increases are both below the level of inflation with RPI being 4.3% as of October 2025.
4. The Board's Auditor recommends that a balanced budget should be delivered.

S JEFFREY
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER/RFO

PEVENSEY & CUCKMERE WATER LEVEL MANAGEMENT BOARD
ROLLING 5-YEAR INDICATIVE CAPITAL PROGRAMME

SCH NO	PROJECT TITLE	PROBABLE 2025/26	ESTIMATE 2025/26	ESTIMATE 2026/27	ESTIMATE 2027/28	ESTIMATE 2028/29	ESTIMATE 2029/30	ESTIMATE 2030/31
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
SCH01	Pevensey Water Management Improvement Scheme (*Note 1)	87,818	350,000	0	0	0	0	0
tbc	Manxey Pumping Station	0	0	80,000	3,000,000	1,420,000	0	0
tbc	Rickney Pumping Station	0	0	0	80,000	3,000,000	1,420,000	0
tbc	Newbridge Pumping Station	0	0	0	0	80,000	3,000,000	1,420,000
SCH04	Pevensey Levels Tilting Weirs (*Note 2)	42,379	0	0	0	0	0	0
SCH06	Drockmill Pumping Station (*Note 3)	3,300,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
SCH07	Spaghetti Junction (*Note 4)	1,085,260	0	0	0	0	0	0
SCH08	Hankham Gut Structures (*Note 5)	799,440	0	0	0	0	0	0
tbc	Cuckmere Adaptation Strategy (*Note 6)	78,000	0	220,000	26,000	0	0	0
	GROSS COST OF CAPITAL PROGRAMME	**5,392,896**	**350,000**	**300,000**	**3,106,000**	**4,500,000**	**4,420,000**	**1,420,000**
	(-) CAPITAL FINANCING (FCERM Grant in Aid)							
SCH01	Pevensey Water Management Improvement Scheme	87,818	350,000	0	0	0	0	0
tbc	Manxey Pumping Station	0	0	80,000	2,992,000	1,278,000	0	0
tbc	Rickney Pumping Station	0	0	0	80,000	2,992,000	1,278,000	0
tbc	Newbridge Pumping Station	0	0	0	0	80,000	2,992,000	1,278,000
tbc	Cuckmere Adaptation Strategy	0	0	189,000	0	0	0	0
	(-) CAPITAL FINANCING (Tranche 2 & 2b)							
SCH06	Drockmill Pumping Station	3,300,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
SCH07	Spaghetti Junction	1,085,260	0	0	0	0	0	0
SCH08	Hankham Gut Structures	799,440	0	0	0	0	0	0
	(-) CAPITAL FINANCING (Others)							
tbc	Cuckmere Adaptation Strategy	70,000	0	31,000	19,000	0	0	0
	(-) CAPITAL FINANCING (Board Reserves*)							
tbc	Manxey Pumping Station	0	0	0	8,000	142,000	0	0
tbc	Rickney Pumping Station	0	0	0	0	8,000	142,000	0
tbc	Newbridge Pumping Station	0	0	0	0	0	8,000	142,000
	(-) CAPITAL FINANCING	**5,342,518**	**350,000**	**300,000**	**3,099,000**	**4,500,000**	**4,420,000**	**1,420,000**
	(=) NET REVENUE CONTRIBUTION TO CAPITAL OUTLAY	**£50,379**	**£0**	**£0**	**£7,000**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**

(*) Notes:

1) Pevensey Water Management Improvement Scheme OBC was submitted in August 2022 and was not approved for various reasons - a lack of Environment Statutory Allowance and a lack of a Pevensey wide Strategy. As we cannot take this project further, we envisage splitting the individual stations out to their own projects. We are currently prioiritising them in the order Manxey, Rickney and Newbridge with very high level forecast associated with all three. We will develop these projects further ahead of the Environment Agency's Refresh process in May 2026 aside aligning them with the new PF guidance being released in full on 30 November 2025. We do however know that in the new guidance projects over £3million will be 90% funded by Grant in Aid.

2) Pevensey Levels Tilting Weirs - We have secured £1,095,077 of funding within the £75m Tranche 2 allocation. Replacement of five water control dam board structures with tilting weirs.

3) Drockmill Pumping Station - We have secured £3,000,000 of funding within the Tranche 2b allocation, the maximum allocation through this funding source. In December we were able to increase this to £3,300,000, reducing the need for the board to contribute to the contingency sums. The project will replace the end of life asset with a new pumping station delivering fish friendly screw pumps, variable speed drives achieving Water Level Management Plan objectives, automatic weed screen to improve health and safety of operation and wetland creation on land around the pumping station.

4) Spaghetti Junction - We have secured £1,085,260 of funding within the Tranche 2b allocation. This project seeks to:- replace all three culverts that are partially collapsed (Horse Eye Sewer, White Dyke Sewer and Rickney Sewer), replace the two dam board water control structures on the Horse Eye and Rickney Sewers with tilting weirs and repair the approximately 100m of the eroded embankment between the Horse Eye Sewer and Rickney Sewer.

5) Hankham Gut Structures - We secured £423,940 of funding within the Tranche 2b allocation, but in December we were able to increase this to £799,440. This project seeks to replace the existing culvert across the Hankham Gut after geotechnical investigation and to replace the existing dam board structure with a tilting weir.

6) Cuckmere Adaptation Strategy - This project has secured £189,000 from the RFCC, £50k from Southern Water, £35k from both Wealden District Council and East Sussex County Council and £15k from Pevenesey and Cuckmere WLMB.

K NASH
PROJECT DELIVERY MANAGER

Pevensey and Cuckmere Water Level Management Board

PEVENSEY & CUCKMERE WATER LEVEL MANAGEMENT BOARD
MAINTENANCE WORKS PROGRAMME 2026/27
Interactive map

DRAIN ID	DRAIN NAME	FLOOD RISK LEVEL	FREQUENCY	TOTAL LENGTH OF DRAIN (M)	START DATE	OPERATIONS TYPE	BUDGET (ALLOCATION) 2025/26
CMT212G - Cuckmere Haven							
DRN212G0101	Freshwater Stream (EA 1526)	HIGH	Annually	5886	Sep-26	WM and Parrots feather	£10,274
DRN212G0102	Freshwater Stream (EA 1526)	HIGH	Annually	727	Sep-26	Weed mowing	£4,536
DRN212G0201	Milton Hide Stream (EA 1527)	MEDIUM	5 Years	593	Sep-26	Weed mowing	£0
							£14,810
CMT217G - Pevensey							
DRN217G0101	Burgh Fleet and Monkham Sewer (EA 1332)	HIGH	Annually	1078	Nov-26	Weed mowing	£1,510
DRN217G0102	Burgh Fleet and Monkham Sewer (EA 1332)	HIGH	Annually	901	Nov-26	Weed mowing	£1,314
DRN217G0103	Sew Ditch (EA 1334)	HIGH	Annually	572	Nov-26	Weed mowing	£948
DRN217G0201	Dowles Stream (EA 1331)	HIGH	Annually	1355	Nov-26	Weed mowing	£1,818
DRN217G0202	Dowles Stream (EA 1331)	HIGH	Annually	538	Nov-26	Weed mowing	£910
DRN217G0301	Hankham Sewer (EA 1342)	HIGH	Annually	810	Nov-26	WM and Brush management	£7,743
DRN217G0401	Callows Stream (EA 1355)	HIGH	Annually	1490	Nov-26	Weed mowing	£1,969
DRN217G0402	Manxey Sewer (EA 1330)	HIGH	Annually	1948	Nov-26	Weed mowing	£2,478
DRN217G0403	Manxey Sewer (EA 1330)	HIGH	Annually	637	Dec-26	Weed mowing	£1,020
DRN217G0501	Martins Ditch (EA 1341)	HIGH	Annually	1610	Dec-26	Weed mowing	£2,102
DRN217G0502	Martins Ditch (EA 1341)	HIGH	Annually	62	Dec-26	Weed mowing	£380
DRN217G0601	Wrenham Stream and Bill Gut (EA 1326)	HIGH	Annually	3638	Dec-26	WM and Brush management	£12,358
DRN217G0701	Tower Ditch (EA 1328)	HIGH	2 Years	1361	Dec-26	Weed mowing	£1,826
							£36,375
CMT221G -Combe Haven							
DRN221G0101	Russell Stream (EA 1127)	HIGH	5 Years	289	Mar-27	Weed mowing	£1,719
DRN221G0201	Rackwell Stream (EA 1129)	MEDIUM	5 Years	165	Mar-27	Weed mowing	£1,581
							£3,300
CMT222G - Willingdon and Langney							
DRN222G0101	Middle Sewer (EA 1427)	HIGH	10 Years	742	Sep-26	Weed mowing	£1,175
DRN222G0201	East Langney Sewer (EA 1429)	HIGH	Annually	2644	Sep-26	Weed mowing	£3,290
DRN222G0202	East Langney Sewer (EA 1429)	HIGH	Annually	211	Sep-26	Weed mowing	£584
DRN222G0203	Springfield Farm Ditch (EA 1430)	HIGH	Annually	243	Sep-26	Weed mowing	£620
DRN222G0204	Springfield Farm Ditch (EA 1430)	HIGH	Annually	260	Sep-26	Weed mowing	£639
DRN222G0301	Wrenham Stream and Bill Gut (EA 1326)	MEDIUM	2 Years	1283	Sep-26	Weed mowing	£1,776
DRN222G0302	New Mountney Sewer (EA 1237)	MEDIUM	2 Years	780	Sep-26	Weed mowing	£1,217
DRN222G0401	Lottbridge Sewer (EA 1426)	HIGH	Annually	147	Sep-26	Weed mowing	£513
							£9,813
TOTAL GRAVITY SUB DISTRICTS							**£64,300**
CMT213P - Whelpley (Private Pump)							
DRN213P0101	Magham Sewer (EA 1345)	MEDIUM	2 Years	2208	Aug-26	Weed mowing	£3,805
DRN213P0201	Bowley Sewer (EA 1344)	MEDIUM	2 years	1837	Aug-26	Weed mowing	£3,393
DRN213P0301	Sackville Sewer (EA 1343)	MEDIUM	2 Years	1718	Aug-26	Weed mowing	£3,260
							£10,458
CMT214P - Horse Eye and Down - Rickney							
DRN214P0101	Rickney Sewer (EA 1358)	HIGH	Pennywort removed up to twice annually	330	Jul-26	WM and pennywort removal	£637
DRN214P0102	Rickney Sewer (EA 1358)	HIGH	Pennywort removed up to twice annually	1770	Jul-26	WM and pennywort removal	£2,239
DRN214P0103	Rickney Sewer (EA 1358)	HIGH	Pennywort removed up to twice annually	1433	Jul-26	WM and pennywort removal	£1,864
DRN214P0104	Rickney Sewer (EA 1358)	HIGH	Pennywort removed up to twice annually	1293	Jul-26	WM and pennywort removal	£1,708
DRN214P0201	Drove Sewer (EA 1357)	HIGH	Pennywort removed up to twice annually	1033	Jul-26	WM, De-silt and pennywort	£1,419
DRN214P0202	Old Whelpley Sewer (EA 1354)	HIGH	Pennywort removed up to twice annually	646	Aug-26	WM and pennywort removal	£988
DRN214P0301	Snapsons Sewer (EA 1353)	HIGH	Pennywort removed up to twice annually	641	Aug-26	WM and pennywort removal	£983
DRN214P0401	Horse Eye Sewer (EA 1351)	HIGH	Pennywort removed up to twice annually	1256	Aug-26	WM, De-silt and pennywort	£1,667
DRN214P0402	Horse Eye Sewer (EA 1351)	HIGH	Pennywort removed up to twice annually	3179	Aug-26	WM and pennywort removal	£3,806
DRN214P0403	Horse Eye Sewer (EA 1351)	HIGH	Pennywort removed up to twice annually	243	Aug-26	WM and pennywort removal	£540
DRN214P0501	White Dyke Sewer (EA 1359)	HIGH	Pennywort removed up to twice annually	1945	Aug-26	WM, De-silt and pennywort	£2,433
DRN214P0502	Lewens Sewer (EA 1355)	HIGH	Pennywort removed up to twice annually	1190	Aug-26	WM and pennywort removal	£1,593
DRN214P0601	Crossing Sewer (EA 1356)	HIGH	Pennywort removed up to twice annually	1844	Aug-26	WM and pennywort removal	£2,321
DRN214P0602	Crossing Sewer (EA 1356)	HIGH	Pennywort removed up to twice annually	776	Jul-26	WM and pennywort removal	£1,133
DRN214P0701	Down Sewer (EA 1349)	HIGH	Pennywort removed up to twice annually	1387	Jul-26	WM and pennywort removal	£1,813
							£25,143
CMT215P - Glynleigh - Drockmill							
DRN215P0101	Drockmill Hill Gut (EA 1346)	HIGH	Annually	2579	Sep-26	Weed mowing	£3,180
DRN215P0102	Drockmill Hill Gut (EA 1346)	HIGH	Annually	553	Oct-26	WM and De-silt	£926
DRN215P0201	Downwash Ditch (EA 1360)	HIGH	Annually	1488	Oct-26	Weed mowing	£1,966
DRN215P0202	Winters Cut (EA 1361)	HIGH	2 Years	451	Oct-26	Weed mowing	£813
DRN215P0203	Winters Cut (EA 1361)	MEDIUM	2 Years	383	Oct-26	Weed mowing	£737
DRN215P0204	Winters Cut (EA 1361)	MEDIUM	2 Years	785	Oct-26	Weed mowing	£1,185
DRN215P0301	Otham Feed (EA 1362)	MEDIUM	2 Years	346	Oct-26	Weed mowing	£696
DRN215P0302	Otham Feed (EA 1362)	MEDIUM	2 Years	186	Oct-26	Weed mowing	£518
DRN215P0303	Otham Court Ditch (EA 1363)	MEDIUM	2 Years	544	Oct-26	Weed mowing	£916
DRN215P0304	Otham Court Ditch (EA 1363)	MEDIUM	2 Years	70	Oct-26	Weed mowing	£389
DRN215P0401	Duck Puddle (EA 1348)	MEDIUM	2 Years	1032	Oct-26	Weed mowing	£1,459
DRN215P0501	Wadham New Cut (EA 1364)	MEDIUM	2 Years	667	Oct-26	Weed mowing	£1,053
DRN215P0601	Marland Sewer (EA 1347)	HIGH	2 Years	767	Oct-26	Weed mowing	£2,018
							£15,858
CMT216P - Manxey							
DRN216P0101	Kentland Sewer (EA 1367)	HIGH	2 years	1555	Oct-26	WM and pennywort removal	£2,236
DRN216P0102	Kentland Sewer (EA 1367)	HIGH	2 years	694	Oct-26	WM and pennywort removal	£1,278
DRN216P0103	Kentland Sewer (EA 1367)	HIGH	2 years	1216	Oct-26	WM and pennywort removal	£1,859
DRN216P0201	Church Farm Ditch (EA 1339)	HIGH	2 years	1278	Nov-26	Weed mowing	£1,927
DRN216P0202	Church Farm Feed (EA 1338)	HIGH	2 years	603	Nov-26	Weed mowing	£1,177

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MAINTENANCE WORKS PROGRAMME 2026/27
Interactive map

DRAIN ID	DRAIN NAME	FLOOD RISK LEVEL	FREQUENCY	TOTAL LENGTH OF DRAIN (M)	START DATE	OPERATIONS TYPE	BUDGET (ALLOCATION) 2025/26
DRN216P0301	Curteis Ditch (EA 1337)	HIGH	2 years	1475	Nov-26	WM and Brush management	£10,147
DRN216P0401	Mark Dyke (EA 1333)	HIGH	2 years	1529	Nov-26	Weed mowing	£2,207
DRN216P0501	Upper Dowles Stream (EA 1366)	HIGH	2 years	2012	Nov-26	Weed mowing	£2,744
							£23,573
CMT218P - Waterlot - Horsebridge							
DRN218P0201	Waterlot Stream (EA 1229)	HIGH	2 years	1107	Dec-26	Weed mowing	£1,599
DRN218P0202	Waterlot Stream (EA 1229)	HIGH	2 years	4089	Dec-26	Weed mowing	£4,916
DRN218P0301	Lamb Inn Stream (EA 1239)	HIGH	2 years	1664	Dec-26	Weed mowing	£2,219
DRN218P0401	Pinnock Stream (EA 1231)	HIGH	2 years	253	Dec-26	Weed mowing	£649
DRN218P0402	Pinnock Stream (EA 1231)	HIGH	2 years	432	Jan-27	Weed mowing	£849
DRN218P0501	New Guy Stream (EA 1232)	HIGH	2 years	456	Jan-27	Weed mowing	£875
DRN218P0601	Inn Strean (EA 1233)	HIGH	2 years	2497	Jan-27	WM and De-silt	£3,145
DRN218P0602	Boreham Pond Stream (EA 1235)	HIGH	2 years	695	Jan-27	Weed mowing	£1,141
DRN218P0603	Waterhouse Stream (EA 1238)	HIGH	2 years	1082	Jan-27	Weed mowing	£1,572
DRN218P0701	Dodsons Ditch (EA 1234)	HIGH	2 years	304	Jan-27	Weed mowing	£706
DRN218P0801	Nunningham Sewer (EA 1236)	HIGH	2 years	1509	Jan-27	Weed mowing	£2,046
							£19,718
CMT219P - Star Inn							
DRN219P0101	Stream Ditch (EA 1226)	HIGH	De-silting undertaken every 10 years	109	N/A	N/A	£0
DRN219P0102	Stream Ditch (EA 1226)	HIGH	De-silting undertaken every 10 years	1886	Jan-27	WM and De-silt	£2,548
DRN219P0103	Stream Ditch (EA 1226)	HIGH	De-silting undertaken every 10 years	2017	Jan-27	WM and De-silt	£2,693
DRN219P0104	Stream Ditch (EA 1226)	HIGH	De-silting undertaken every 10 years	286	N/A	N/A	£0
DRN219P0105	Stream Ditch (EA 1226)	HIGH	De-silting undertaken every 10 years	580	N/A	N/A	£0
DRN219P0201	Waterlot Stream (EA 1229)	HIGH	De-silting undertaken every 10 years	2530	Feb-27	WM and De-silt	£3,264
DRN219P0202	Waterlot Stream (EA 1229)	HIGH	De-silting undertaken every 10 years	519	Feb-27	WM and De-silt	£1,027
DRN219P0203	Waterlot Stream (EA 1229)	HIGH	De-silting undertaken every 10 years	407	Feb-27	WM and De-silt	£903
DRN219P0301	Cheney Stream (EA 1230)	HIGH	De-silting undertaken every 10 years	835	Feb-27	WM and De-silt	£1,379
DRN219P0401	Pinnock Stream (EA 1231)	HIGH	De-silting undertaken every 10 years	726	Feb-27	WM and De-silt	£1,257
DRN219P0501	Foul Ditch (EA 1227)	HIGH	De-silting undertaken every 10 years	737	Feb-27	WM and De-silt	£1,270
DRN219P0601	East Stream (EA 1228)	HIGH	De-silting undertaken every 10 years	762	Feb-27	WM and De-silt	£1,297
DRN219P0701	Star Inn Feed Ditch (EA 1241)	HIGH	De-silting undertaken every 10 years	273	Feb-27	WM and Brush management	£8,753
DRN219P0702	Star Inn Feed Ditch (EA 1241)	HIGH	De-silting undertaken every 10 years	153	Feb-27	WM and Brush management	£804
							£25,195
CMT220P - Barnhorn							
DRN220P0101	Stream Ditch (EA 1226)	HIGH	2 years	314	Jan-27	Weed mowing	£1,699
DRN220P0102	Barnhorn Ponds Stream (EA 1240)	HIGH	2 years	1156	Feb-27	WM and Brush management	£10,635
DRN220P0201	East Stream (EA 1228)	LOWER		850	Feb-27	Weed mowing	£2,295
							£14,629
TOTAL PUMPED SUB DISTRICTS							**£134,576**
Total Drains Maintenance							**£198,876**

Pevensey and Cuckmere Water Level Management Board

PCWLMB MEICA Servicing, Repairs and Electricity Estimates 2026-27									
	Materials	Service 1	Service 2	Repairs	Telemetry	Electricity	Electricity - Standing Charges	Insurance	TOTAL PUMP COSTS
Horsebridge PS	£250.00	£550.00	£550.00	£1,500.00	£329.00	£13,520.00	£5,900.00	£1,815.00	£24,414.00
Star Inn PS	£250.00	£550.00	£550.00	£1,500.00	£329.00	£10,740.00	£5,900.00	£1,815.00	£21,634.00
Rickney PS	£250.00	£550.00	£550.00	£1,500.00	£329.00	£24,820.00	£10,500.00	£1,815.00	£40,314.00
Drockmill PS	£250.00	£550.00	£550.00	£0.00	£329.00	£4,865.00	£600.00	£1,815.00	£8,959.00
Manxey PS	£250.00	£550.00	£550.00	£1,500.00	£329.00	£8,370.00	£2,700.00	£1,815.00	£16,064.00
Barnhorn PS	£250.00	£550.00	£550.00	£5,000.00	£329.00	£9,795.00	£250.00	£1,815.00	£18,539.00
Milton Lock	£0.00	£750.00	£750.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,500.00
Tilting Weirs	£0.00	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5,000.00
Wind Pump	£0.00	£550.00	£550.00	£1,900.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,000.00
Pump Replacement Reserve	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£20,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£20,000.00
TOTAL	**£1,500.00**	**£7,100.00**	**£7,100.00**	**£32,900.00**	**£1,974.00**	**£72,110.00**	**£25,850.00**	**£10,890.00**	**£159,424.00**

PEVENSEY AND CUCKMERE WATER LEVEL MANAGEMENT BOARD
DRAINAGE RATES AND SPECIAL LEVIES: BUDGET FOR 2026/27

		PEVENSEY				CUCKMERE				NOTE 1 TOTAL			NOTE 2	NOTES 3 TO 7
	INCOME AND EXPENDITURE	ACTUAL 2024/25	BUDGET 2025/26	PROJECTED 2025/26	BUDGET 2026/27	ACTUAL 2024/25	BUDGET 2025/26	PROJECTED 2025/26	BUDGET 2026/27	ACTUAL 2024/25	BUDGET 2025/26	PROJECTED 2025/26		BUDGET 2026/27
	INCOME													
	Drainage Rates	16,303	17,359	17,359	18,074	25,586	31,969	31,969	33,161	41,888	49,328	49,328		51,234
	Special Levies:													
	Eastbourne Borough Council	280,258	298,412	298,412	310,702	0	0	0	0	280,258	298,412	298,412		310,702
	Hastings Borough Council	14,186	15,105	15,105	15,727	0	0	0	0	14,186	15,105	15,105		15,727
	Rother District Council	5,199	5,536	5,536	5,764	0	0	0	0	5,199	5,536	5,536		5,764
	Wealden District Council	56,307	59,954	59,954	62,424	16,802	21,063	21,063	21,848	73,109	81,017	81,017		84,272
		355,950	379,006	379,006	394,616	16,802	21,063	21,063	21,848	372,752	400,069	400,069		416,464
	Other Income:													
	Income From Rechargeable Works	963	0	42,318	0	0	0	0	0	963	0	42,318		0
3	Highland Water Contributions from the EA	84,809	84,809	84,809	84,809	1,521	1,521	1,521	1,521	86,330	86,330	86,330		86,330
	Grants Applied	207,410	350,000	87,818	0	0	0	0	0	207,410	350,000	87,818		0
	Tranche 1 + 2 Grant Income Applied	1,051,487	0	5,184,700	0	293,829	0	0	0	1,345,316	0	5,184,700		0
	Third Party Contribution	0	0	0	0	0	0	70,000	0	0	0	70,000		0
	Consent Fees and Sundry Income	1,750	0	344	0	100	0	38	0	1,850	0	382		0
	Bank and Investment Interest	62,156	59,556	156,276	61,964	11,576	6,910	20,267	8,036	73,731	66,466	176,543		70,000
7	Other Income (Incl Consortium)	3,418	3,826	3,535	9,407	0	425	393	1,045	3,418	4,251	3,928		10,452
	Surface Water Development Contributions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
		1,411,992	498,191	5,559,799	156,180	307,026	8,856	92,220	10,602	1,719,018	507,047	5,652,019		166,782
		1,784,245	894,557	5,956,164	568,870	349,414	61,887	145,251	65,611	2,133,659	956,443	6,101,415		634,480
	(-) EXPENDITURE													
	Directly Allocated Expenditure													
	New Works and Improvement Works	212,906	350,000	87,818	0	0	0	0	0	212,906	350,000	87,818		0
	Tranche 1 + 2 Expenditure	999,525	0	5,227,079	0	293,831	0	78,000	0	1,293,356	0	5,305,079		0
	Cost of Rechargeable Works	963	0	42,318	0	0	0	0	0	963	0	42,318		0
4	Cuckmere De-shingle and targeted De-silting Ops	0	0	0	0	9,104	25,000	25,000	25,000	9,104	25,000	25,000		25,000
	Contributions to the Environment Agency	9,858	9,858	9,858	9,858	142	142	142	142	10,000	10,000	10,000		10,000
5(a)	Maintenance Work	303,900	337,820	335,709	341,990	14,942	14,700	21,550	16,310	318,842	352,520	357,259		358,300
		1,527,151	697,678	5,702,781	351,847	318,020	39,842	124,692	41,453	1,845,171	737,520	5,827,473		393,300
	Apportioned Expenditure													
6	Plant and Machinery Charges	8,186	14,851	13,742	13,855	910	1,775	1,527	1,539	9,096	16,626	15,269		15,394
7	WMA Technical Services Consortium	114,364	109,494	111,005	125,727	14,045	12,166	12,334	13,970	128,410	121,660	123,339		139,696
7	WMA Admin Costs Consortium	51,823	72,483	73,281	77,391	5,759	8,054	8,142	8,599	57,582	80,537	81,424		85,990
	Drainage Rate Increases/Decreases/Write Off	5	50	50	50	84	50	50	50	89	100	100		100
		174,378	196,878	198,079	217,022	20,798	22,045	22,053	24,158	195,177	218,923	220,132		241,180
	Profit/(Loss) on Disposal of Fixed Assets	9,928	0	0	0	1,103	0	0	0	11,031	0	0		0
	(=) Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	£92,644	£0	£55,305	£0	£11,699	£0	-£1,494	£0	£104,342	£0	£53,811		£0

PEVENSEY AND CUCKMERE WATER LEVEL MANAGEMENT BOARD
DRAINAGE RATES AND SPECIAL LEVIES: BUDGET FOR 2026/27

	PEVENSEY				CUCKMERE				NOTE 1 TOTAL			NOTE 2	NOTES 3 TO 7
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE	**ACTUAL 2024/25**	**BUDGET 2025/26**	**PROJECTED 2025/26**	**BUDGET 2026/27**	**ACTUAL 2024/25**	**BUDGET 2025/26**	**PROJECTED 2025/26**	**BUDGET 2026/27**	**ACTUAL 2024/25**	**BUDGET 2025/26**	**PROJECTED 2025/26**		**BUDGET 2026/27**
RESERVES													
General Reserve b/fwd	178,085	274,847	324,809	380,115	75,510	82,262	82,322	80,828	253,595	357,109	407,131		460,942
(+) Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	92,644	0	55,305	0	11,699	0	-1,494	0	104,342	0	53,811		0
Transfer (to)/from Tranche Funding (Prior Year Cost)	54,081	0	0	0	6,009	0	0	0	60,090	0	0		0
(-) Transfer (to)/from Cuckmere T.I. Reserve	0	0	0	0	-10,896	0	0	0	-10,896	0	0		0
(-) Transfer (to)/from Development Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
(=) General Reserve c/fwd	£324,809	£274,847	£380,115	£380,115	£82,322	£82,262	£80,828	£80,828	£407,131	£357,109	£460,942		£460,942

SECTION 37, LAND DRAINAGE ACT 1991
DETERMINATION OF ANNUAL VALUES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

The values at 31 December 2025 used for determining the proportion of expenses to be raised from drainage rates and special levies are as follows:-

	£	**%**	**£**	%	**£**	%
Agricultural Land and/or Buildings	394,000	4.38%	45,186	60.28%	439,186	4.84%
Non-Agricultural Land:						
Eastbourne Borough Council	6,773,087	75.29%	0	0.00%	6,773,087	74.66%
Hastings Borough Council	342,832	3.81%	0	0.00%	342,832	3.78%
Rother District Council	125,645	1.40%	0	0.00%	125,645	1.39%
Wealden District Council	1,360,792	15.13%	29,771	39.72%	1,390,563	15.33%
	8,602,356	95.62%	29,771	39.72%	8,632,127	95.16%
Total Annual Value	£8,996,356	100.00%	£74,957	100.00%	£9,071,313	100.00%

RATE/LEVY OPTIONS FOR 2026/27

OPTION 1: REQUIREMENT	**Last Year**	**This Year**	**Last Year**	**This Year**
Rate in the pound (p)	4.406 p	4.587 p	70.749 p	73.387 p
Increase (%)	6.48 %	4.12 %	25.36 %	3.73 %
OPTION 2: INFLATIONARY INCREASE				
Rate in the pound (p)	4.279 p	4.462 p	58.356 p	60.866 p
Increase (%)	3.40 %	4.30 %	3.40 %	4.30 %

1 Option 1 reflects a required increase of 4.12% in the Pevensey Sub District, and an increase of 3.73% in the Cuckmere Sub District. These increases are required if the Board wants to present a balanced budget.

2 Option 2 allows for the inflationary increase of 4.3% in both Sub Districts, as shown by the Office of National Statistics for the month of October 2025 (RPI).

RECOMMENDATION
Option 1 is recommended.

PEVENSEY AND CUCKMERE WATER LEVEL MANAGEMENT BOARD
DRAINAGE RATES AND SPECIAL LEVIES: BUDGET FOR 2026/27

	PEVENSEY				CUCKMERE				NOTE 1 TOTAL			NOTE 2	NOTES 3 TO 7
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROJECTED	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROJECTED	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROJECTED	BUDGET	
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE	**2024/25**	**2025/26**	**2025/26**	**2026/27**	**2024/25**	**2025/26**	**2025/26**	**2026/27**	**2024/25**	**2025/26**	**2025/26**	**2026/27**	
Pumping Stations:													
MEICA servicing	5,802	6,600	6,600	6,600	0	0	0	0	5,802	6,600	6,600	6,600	
MEICA additional work needed & in year work	96,149	32,000	17,000	11,000	0	0	0	0	96,149	32,000	17,000	11,000	
Electricity charges	54,170	95,700	95,700	97,960	0	0	0	0	54,170	95,700	95,700	97,960	
Telemetry	0	0	0	1,974	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,974	
Insurances	9,398	10,350	9,885	10,890	0	0	0	0	9,398	10,350	9,885	10,890	
Materials	1,340	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0	0	0	1,340	1,500	1,500	1,500	
	166,860	146,150	130,685	129,924	0	0	0	0	166,860	146,150	130,685	129,924	
Watercourses:													
Desilting and Weed cutting	106,532	104,146	102,500	107,485	14,729	7,404	8,254	8,015	121,261	111,550	110,754	115,500	
Telemetry	0	6,000	6,000	10,026	0	0	0	0	0	6,000	6,000	10,026	
Plant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Materials	0	4,545	4,545	4,545	0	455	455	455	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	
Machine Moves	0	8,409	8,409	8,409	0	841	841	841	0	9,250	9,250	9,250	
Biodiversity Action Plan	10,508	4,500	4,500	15,000	214	6,000	6,000	5,500	10,722	10,500	10,500	20,500	
Water Level Control Structure Maintenance	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	
	117,040	132,600	130,954	150,466	14,942	14,700	15,550	14,810	131,982	147,300	146,504	165,276	
Additional Maintenance Works													
Tree Works	20,000	59,070	59,070	38,600	0	0	0	0	20,000	59,070	59,070	38,600	
Milton Lock Servicing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,500	0	0	0	1,500	
Windpump Wrenham Bill Gut	0	0	0	3,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,000	
Culvert Replacement on Freshwater	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,000	0	0	0	6,000	0	
	20,000	59,070	59,070	41,600	0	0	6,000	1,500	20,000	59,070	65,070	43,100	
Pumping Station Replacement Reserve													
Pumping Station Replacement Board Contribution	0	0	15,000	20,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	15,000	20,000	
	303,900	337,820	335,709	341,990	14,942	14,700	21,550	16,310	318,842	352,520	357,259	358,300	

NOTES:

1 The actual figures shown for 2024/25 are for a the full 12 month period; from 1 April 2024, to the financial year end 31 March 2025.

2 The projected out-turn for 2025/26 is forecast to be ina surplus position for both Pevensey and Cuckmere Levels. Both Sub-Districts have benefitted from higher interest on investments than originally estimated, £97k in Pevensey and £13k in Cuckmere. We recommend that the additional interest received on the Tranche monies invested for the Pevensey Sub-District are moved into the Capital Works Reserve, to finance the 10% Board Contribution for future pumping station replacements, in line with the new Grant In Aid funding requirements.

3 During 2017 we identified the highland carriers within the Board's district and more accurately estimated the highland water contributions due for 2026/27. This procedure was agreed with the EA in 2017.

4 The Area Manager was successful in her bid for £214,301.88 in funding for Cuckmere De-silt in 2024/25. Any remaining unspent funds will continue to be transferred to the Cuckmere De-Silt Reserve at the end of each financial year, which is ringfenced for use within this sub-district.

5 (a) Maintenance work is made up as follows:

	PEVENSEY				CUCKMERE				NOTE 1 TOTAL			NOTE 2	NOTES 3 TO 7
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE	**ACTUAL 2024/25**	**BUDGET 2025/26**	**PROJECTED 2025/26**	**BUDGET 2026/27**	**ACTUAL 2024/25**	**BUDGET 2025/26**	**PROJECTED 2025/26**	**BUDGET 2026/27**	**ACTUAL 2024/25**	**BUDGET 2025/26**	**PROJECTED 2025/26**		**BUDGET 2026/27**
6 Plant and Machinery charges are made up as follows:													
Small Tools	0	1,800	900	900	0	200	100	100	0	2,000	1,000		1,000
Truck (Ops Manager Fuel, Ins, RFL & Depn)	5,034	8,999	8,745	8,812	559	1,000	972	979	5,593	9,999	9,717		9,792
Honda Foreman (Fuel, Ins, RFL & Depn)	3,152	4,052	4,097	4,142	350	450	455	460	3,503	4,503	4,553		4,603
Trailer	0	0	0	0	0	125	0	0	0	125	0		0
	8,186	14,851	13,742	13,855	910	1,775	1,527	1,539	9,096	16,626	15,269		15,394

7 These charges represent the WMA consortium charges for the provision of administrative and technical support services to the Board for a full year. 90% of these costs are attributable to the Pevensey Levels Sub District and 10% are attributable to the Cuckmere River Sub District.

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31 DECEMBER 2025

PEVENSEY AND CUCKMERE WATER LEVEL MANAGEMENT BOARD
DEVELOPMENT RESERVE: BUDGET FOR 2026/27

		PEVENSEY				CUCKMERE				NOTE 1 TOTAL			
	INCOME AND EXPENDITURE	**ACTUAL 2024/25**	**BUDGET 2025/26**	**PROJECTED 2025/26**	**BUDGET 2026/27**	**ACTUAL 2024/25**	**BUDGET 2025/26**	**PROJECTED 2025/26**	**BUDGET 2026/27**	**ACTUAL 2024/25**	**BUDGET 2025/26**	**PROJECTED 2025/26**	**BUDGET 2026/27**
	INCOME												
2	Surface Water Development Contributions	427,276	150,000	178,997	150,000	55,932	0	7,178	0	483,208	150,000	186,175	150,000
		427,276	150,000	178,997	150,000	55,932	0	7,178	0	483,208	150,000	186,175	150,000
	(-) EXPENDITURE												
	Expenditure												
3	Employment and Hosting Costs	116,172	139,003	133,700	141,487	14,476	0	5,299	0	130,648	139,003	138,999	141,487
		116,172	139,003	133,700	141,487	14,476	0	5,299	0	130,648	139,003	138,999	141,487
	(=) Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	£311,104	£10,997	£45,297	£8,513	£41,456	£0	£1,879	£0	£352,560	£10,997	£47,176	£8,513
	DEVELOPMENT RESERVE												
	Development Reserve b/fwd	933,029	1,223,627	1,333,098	1,378,395	131,135	67,799	172,590	174,469	1,064,164	1,291,426	1,505,689	1,552,864
4	(+) Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	311,104	10,997	45,297	8,513	41,456	0	1,879	0	352,560	10,997	47,176	8,513
	(-) Transfer (to)/from General Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Transferred (to)/from Tranche Funding Prior Year	88,965	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88,965	0	0	0
	(=) Development Reserve c/fwd	£1,333,098	£1,234,624	£1,378,395	£1,386,908	£172,590	£67,799	£174,469	£174,469	£1,505,689	£1,302,423	£1,552,864	£1,561,377

NOTES:

1 The actual figures shown for 2024/25 are for a the full 12 month period; from 1 April 2024, to the financial year end 31 March 2025

2 To date we have invoiced £186,175 of surface water development contributions. This income funds the employment/hosting costs of the Flood Risk Engineer, and 62% of the costs for the Area Manager for 2025/26 and 2026/27. The projected outturn for SWDC received 2025/26 has exceeded what we estimated. Any shortfall in contributions in 2026/27 will mean these employment costs will be funded from what is already held in the Development Reserve, as previously agreed by the Board.

3 These charges include the cost of employing a full time Flood Risk Engineer and Area Manager by the WMA. A proportion of the cost of employment for the role of Area Manager will be funded by these contributions, and we have estimated to fund the Flood Risk Engineer in full. For budgeting purposes, all of these employment costs have been allocated to the Pevensey Levels Sub District, as has all the Income we expect to receive from surface water development contributions.

4 Actual and estimated movements on the Development Reserve are in accordance with the Board's Capital Financing and Reserves Policy approved on 31 October 2017 (minute number 54/17/02).

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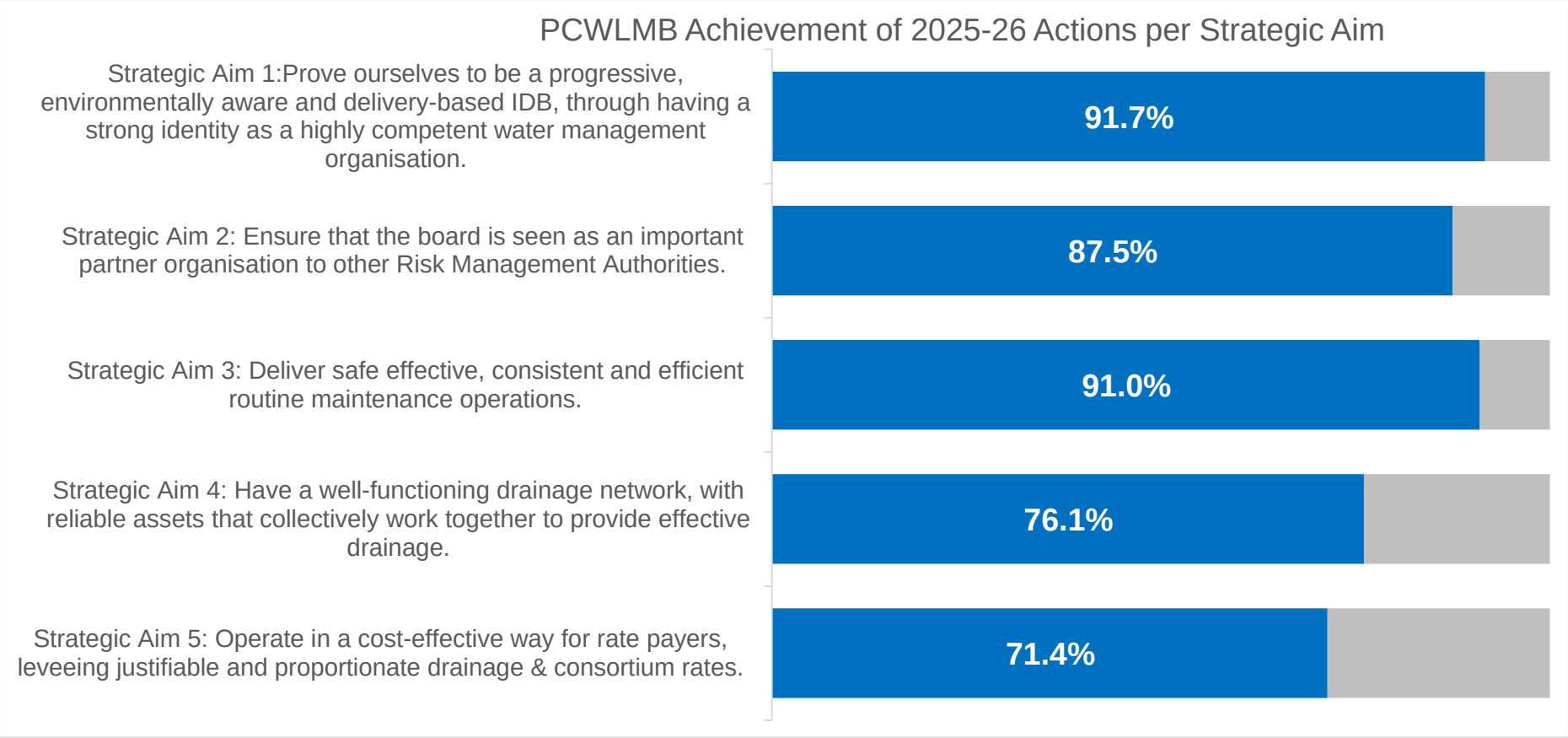
Board Performance for 2025/26 and Objectives for 2026/27

Summary



Detail

For 2025-2026 the boards strategic objectives aligned with those of the WMA and were as follows;

1. Prove ourselves to be a progressive, environmentally aware and delivery-based IDB, through having a strong identity as a highly competent water management organisation

   This was supplemented by 9 actions around the objective *Promote the Boards activities, engaging with partners and working with the other boards of the WMA to implement best practice*.

   To date we have achieved 91.7% of the actions, which have included;

   - Numerous communications items have been completed through the year for the Board's work, including 2 social media posts, focusing on stories about Board's tranche projects and operations. Our social media reach continues to grow, with the largest follower increases (50%) seen on LinkedIn and we have seen positive feedback from partners on the visibility of the board and its work.

   - In 2025, the Board's work has featured in the ADA Gazette, with an article celebrating 'Women in FCERM' and the work of the Board's Revai Kinsella.

   - We have increased work across partners and the scale and value of the work for our main client the Environment Agency, which directly benefits the boards area.

   - We continue to have excellent relationships with the local planning authority and key staff and have detailed records of frequent involvement in ensuring positive planning engagement around water management issues.

   - The boards Strategic Maintenance Operations (SMO) guide has been updated. The SMO has been briefed out to all operational staff and we have had no environmental incidents this year.

2. Ensure that the board is seen as an important partner organisation to other Risk Management Authorities.

   This was supplemented by 8 actions around the objective *Work with RMAs in and around our districts to solve local water management issues. This will include design and/or delivery of solutions, proactively finding solutions to problems in the district and prioritising work amongst RMAs.*

   To date we have achieved 87.5% of the actions, which have included;

   - The board have engaged with all section 19 reports relevant to its district and operations
   - Numerous training of the WMA team has been undertaken across many topics including powers, permitted development rights.
   - Lists of future projects and opportunities have been developed
   - PSCAs are in place with the EA securing our work for them.
   - We have started working for the EA and other IDBs in the area for the first time

3. Deliver safe effective, consistent and efficient routine maintenance operations.

   This was supplemented by 10 actions around the objective *Deliver routine maintenance operations on time and to budget, in line with the programme of works. Ensure the boards bylaws are upheld and utilise data systems to drive efficiencies in our maintenance operations, always ensuring works are undertaken in accordance with environmental standards.*

   To date we have achieved 91% of the actions, which have included;

   - The board have all maintenance programmes in place and published and have delivered to budget in 2025 – particularly in the controllable areas.
   - Safe Systems of work are in place and have been reviewed in year with a number of changes being made and shared across the group.
   - Training to ops staff has been completed on the SMO, water vole, and other species. SMO audits have all taken place with no major faults found.

   We still need to undertake a full review of board plant utilisation to check for efficiencies, but we hope this will happen in the next quarter.

4. Have a well-functioning drainage network, with reliable assets that collectively work together to provide effective drainage.

   This was supplemented by 9 actions around the objective *Regularly inspect the boards assets to inform and update capital and revenue replacement and repair programmes and monitor and react to all development that could compromise our boards area*

   To date we have achieved 76% of the actions, which have included;

   - Robust 6-year capital programme in place
   - Annual service plans in place for all assets
   - Redundancy plans under development and the purchase and training of a mobile pump under the Tranche funding will assist with this.
   - We have built our relationship with the EA to report any issues with their assets we feel threaten our district.
   - We have developed a mapping layer of all board owned land and have an inspection programme in development.

5. Operate in a cost-effective way for rate payers, leveeing justifiable and proportionate drainage & consortium rates.

   This was supplemented by 7 actions around the objective *Continue to work towards a balanced budget by the end of 27-28, through implementing a sustainably affordable business model*.

   To date we have achieved 71.4% of the actions, which have included;

   - We have utilised rechargeable, FDGiA and 3rd party funding for as much work as possible, to minimise rates, consortium charges and the use of board reserves. **This year alone we have received £5.2m which otherwise would have come from reserves (£6.651m in total, the highest of any WMA board).**
   - All recharge work has been completed on budget

Objectives for 2026/27

It is proposed that the same objectives are set for 2026-2027 and that aims and actions are reviewed and updated with the new CEO and where necessary expanded on to align with any changes or improvements proposed, further to his review of the existing strategy document.

Objectives Proposed;

1. Prove ourselves to be a progressive, environmentally aware and delivery-based IDB, through having a strong identity as a highly competent water management organisation

2. Ensure that the board is seen as an important partner organisation to other Risk Management Authorities.

3. Deliver safe effective, consistent and efficient routine maintenance operations.

4. Have a well-functioning drainage network, with reliable assets that collectively work together to provide effective drainage.

5. Operate in a cost-effective way for rate payers, leveeing justifiable and proportionate drainage & consortium rates.

Pevensey & Cuckmere Water Level Management Board Risk Register

As a Risk Management Authority the Pevensey & Cuckmere Water Level Management Board are required to have a risk register in order to systematically identify, assess and manage any potential risks to our business. It will also be used to ensure accountability, compliance with regulations, and the effective use of resources to safeguard public interests. The risk Register is a live document and should be reviewed regularly.
With regard to the Risk Register below;

- A Consequence of 3 relates to repercussions which would have a serious effect on the operation/service delivery, which may result in major financial loss (over £100,000) and/or major service disruption (+5 days) or impact on the public. Death of an individual or several people. Complete failure of project or extreme delay (over 2 months). Many individual personal details compromised/revealed. Adverse publicity in national press.

- A Consequence of 2 relates to repercussions which would have a noticeable effect on the operation/service delivery. May result in significant financial loss (over £25,000). Would cause a degree of disruption (2 – 5 days) or impact on the public. Severe injury to an individual or several people. Adverse effect on project/significant slippage. Some individual personal details compromised/revealed. Adverse publicity in local press.

- A Consequence of 1 relates to repercussions which would not be severe and any associated losses and or financial implications will be low (up to £10,000). Negligible effect on service delivery (1 day). Minor injury or discomfort to an individual or several people. Isolated individual personal detail compromised/revealed. NB A number of low incidents may have a significant cumulative effect and require attention.

- A Likelihood of 1 relates to an unlikely, outside risk of occurrence.

- A likelihood of 2 relates to this being a foreseeably realistic risk, which could happen infrequently.

- A likelihood of 3 relates to this being a high likelihood of occurrence.

Using the risk matrix shown below a risk rating score is determined, which enables risks to be prioritised using one or more of the “four T’s”

- **Tolerate - score 1-2 - Accept the risk**
- **Treat - score 3–4 - Take cost effective in-house actions to reduce the risk**
- **Transfer – score 6 - Dedicate major resources to managing the risk. If possible transfer the risk to someone else (e.g: by insurance or passing responsibility for the risk to another)**
- **Terminate – score 9 - Agree that the risk is too high and do not proceed with the project or activity**

	Consequence (1-3)		
Likelihood (1 – 3)	1	2	3
1	**1**	**2**	**3**
2	**2**	**4**	**6**
3	**3**	**6**	**9**

Officers Responsible for actions:

MC – Marcus Coleman, Chief Executive: MP - Chief Operating Officer & Deputy CEO: SJ - Sallyanne Jeffrey, Chief Financial Officer,
KN - Kari Nash, Project Delivery Manager: RK – Revai Kinsella, Area Manager: RD – Richard Dann, Operations Manager:
CL - Caroline Laburn, Environmental Manager

Updates 14/10/2025

- Review date amended to 31.03.2026 and other dates updated.
- 1d, Details of how risks will be managed updated to reflect current position.
- 1f (as was) removed. This risk related to abstraction licenses, which has now been dealt with.
- 1h (as Was) removed. This risk related to loss of EA PSCA work being a financial risk to the board, which it is not.
- 1v updated to say, *Environmental staff **have** undertake the necessary training and **have** developed the required procedures to be able to manage beaver activity in our drains and district.* Other comments around vigilance from landowners remains unchanged.
- 1w added to reflect over development risk
- 2, *'within the Board's hydraulic sub catchment'* removed from objective, as we seek to fulfil this over a wider area.
- 2a, *LLFA and EA take over the functions of the WLMB* removed as this is no longer deemed a significant risk and modified to the current wording.

Objective	Risk Identified	Impact	Likelihood of risk identified occurring	Consequence of risk identified occurring	Risk Level	Action	Details of how risk will be managed	Review Date	Officer responsible
(1) To reduce the flood risk to people, property, public infrastructure and the natural environment by providing and maintaining technically, environmentally and economically sustainable flood defences within the Internal Drainage District (IDD).	(1a) Reduction in, or insufficient finance, grant and income.	Erosion of Board's capital and general reserves. Unable to replace assets as scheduled in the Board's asset plan and EA MTP, resulting in future housing development being unsustainable, whilst also leaving the Board unable to meet its statutory obligations.	2	3	6	Transfer	Use knowledge and skills of the projects team to fully utilize all funding streams available to projects, thus transferring the risk across a more diverse funding landscape. Explore alternative funding streams including partnership working with other RMAs and access to local levy funding: 1) Partnership working with ESCC on planning matters 2) Precept works programme with EA to benefit the Board's infrastructure. 3) Sharing access to technical support staff through the WMA	31.03.2026	MC/MP/RK

Objective	Risk Identified	Impact	Likelihood of risk identified occurring	Consequence of risk identified occurring	Risk Level	Action	Details of how risk will be managed	Review Date	Officer responsible
							Consortium. Continue to lobby Defra to update the Land Drainage Act 1991 to refer to current rating lists used by billing authorities for levying agricultural drainage rates and special levies, as this would support the extension of the Board's area to its watershed catchment. This would provide additional rates to the Board from the upland area (and negate the need for HWCs). The Environment Act 2021 has been enacted, and the Statutory Instrument to update rating calculations has also been consulted on. We now wait for the relevant procedure to be followed for the law to be updated, after which further processes can commence.		
	(1b) EA may cease to pay highland water contribution to WLMBs	Reduction in FCREM service the Board is able to provide.	2	3	6	Transfer	Ensure highland water claims are clear, transparent, discussed with the EA in good time and submitted on time. Ensure the importance of the HWC is recognized and supported by the EA, RFCC and constituent councils. Continue with the district expansion plans such that HWC would no longer be needed.	31.03.2026	SJ/MP
	(1c) EA's operation of the water control structures has an adverse impact	Impacts on the WLMB's ability to carry out its statutory function	2	3	6	Transfer	Liaison between WLMB and EA officers has resulted in the EA permitting WLMB to operate on its behalf, the EA water control	31.03.2026	RK/RD

Objective	Risk Identified	Impact	Likelihood of risk identified occurring	Consequence of risk identified occurring	Risk Level	Action	Details of how risk will be managed	Review Date	Officer responsible
	on water levels in the IDD						structures that affect the IDD. A protocol for this has been produced by EA/WLMB officers and maintaining it is a priority.		
	(1d) EA no longer undertakes de-shingling works in the Cuckmere Estuary	WLMB is unable to fulfil its statutory function in the Cuckmere River Sub District during periods of high rainfall on a saturated catchment and constituent ratepayers push for an Exemption from Rating order, as a result.	2	3	6	Transfer	The EA have agreed to undertake de-shingling works when required, further to an assessment of the impact, which the WLMB will be included in and funds being available. WLMB hydraulic modelling can be used to support decision making.	31.03.2026	RK/MP
	(1q) The increasing number of water management initiatives being developed and promoted across the region could lead to a duplication of effort and emerging strategies which have conflicting objectives that could adversely impact on the Board's operations and/or increase flood risk.	Increase pressure on management time as the Board attempts to keep a handle on the growing number of plans and initiatives in the catchment.	2	3	6	Transfer	WLMB consenting team to receive training on the possible impacts of water level management schemes. Management to carefully assess whether or not to directly engage with each water management initiative being developed by other RMAs in the catchment, could adversely impact on the Board's operations and/or increase flood risk.	31.03.2026	CB

Objective	Risk Identified	Impact	Likelihood of risk identified occurring	Consequence of risk identified occurring	Risk Level	Action	Details of how risk will be managed	Review Date	Officer responsible
	(1r) HMRC have confirmed via Excise Notice 75, that as of 1 April 2022, WLMBs can continue to use red diesel for works benefitting agriculture. It is highly likely that this is a temporary decision and that at some point in the future, the use of rebated fuel will not be possible for WLMB works.	An annual fuel increase in cost of approximately £70,000, meaning an increase of 3% in drainage rates and special levies.	2	3	6	Transfer	Continue to support lobbying through ADA for the law not to be widened out to WLMBs.	31.03.2026	RK/MP
	(1s) Significant increases in wages, fuel and energy costs and difficulty of passing on the associated increases to drainage ratepayers and councils.	Cuts to service delivery would have to be made which could significantly increase flood risk.	2	3	6	Transfer	Additional costs passed on in rates and special levies with effect from 1 April 2022. Assess where cuts could be made without increasing flood risk to an unacceptable level. Support the Council and ADA in actively lobbying Central Government for funding support due to concerns of rising special levies.	31.03.2026	SJ/RK
	(1w) Over Development of the WLMB catchment	Pumps and infrastructure fails to cope with increased flows, leading to more flooding and more costs for water management.	1	3	6	Treat	WLMB officers comment on all planning applications that could have an impact on the district and are as interlinked with the planning team as possible to ensure our comments are given due regard and that we manage flows into the district as stringently as possible under the current regulations.	31.03.2026	ALL

Objective	Risk Identified	Impact	Likelihood of risk identified occurring	Consequence of risk identified occurring	Risk Level	Action	Details of how risk will be managed	Review Date	Officer responsible
							SWDC collected to mitigate additional costs and incentivize action from developers. Hydraulic model of the catchment has been developed to provide evidence of impacts.		
(2) To become the delivery partner of choice for the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) and Environment Agency (EA)	(2a) LLFA and EA do not trust or support working with the WLMB.	WLMB do not get the opportunity to deliver work which supports our objectives.	1	3	3	Treat	Build our reputation as an important, competent, progressive, delivery-based organisation which adds value to solving local water management issues. Regular review of performance and governance arrangement to maintain strength and integrity. ADA membership. Promote WLMB through the media.	31.03.2026	ALL
3 To enable and facilitate land use for residential, commercial, recreational, and environmental purposes by guiding and regulating activities, which have the potential to increase flood risk.	(3a) Planning Authorities ignore advice provided by Board, which leads to increased flood risk.	Increased flood risk. Potential for lost income for SWDCs and commuted sums.	2	3	6	Transfer	Planning/Enforcement to build close relationships with local planning officers, such that our role, input and comments are considered and valued. Officers' comments on planning applications are available on Local Authority website.	31.03.2026	CB/RK

Objective	Risk Identified	Impact	Likelihood of risk identified occurring	Consequence of risk identified occurring	Risk Level	Action	Details of how risk will be managed	Review Date	Officer responsible
	(3b) SUDs managed by private management companies who allow them to fall into disrepair through lack of long-term maintenance.	Inadequate or lack of maintenance of SUDs could have an adverse impact on the WLMB infrastructure & subsequently increase the risk of flooding.	2	3	6	Transfer	A SUDs adoption and charging policy has been approved by the Board as has the Updated Planning and Byelaw Strategy Document	31.03.2026	CB/RK
4 To nurture, enhance and maintain the natural habitats and species, which exist in and alongside WLMB watercourses, wherever practical to ensure there is no net loss of biodiversity.	(4a) Non-delivery/ non-compliance of Biodiversity Action Plan.	Board does not meet its environmental targets.	1	3	3	Treat	BAP approved by the Board and submitted to DEFRA and EA. Work to WFD compliant SMO. Prioritise each watercourse according to flood risk, based on criterion agreed by the Board to identify opportunities for increasing environmental performance in lower priority infrastructure. Officers monitor and report environmental performance to the Board. Staff awareness training. ISO 14001 accreditation and external audit of QA systems. Complaints Register available.	31.03.2026	CL/RK/RD
	(4d) Future funding to manage/remove Floating Pennywort not secured,	Increased costs for removal, resulting in increased drainage rates and levees.	2	3	6	Transfer	Officers to keep the pressure on the EA and NE to work together to fund 3rd party works and a bigger solution to landscape scale management.	31.03.2026	CL/RK

Objective	Risk Identified	Impact	Likelihood of risk identified occurring	Consequence of risk identified occurring	Risk Level	Action	Details of how risk will be managed	Review Date	Officer responsible
	resulting in more spread and more material, finding its way into more WLMB watercourses.						Officers to investigate sources of potential future funding to control floating pennywort in third party infrastructure (Main Rivers controlled by the EA and private watercourses controlled by Landowner).		

FEEDBACK & COMPLAINTS REVIEW
For the period 1st October 2025 – 31st December 2025

1. INTRODUCTION

To meet the strategic aims, the vision, mission and values of the board, it is important to monitor feedback from the public, organisations and other relevant stakeholders. Whether it is positive or negative, all feedback can be used to improve our performance and services.

2. HOW WE COLLATE FEEDBACK

We collate feedback through our website, emails and telephone calls. Links to Feedback and Customer Complaint forms are in all email footers.

3. OFFICIAL COMPLAINTS

Date of complaint	Location	Nature of complaint	Allocated to	Status	Action taken

No official complaints have been received or dealt with during the reporting period and there are no outstanding complaints to resolve brought forward from previous reporting periods. The same reporting period last year recorded no complaints.

4. OTHER FEEDBACK

Date of feedback	Location	Nature of Feedback	Allocated to	Status	Action taken
15/10/2025	Alfriston	Compliments for the works carried out on the Cuckmere in Alfriston.	R. Kinsella	N/A	Communicated to staff.
27/11/2025	Drockmill	Concerned about the contracted works around Drockmill Pumping Station.	R. Kinsella	Closed	A response was sent via email with a face-to-face site meeting and the matter resolved.

The same reporting period last year included one item of positive feedback.

FRANCES BLIGH
ICT MANAGER
7th January 2026

Main River De-maining Priorities for the Pevensey & Cuckmere Water Level Management Board

The following watercourses, currently categorised as Environment Agency (EA) main rivers, are a priority for the Pevensey & Cuckmere WLMB to be de-mained.

These watercourse represent areas where a consistent maintenance regime would not only be more efficient, but would also enable the water level management activities of the board to be better controlled and managed. These watercourse often feed water into or drain water from or through the boards network, and as such are integral and important to the effectiveness of our systems. This reliance can not only help during high flow periods, but also during times of drought and low flow, such that water can be retained, stored and moved over a bigger area.

Most of these main rivers receive little or no funding from the EA (and consequently little work) due to their categorisation as 'low risk' watercourses for people and property, under EA/DEFRA funding rules. The future funding of any work on the watercourses will not increase through the EA and as such little to no maintenance will continue to be the norm, representing the continuation of a progressively worsening situation for the board. This should therefore be seen as an opportunity for the EA to divest these rivers, and any assets on them, to an organisation for whom their importance is greater.

Through having more control of the drainage network, the board envisage that better, more holistic management could be undertaken, with no immediate need to increase drainage rates and levies. It is envisaged that existing funding can be utilised differently to incorporate these watercourses into the maintenance programme and that rate payers will ultimately benefit due to a better drainage system being in place, managed by a single body.

As is discussed there are also pumps in the area currently managed by the EA, which would also benefit from being divested to the WLMB, and options around this should be considered if the opportunity arises.

Holme Sewer, 2040m, Glynleigh - Drockmill catchment

The Holm Sewer is a high-level main river, which feeds water into P&CWLMB Otham system. As such it represents a valuable water source in times of drought, but is also an important water carrier to the upstream network, where flooding on Sayerland Lane and other upstream roads is currently experienced.

There are also plans for development upstream of the watercourse and as such its conveyance of flow effectively to prevent upstream issues will become more important.

Saltmarsh Sewer, 2110m, Glynleigh - Drockmill catchment

Further to modelling carried out as part of the WLMB pump Replacement Project, the interlinked nature of the WLMB pumps with the Honeycrocks Pump (EA operated) became clear, in that water will divert to the WLMB system if the EA one fails or overtops.

Not only is there currently frequent flooding upstream of the saltmarsh sewer, and at the top end of this catchment due to a lack of conveyance, there is also more development proposed in the future which will feed into it.

The WLMB's Downwash Ditch and Winters Cut both drain into Saltmarsh sewer and are pumped by the Honeycrocks Pump. In effect therefore a large WLMB catchment is reliant on this section of main river and EA pump working effectively.

To manage the marsh system better it would make sense for this to become a WLMB watercourse. (Note: In the future it would also make sense for the pumping station to also be transferred, although this would need more discussion and agreement due to the more complicated nature of that asset and potential financial impact).

Moorhall Stream, 1300m, Waterlot system

The Moorhall Stream feeds into the Wallers Haven (another EA Main River), but frequently overtops its banks and floods the district, due to lack of maintenance.

This adds significant volumes of water to the WLMB drainage ditches, which consequently feeds more water to the WLMB's Horsebridge pump. Better management of this watercourse would therefore improve a number of issues for the WLMB and reduce pumping costs.

It is also understood that there are development proposals in Ninfield, which will drain to the Moorhall stream, potentially worsening the situation.

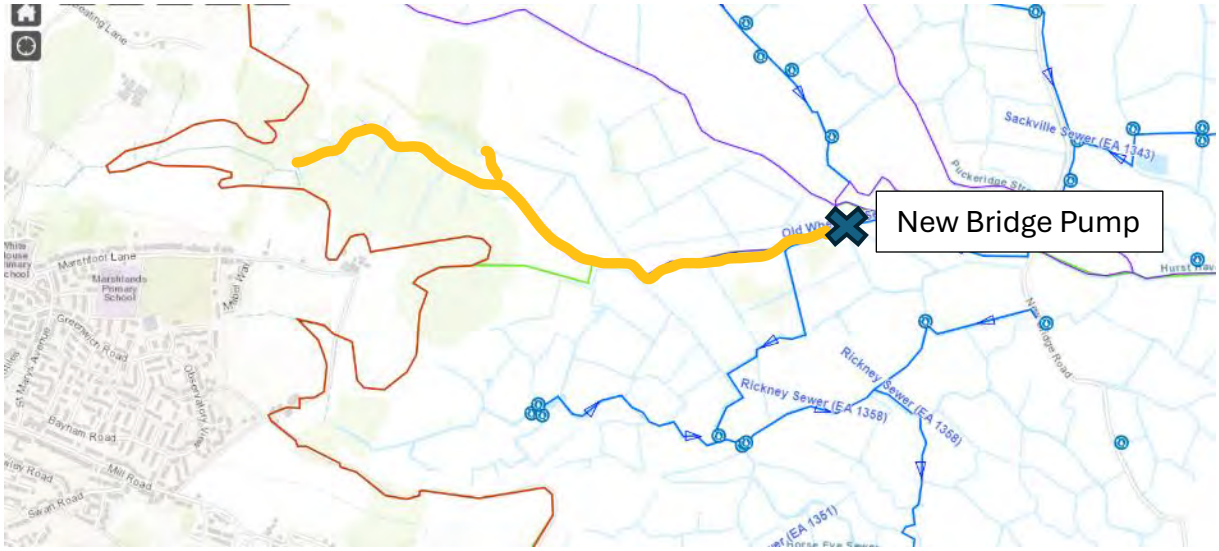
Hooe Sewer (741m) and Nunningham Stream (1549m) – Barnhorn Catchment

The Hooe Sewer and Nunningham Stream are both EA main rivers which feed into the East Stream (which is also an EA main river, however we believe this is in an acceptable condition to remain as such at the present time).

Both cause drainage and flooding issues due to lack of maintenance, with the WLMB receiving many complaints from ratepayers, particularly at the Northern end of the systems.

As the reader will note the Nunnington Stream to the East extends outside of the WLMB district for approximately 300m and as such would fall to the Lead Local Flood Authority. We do not consider this to be an issue and have support from them to use a PSCA to deliver work and support if required.

Whelpley Sewer, 2036m, Horse Eye and Down



The Whelpley Sewer is EA main river and drains to the EA's New Bridge Pump (which pumps into the Hurst Haven). The Whelpley Sewer frequently floods out onto the marshes, compromising and effecting the wider drainage and use of the land in the area.

There is significant upstream development, which adds to the flooding issues, however once in the floodplain water enters the WLMB network, it flows through the WLMB system to the Rickney Pumping Station. This obviously has significant cost issues and adds pressure to the WLMB network and assets.

The New Bridge pump is also an EA asset, which required updating to improve reliability and similar to previous examples, could become a WLMB asset subject to the right conditions of transfer.

Iron Stream (840m) and Mill Stream (1950m), Whelpley / Manxey Systems

The Iron Stream and the Mill Stream are both EA Main River which receive very little maintenance but are important for the WLMB.

Feeding the Hurst Haven Main River, they are important watercourses for highland water flows through the network, but frequently flood out into the drainage district due to poor conveyance.

Conversely in times of lower flow they are used as feeds to large part of the district, critical for the marsh ecosystem and grazing, although its capacity could be greatly improved through effective maintenance.

Development in Herstmonceux will see more flow volumes entering these watercourses, with potential consequences for the district.

As the reader will note the Mill Stream (to the East) extends outside of the WLMB district for approximately 400m and as such would fall to the Lead Local Flood Authority. We do not consider this to be an issue and have support from them to use a PSCA to deliver work and support if required.

River Cuckmere

The ongoing issue of the River Cuckmere and its impact on the Cuckmere district means it remains a priority for de-mainment. The lower sections in particular, which have been worked on over the previous 1-2 years, are high priority as is the outfall at Exceat.

Although the EA have permitted work under PSCA, the costs and time to get the approvals needed to undertake the work bear witness to the benefits de-maining would bring.

CONSORTIUM MATTERS

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

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NOTES	WMA GROUP INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT	ACTUAL 2024/25	ESTIMATE 2025/26	PROBABLE 2025/26	ESTIMATE 2026/27
	Income				
	Net Consortium Charges				
	Broads IDB	335,395	394,461	402,794	406,352
	East Suffolk WMB	216,411	232,415	238,398	251,959
	King's Lynn IDB	440,323	471,938	481,790	490,596
	Norfolk Rivers IDB	239,610	259,067	268,316	273,585
	Pevensey and Cuckmere WLMB	0	331,201	334,084	350,471
	South Holland IDB	416,377	446,716	455,637	466,825
	Waveney Lower Yare and Lothingland IDB	142,884	156,344	162,526	174,674
1	**Net Consortium Charges**	**1,791,002**	**2,292,142**	**2,343,545**	**2,414,463**
	(+) Other Income				
	Services provided to third parties	1,663,307	1,491,325	1,570,010	1,949,867
	Surface Water Development Contributions	914,099	355,000	788,142	505,000
	Sales of Rating Software Licences	0	90,000	126,000	0
	Rating Software Support	19,800	45,000	62,900	64,516
	Rental/Sundry Income from Offices	35,004	18,000	20,967	20,575
	Sundry Income	51,210	29,000	24,977	27,500
	(+) Other Income	**2,683,420**	**2,028,325**	**2,592,996**	**2,567,458**
	(=) Total Income	**4,474,422**	**4,320,467**	**4,936,541**	**4,981,921**
	(-) Expenditure				
	Administration Costs				
2	**Shared Administration Staff**	**704,015**	**791,661**	**853,888**	**915,543**
	Establishment				
	Kettlewell House (BR/KL/NR; 10/80/10)	33,779	0	24,104	0
	Marsh Reeves (South Holland IDB)	25,313	28,018	28,689	28,191
	Martham Office (Broads IDB and Norfolk Rivers IDB)	1,244	372	745	906
	Norwich Office (BR, ES, NR, WLYL)	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
	East Sussex County Council Office (PCWLMB)	0	5,500	5,000	5,000
	Pierpoint House (Shared)	124,481	125,354	124,586	130,026
	Establishment	**190,816**	**165,244**	**189,124**	**170,123**
	Shared ICT				
	Hardware Support and Maintenance	35,333	39,059	39,456	43,127
	Software Support and Maintenance	69,132	92,459	97,644	120,679
	Website Maintenance and Development	3,143	23,240	23,000	6,240
	Software and Upgrades	32,430	10,000	10,000	10,000
	ICT Infrastructure	30,458	31,429	34,970	33,528
	Shared ICT	**170,496**	**196,187**	**205,070**	**213,574**

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	Other Shared Administration				
	Legal and Professional Charges	9,363	8,775	8,569	8,775
	Insurances	168,924	186,210	183,217	189,194
	Marketing and PR Expenses	1,529	1,520	2,047	1,520
	WMA Chairman's Allowance	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
	Annual Subscriptions	1,936	2,339	2,192	2,315
	Actuary Fees	495	520	520	550
	Sundry Expenses	15,266	13,735	14,831	14,635
	Other Shared Administration	**199,012**	**214,600**	**212,876**	**218,489**
	Other Administration				
	Public Notices	0	0	0	0
	Former Staff Pension Charges	2,630	4,801	4,801	3,081
	Members Expenses	205	200	200	200
	Chairman's Allowances	21,000	24,500	22,534	24,500
	Meetings and Inspections	2,224	6,095	4,797	6,330
	Legal and Professional Charges	37,854	11,850	31,832	21,500
	Audit and Compliance Fees	31,691	35,105	57,935	82,804
	ADA Expenses	26,675	32,755	31,759	32,001
	Other Administration	**122,280**	**115,305**	**153,858**	**170,416**
	Administration Costs	**1,386,619**	**1,482,997**	**1,614,815**	**1,688,145**
	Technical Support Costs				
2	**Technical Support Staff Costs**	**2,466,066**	**2,806,153**	**2,858,532**	**3,113,184**
	Other Technical Support				
	Technical Consultants	9,287	11,340	11,079	11,760
	Land Registry Fees	6,524	13,692	13,002	12,432
	Sundry Expenses	1,827	6,285	5,971	6,400
	Other Technical Support	**17,638**	**31,317**	**30,051**	**30,592**
	Technical Support Costs	**2,483,704**	**2,837,470**	**2,888,583**	**3,143,776**
	(-) Total Expenditure	**£3,870,323**	**£4,320,467**	**£4,503,398**	**£4,831,921**
	(+/-) Transfer of Surface Water Development Contributions	-604,099	0	-433,142	-150,000
	(=) Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**	**£0**
3	**Increases/(Decreases) in Net Consortium Charges**	**-2.52%**	**6.74%**	**2.24%**	**5.34%**

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Notes:

1 The Capital Works programme with secured funding is still in progress and on course to be successfully delivered over the next few years. Given the reduction in funding available these costs are having to be very carefully managed to ensure they can be delivered within the agreed profile. These services are largely made up of Technical Support Staff time that will be charged to Grant Aided Schemes, in line with the programme of works. The Eastern Team have seen an increased demand for their services within their area, and require additional resource, which will be fully funded by the rechargeable works, to proceed with works that benefit the Board strategically in their core aim of reducing and mitigating flood risk. The resource and income streams will be carefully managed by the COO and Area Manager, particularly in the first two years.

DRS 365 has been successfully taken up by a number of external IDB sites. The estimated income from licences of £90,000 in 2025/26 was a one off without which represents an immediate 4% average increase in Consortium Charges for 2026/27. The current CEO supports DRS 365 as part of his current package but will retire on 31 March 2026. The estimated cost of supporting DRS 365 after 31 March 2026 is currently £20kpa and therefore an additional cost shown within the ICT Software Support estimate for 2026/27. At the time of preparing the estimates for 2025/26 it was anticipated that an internal officer would be recruited to the position of CEO, in accordance with the WMA's Succession Plan and that we would not backfill this role, which would have offset this reduction in income for future years.

2 The projected out-turn for 2025/26 is slightly higher than the estimated Consortium Charges for 2025/26, due to the agreed transition period of 3 months for the new Chief Executive to start on 05 January 2026 alongside the current Chief Executive taking on the role of Strategic Advisor until his agreed retirement date of 31 March 2026.

3 A provision has been made to increase staff salaries by an average of 3.8% with effect from 1 April 2026. Employer pension contribution are 19.5% of employees pensionable pay with effect from 1 April 2026.

4 (i) The rate of Inflation as at 31 October 2025 was 4.3% (Retail Price Index).

(ii) It is important to note that we are still expecting 51% of the WMA Group's Administration and Technical Support Costs to be paid for by others in 2026/27, increased from 47% that was estimated for 2025/26.

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Recommendations:

1 To approve the following increases in Net Consortium Charges for 2026/27:

Broads IDB	£11,892	3.01%
East Suffolk WMB	£19,544	8.41%
King's Lynn IDB	£18,658	3.95%
Norfolk Rivers IDB	£14,517	5.60%
Pevensey and Cuckmere WLMB	£19,270	5.82%
South Holland IDB	£20,109	4.50%
Waveney Lower Yare and Lothingland IDB	£18,330	11.72%

2 To approve the hourly charge out rates, as detailed below:

Chief Executive Officer:	£175/hour
Deputy Chief Executive/Chief Operating Officer:	£120/hour
Head of Catchment Services/Area Managers/Capital Works Manager/RFO:	£105/hour
Project Delivery Engineers/Technical Managers:	£90/hour
Project Managers/Operations Managers/MEICA Manager:	£88/hour
Finance & Rating/ICT Manager/Senior Sustainable Development, Compliance and Estates Officers:	£70/hour
Flood Risk Engineers/Sustainable Development and Environmental Officers:	£66/hour
Assistant Technical Officers/Assistant Environmental Officers	£60/hour
Administration Team (Finance & Rating/ICT/GIS Technicians/BST/M&C Lead):	£50/hour

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CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER/RFO

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	Other Income									
	Contributions towards Staff Costs									
	Contributions from BIDB to part fund staff costs	Credited to BIDB	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
	Contributions from NRIDB to part fund staff costs	Credited to NRIDB	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
	Contributions from ESWMB to part fund staff costs	Credited to ESWMB	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
	Contributions from SHIDB to part fund staff costs	Credited to SHIDB	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	100.00%
	Contributions from KLIDB to part fund staff costs	Credited to KLIDB	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
	Contributions from PCWLMB to part fund staff costs	Credited to PCWLMB	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
	Contributions from WLYLIDB to part fund staff costs	Credited to WLYLIDB	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%
	Contributions from Bedford for CEO Services CEO/COO	Credited to each WMA Board as per employment costs	16.50%	16.50%	16.50%	16.50%	5.00%	16.50%	12.50%	100.00%
	Contributions from Bedford for CEO Services CFO	Credited to each WMA Board as per employment costs	16.50%	16.50%	16.50%	16.50%	5.00%	16.50%	12.50%	100.00%
	Contributions from Bedford for CEO Services SDT	Credited to each WMA Board as per employment costs	10.50%	6.50%	45.50%	6.50%	0.00%	23.00%	8.00%	100.00%
	Contributions from Bedford for CEO Services ENVIRONMENT	Credited to each WMA Board as per employment costs	33.00%	8.00%	11.00%	24.00%	5.00%	11.00%	8.00%	100.00%
	Contributions from Bedford for CEO Services CAPITAL WORKS	Credited to each WMA Board as per employment costs	25.00%	25.00%	25.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	25.00%	100.00%
	WMA Eastern Area Manager (TH)	Credited to each WMA Board as per employment costs	50.00%	20.00%	0.00%	20.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	100.00%
	MEICA Manager (RG)	Credited to each WMA Board as per employment costs	75.00%	10.00%	5.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	100.00%
	Partnership Project Engineer (PG)	Credited to each WMA Board as per employment costs	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
	Partnership Project Engineer (Suffolk)	Credited to each WMA Board as per employment costs	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	100.00%
	Operations Manager (East Anglia) (AB)	Credited to each WMA Board as per employment costs	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
	Operations Manager (WLYL IDB)	Credited to each WMA Board as per employment costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%
	Works Supervisor (ES & WLYL)	Credited to each WMA Board as per employment costs	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	100.00%
	Flood Risk Engineer (BR and NR)	Credited to each WMA Board as per employment costs	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
	Flood Risk Engineer (ES & WLYL)	Credited to each WMA Board as per employment costs	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	100.00%
	Flood Risk Engineer (JT)	Credited to each WMA Board as per employment costs	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	100.00%
	Flood Risk Engineer (OP)	Credited to each WMA Board as per employment costs	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	50.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
	Contributions from SDT Team to part fund staff costs	Credited to each WMA Board as per employment costs	10.00%	6.00%	51.00%	6.00%	0.00%	26.00%	1.00%	100.00%
	Contributions from Environment Team - Manager	Credited to each WMA Board as per employment costs	33.00% 29.38%	8.00% 13.00%	11.00% 16.00%	24.00% 23.38%	5.00% 1.25%	11.00% 6.00%	8.00% 11.00%	100.00%
	Contributions from ICT/BST/Finance Team	Credited to each WMA Board as per employment costs	17.50%	17.50%	17.50%	17.50%	0.00%	17.50%	12.50%	100.00%
	Contribution from BIDB & WLYLIDB - PAAA	Credited to each WMA Board as per employment costs	17.50%	17.50%	17.50%	17.50%	0.00%	17.50%	12.50%	100.00%
	Contribution from Waldersey and Hundred of Wisbech (Admin)	Credited to each WMA Board as per employment costs	17.50%	17.50%	17.50%	17.50%	0.00%	17.50%	12.50%	100.00%
	Contribution from Waldersey and Hundred of Wisbech (Technical)	Credited to each WMA Board as per employment costs	17.50%	17.50%	17.50%	17.50%	0.00%	17.50%	12.50%	100.00%
	Contributions from Project Teams to part fund staff costs	Credited to each WMA Board as per employment costs	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	0.00%	0.00%	20.00%	100.00%
	Contributions towards Staff Costs (FDGIA and Other Recharge Works)									3000.00%
	Surface Water Development Contributions									
	Broads IDB - SWDC	Credited to BIDB	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
	East Suffolk WMB - SWDC	Credited to ESWMB	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
	Kings Lynn IDB - SWDC	Credited to KLIDB	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
	Norfolk Rivers IDB - SWDC	Credited to NRIDB	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
	Pevensey and Cuckmere WLMB - SWDC	Credited to PCWLMB	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
	South Holland IDB - SWDC	Credited to SHIDB	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	100.00%
	Waveney Lower Yare and Lothingland IDB - SWDC	Credited to WLYLIDB	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	100.00%
	Collection of Surface Water Development Contributions									
	Sales of Rating Software Licences									
	Sales of DRS365	Split Equally BR/ES/KL/NR/SH/WLYL	16.67%	16.67%	16.67%	16.67%	0.00%	16.67%	16.67%	100.00%
	Sales of DRS	South Holland IDB wholly owned asset (SHIDB)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	100.00%
	Sales of Rating Software Licences									
	Rating Software Support									
	DRS365	Split Equally BR/ES/KL/NR/SH/WLYL	16.67%	16.67%	16.67%	16.67%	0.00%	16.67%	16.67%	100.00%
	Rating Software Support									
	Rental Income from Offices									
	Marsh Reeves	Income credited to property owner	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	100.00%
	Kettlewell House	Income credited to property owners	10.00%	0.00%	80.00%	10.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
	Pierpoint House Sales of Electricity Back to the Grid	Proportion of people working in Pierpoint House	14.95% 15.58%	13.53% 12.71%	28.88% 32.15%	12.67% 13.73%	0.88% 0.27%	21.17% 16.91%	7.92% 8.65%	100.00%
	Nar Ouse Way: Kings Lynn IDB	Income credited to property owner	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	100.00%
	Rental Income from Offices									

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	Sundry Income																
	Bank Account Interest (WMA Only)	Proportion of aggregate Annual Value (WMA, as at 31/12/2025)	5.10%	5.10%	3.90%	3.90%	43.19%	43.21%	4.95%	4.95%	12.69%	12.71%	26.53%	26.51%	3.64%	3.62%	100.00%
	Various - adhoc contributions	Proportion of aggregate Annual Value (WMA, as at 31/12/2025)	5.10%	5.10%	3.90%	3.90%	43.19%	43.21%	4.95%	4.95%	12.69%	12.71%	26.53%	26.51%	3.64%	3.62%	100.00%
	Sundry Income																
	Expenditure																
	Administration Costs																
	Shared Administration Staff																
	ICT Manager	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	17.10%		17.10%		17.10%		17.10%		2.00%		17.10%		12.50%		100.00%
	PA (CEO)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	17.50%		17.50%		17.50%		17.50%		0.00%		17.50%		12.50%		100.00%
	Chief Financial Officer	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	16.50%		16.50%		16.50%		16.50%		5.00%		16.50%		12.50%		100.00%
	GIS Technician (SC)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	17.50%		17.50%		17.50%		17.50%		0.00%		17.50%		12.50%		100.00%
	Rating & Enforcement Officer	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	17.50%		17.50%		17.50%		17.50%		0.00%		17.50%		12.50%		100.00%
	Senior Finance & Rating Officer	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	17.50%		17.50%		17.50%		17.50%		0.00%		17.50%		12.50%		100.00%
	Business Support Officer (37)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	17.50%		17.50%		17.50%		17.50%		0.00%		17.50%		12.50%		100.00%
	Finance & Rating Officer	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	17.50%		17.50%		17.50%		17.50%		0.00%		17.50%		12.50%		100.00%
	ICT Officer (16)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	17.50%		17.50%		17.50%		17.50%		0.00%		17.50%		12.50%		100.00%
	GIS Technician (MB)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	17.50%		17.50%		17.50%		17.50%		0.00%		17.50%		12.50%		100.00%
	Senior Finance & Rating Officer	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	17.50%		17.50%		17.50%		17.50%		0.00%		17.50%		12.50%		100.00%
	Senior Business Support Officer	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	16.50%	17.10%	16.50%	17.10%	16.50%	17.10%	16.50%	17.10%	5.00%	2.00%	16.50%	17.10%	12.50%	12.50%	100.00%
	Business Support Officer (22.5)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	17.50%		17.50%		17.50%		17.50%		0.00%		17.50%		12.50%		100.00%
	Finance & Rating Officer (ABU)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	17.50%		17.50%		17.50%		17.50%		0.00%		17.50%		12.50%		100.00%
	Accounting Apprentice ((KH)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	17.50%		17.50%		17.50%		17.50%		0.00%		17.50%		12.50%		100.00%
	Finance and Rating Officer (Vacant Position)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	17.50%		17.50%		17.50%		17.50%		0.00%		17.50%		12.50%		100.00%
	Accounting Apprentice (BA)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	17.50%		17.50%		17.50%		17.50%		0.00%		17.50%		12.50%		100.00%
	ICT Officer (30)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	17.50%		17.50%		17.50%		17.50%		0.00%		17.50%		12.50%		100.00%
	Shared Administration Staff																
	Establishment																
	Landlord's obligations	Proportion of beneficial interest in Kettlewell House	10.00%		0.00%		80.00%		10.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		100.00%
	Office and Site Maintenance	Proportion of people working in Pierpoint House	14.95%	15.58%	13.53%	12.71%	28.88%	32.15%	12.67%	13.73%	0.88%	0.27%	21.17%	16.91%	7.92%	8.65%	100.00%
	Rent, Rates and Metered Water	Proportion of people working in Pierpoint House	14.95%	15.58%	13.53%	12.71%	28.88%	32.15%	12.67%	13.73%	0.88%	0.27%	21.17%	16.91%	7.92%	8.65%	100.00%
	Telecoms	Proportion of people working in Pierpoint House	14.95%	15.58%	13.53%	12.71%	28.88%	32.15%	12.67%	13.73%	0.88%	0.27%	21.17%	16.91%	7.92%	8.65%	100.00%
	Heat and Light	Proportion of people working in Pierpoint House	14.95%	15.58%	13.53%	12.71%	28.88%	32.15%	12.67%	13.73%	0.88%	0.27%	21.17%	16.91%	7.92%	8.65%	100.00%
	Office Cleaning and Supplies	Proportion of people working in Pierpoint House	14.95%	15.58%	13.53%	12.71%	28.88%	32.15%	12.67%	13.73%	0.88%	0.27%	21.17%	16.91%	7.92%	8.65%	100.00%
	Refuse Collection and Waste Disposal	Proportion of people working in Pierpoint House	14.95%	15.58%	13.53%	12.71%	28.88%	32.15%	12.67%	13.73%	0.88%	0.27%	21.17%	16.91%	7.92%	8.65%	100.00%
	Printing, Postages and Stationery	Proportion of people working in Pierpoint House	14.95%	15.58%	13.53%	12.71%	28.88%	32.15%	12.67%	13.73%	0.88%	0.27%	21.17%	16.91%	7.92%	8.65%	100.00%
	Office Sundries	Proportion of people working in Pierpoint House	14.95%	15.58%	13.53%	12.71%	28.88%	32.15%	12.67%	13.73%	0.88%	0.27%	21.17%	16.91%	7.92%	8.65%	100.00%
	Pierpoint House (shared)																
	Landlord obligations	Proportion of beneficial interest in Marsh Reeves	0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		100.00%		0.00%		100.00%
	Office and Site Maintenance	Expenditure charged to property owner	0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		100.00%		0.00%		100.00%
	Business Rates and Metered Water	Expenditure charged to property owner	0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		100.00%		0.00%		100.00%
	Telecoms	Expenditure charged to property owner	0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		100.00%		0.00%		100.00%
	Heat and Light	Expenditure charged to property owner	0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		100.00%		0.00%		100.00%
	Office Cleaning and Supplies	Expenditure charged to property owner	0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		100.00%		0.00%		100.00%
	Refuse Collection and Waste Disposal	Expenditure charged to property owner	0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		100.00%		0.00%		100.00%
	Printing, Postages and Stationery	Expenditure charged to property owner	0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		100.00%		0.00%		100.00%
	Office Sundries	Expenditure charged to property owner	0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		100.00%		0.00%		100.00%
	Marsh Reeves (South Holland IDB)																

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	Office and Site Maintenance	Broads IDB and Norfolk Rivers IDB	80.00%	75.00%	0.00%		0.00%		20.00%	25.00%	0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		100.00%
	Rent, Light, Heat and Water	Broads IDB and Norfolk Rivers IDB	80.00%	75.00%	0.00%		0.00%		20.00%	25.00%	0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		100.00%
	Telecoms	Broads IDB and Norfolk Rivers IDB	80.00%	75.00%	0.00%		0.00%		20.00%	25.00%	0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		100.00%
	Office Sundries	Broads IDB and Norfolk Rivers IDB	80.00%	75.00%	0.00%		0.00%		20.00%	25.00%	0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		100.00%
	Martham Office (Broads IDB and Norfolk Rivers IDB)																
	Rent	Broads, East Suffolk, Kings Lynn, Norfolk Rivers WLYL	25.00%		25.00%		0.00%		25.00%		0.00%		0.00%		25.00%		100.00%
	Printing & Stationary	Broads, East Suffolk, Kings Lynn, Norfolk Rivers WLYL	25.00%		25.00%		0.00%		25.00%		0.00%		0.00%		25.00%		100.00%
	Office Equipment/Small Purchases	Broads, East Suffolk, Kings Lynn, Norfolk Rivers WLYL	25.00%		25.00%		0.00%		25.00%		0.00%		0.00%		25.00%		100.00%
	Norwich Office (BR, ES, NR and WLYL)																
	Office Equipment/Small Purchases	Pevensey and Cuckmere WLMB	0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		100.00%		0.00%		0.00%		100.00%
	East Sussex CC Office (PCWLMB)																
	Shared ICT																
	Hardware Support and Maintenance	Proportion of aggregate Annual Value (WMA, as at 31/12/2025)	5.10%	5.10%	3.90%	3.90%	43.19%	43.21%	4.95%	4.95%	12.69%	12.71%	26.53%	26.51%	3.64%	3.62%	100.00%
	Software Support and Maintenance	Proportion of aggregate Annual Value (WMA, as at 31/12/2025)	5.10%	5.10%	3.90%	3.90%	43.19%	43.21%	4.95%	4.95%	12.69%	12.71%	26.53%	26.51%	3.64%	3.62%	100.00%
	Website Maintenance and Development	Proportion of aggregate Annual Value (WMA, as at 31/12/2025)	5.10%	5.10%	3.90%	3.90%	43.19%	43.21%	4.95%	4.95%	12.69%	12.71%	26.53%	26.51%	3.64%	3.62%	100.00%
	Software and Upgrades	Proportion of aggregate Annual Value (WMA, as at 31/12/2025)	5.10%	5.10%	3.90%	3.90%	43.19%	43.21%	4.95%	4.95%	12.69%	12.71%	26.53%	26.51%	3.64%	3.62%	100.00%
	ICT Infrastructure	Proportion of aggregate Annual Value (WMA, as at 31/12/2025)	5.10%	5.10%	3.90%	3.90%	43.19%	43.21%	4.95%	4.95%	12.69%	12.71%	26.53%	26.51%	3.64%	3.62%	100.00%
	DRS365 Software Support and Maintenance	Split Equally BR/ES/KL/NR/PC/SH/WLYL	14.29%		14.29%		14.29%		14.29%		14.29%		14.29%		14.29%		100.00%
	Shared ICT																
	Other Shared Administration																
	Legal and Professional Charges	Proportion of aggregate Annual Value (WMA, as at 31/12/2025)	5.10%	5.10%	3.90%	3.90%	43.19%	43.21%	4.95%	4.95%	12.69%	12.71%	26.53%	26.51%	3.64%	3.62%	100.00%
	Insurances	Proportion of aggregate Annual Value (WMA, as at 31/12/2025)	5.10%	5.10%	3.90%	3.90%	43.19%	43.21%	4.95%	4.95%	12.69%	12.71%	26.53%	26.51%	3.64%	3.62%	100.00%
	Marketing and PR Expenses	Proportion of aggregate Annual Value (WMA, as at 31/12/2025)	5.10%	5.10%	3.90%	3.90%	43.19%	43.21%	4.95%	4.95%	12.69%	12.71%	26.53%	26.51%	3.64%	3.62%	100.00%
	WMA Chairman's Allowance	Proportion of aggregate Annual Value (WMA, as at 31/12/2025)	5.10%	5.10%	3.90%	3.90%	43.19%	43.21%	4.95%	4.95%	12.69%	12.71%	26.53%	26.51%	3.64%	3.62%	100.00%
	Annual Subscriptions	Proportion of aggregate Annual Value (WMA, as at 31/12/2025)	5.10%	5.10%	3.90%	3.90%	43.19%	43.21%	4.95%	4.95%	12.69%	12.71%	26.53%	26.51%	3.64%	3.62%	100.00%
	Actuary Fees	Proportion of aggregate Annual Value (WMA, as at 31/12/2025)	5.10%	5.10%	3.90%	3.90%	43.19%	43.21%	4.95%	4.95%	12.69%	12.71%	26.53%	26.51%	3.64%	3.62%	100.00%
	Sundry Expenses	Proportion of aggregate Annual Value (WMA, as at 31/12/2025)	5.10%	5.10%	3.90%	3.90%	43.19%	43.21%	4.95%	4.95%	12.69%	12.71%	26.53%	26.51%	3.64%	3.62%	100.00%
	Other Shared Administration																
	Technical Support Costs																
	Shared Technical Support Staff																
	CEO Team																
	Chief Executive	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	16.50%	17.10%	16.50%	17.10%	16.50%	17.10%	16.50%	17.10%	5.00%	2.00%	16.50%	17.10%	12.50%	12.50%	100.00%
	Chief Operating Officer/Deputy Chief Executive	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	30.00%	50.00%	10.00%	10.00%	30.00%	10.00%	10.00%	0.00%	5.00%	0.00%	5.00%	0.00%	10.00%	20.00%	100.00%
	Environment Team																
	Environmental Manager (CL)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	33.00%	27.50%	8.00%	13.00%	11.00%	16.00%	24.00%	21.50%	5.00%	5.00%	11.00%	6.00%	8.00%	11.00%	100.00%
	Assistant Environmental Officer (DP)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	33.00%	30.00%	8.00%	13.00%	11.00%	16.00%	24.00%	24.00%	5.00%	0.00%	11.00%	6.00%	8.00%	11.00%	100.00%
	Environmental Officer (CH)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	33.00%	30.00%	8.00%	13.00%	12.00%	16.00%	24.00%	24.00%	0.00%	0.00%	15.00%	15.00%	8.00%	8.00%	100.00%
	Environmental Officer (EB)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	33.00%	30.00%	8.00%	13.00%	12.00%	16.00%	24.00%	24.00%	0.00%	0.00%	15.00%	15.00%	8.00%	8.00%	100.00%

Water Management Alliance

From: 01 April 2026
To: 31 March 2027

Administration and Technical Support Services
Financial Year Ending: 31 March 2027

ID	Income and Expenditure	Basis of apportionment	BIDB (%)		ESWMB (%)		KLIDB (%)		NRIDB (%)		PCWLMB (%)		SHIDB (%)		WLYLIDB (%)		TOTAL (%)
		Percentages shown in red were the apportionments for last year, where they have been changed for this year.															
	Sustainable Development Team																
	Head of Catchment Services (CB)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	10.50%	10.00%	6.50%	6.00%	45.50%	51.00%	6.50%	6.00%	0.00%		23.00%	26.00%	8.00%	1.00%	100.00%
	Senior Sustainable Development Officer (ER)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	10.50%	10.00%	6.50%	6.00%	45.50%	51.00%	6.50%	6.00%	0.00%		23.00%	26.00%	8.00%	1.00%	100.00%
	Senior SDT Officer (Maternity Cover)(ET)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	10.50%	10.00%	6.50%	6.00%	45.50%	51.00%	6.50%	6.00%	0.00%		23.00%	26.00%	8.00%	1.00%	100.00%
	Compliance Manager (PN)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	10.50%	10.00%	6.50%	6.00%	45.50%	51.00%	6.50%	6.00%	0.00%		23.00%	26.00%	8.00%	1.00%	100.00%
	Assistant Compliance Officer (SKC)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	10.50%	10.00%	6.50%	6.00%	45.50%	51.00%	6.50%	6.00%	0.00%		23.00%	26.00%	8.00%	1.00%	100.00%
	Sustainable Development Officer (FC)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	10.50%	10.00%	6.50%	6.00%	45.50%	51.00%	6.50%	6.00%	0.00%		23.00%	26.00%	8.00%	1.00%	100.00%
	Sustainable Development Officer (PNA)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	10.50%	10.00%	6.50%	6.00%	45.50%	51.00%	6.50%	6.00%	0.00%		23.00%	26.00%	8.00%	1.00%	100.00%
	Sustainable Development Officer (LBS)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	10.50%	10.00%	6.50%	6.00%	45.50%	51.00%	6.50%	6.00%	0.00%		23.00%	26.00%	8.00%	1.00%	100.00%
	Sustainable Development Manager (MO)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	10.50%	10.00%	6.50%	6.00%	45.50%	51.00%	6.50%	6.00%	0.00%		23.00%	26.00%	8.00%	1.00%	100.00%
	Senior Sustainable Development Officer (RY)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	10.50%	10.00%	6.50%	6.00%	45.50%	51.00%	6.50%	6.00%	0.00%		23.00%	26.00%	8.00%	1.00%	100.00%
	Senior Sustainable Development Officer (WC)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	10.50%	10.00%	6.50%	6.00%	45.50%	51.00%	6.50%	6.00%	0.00%		23.00%	26.00%	8.00%	1.00%	100.00%
	Assistant Compliance Officer (BSY)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	10.50%	10.00%	6.50%	6.00%	45.50%	51.00%	6.50%	6.00%	0.00%		23.00%	26.00%	8.00%	1.00%	100.00%
	National Infrastructure Officer (JS - Sizewell C)	East Suffolk WMB Only (fully funded by Sizewell C)	0.00%		100.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		100.00%
	Estates Officer (SF)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	10.50%	10.00%	6.50%	6.00%	45.50%	51.00%	6.50%	6.00%	0.00%		23.00%	26.00%	8.00%	1.00%	100.00%
	Capital Projects Team																
	Project Delivery Manager (KN)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	20.00%		20.00%		20.00%		20.00%		0.00%		0.00%		20.00%		100.00%
	Project Delivery Engineer (TJJ)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	20.00%		20.00%		20.00%		20.00%		0.00%		0.00%		20.00%		100.00%
	Project Delivery Engineer (TJ)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	20.00%		20.00%		20.00%		20.00%		0.00%		0.00%		20.00%		100.00%
	Project Delivery Engineer (ATH)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	20.00%		20.00%		20.00%		20.00%		0.00%		0.00%		20.00%		100.00%
	Project Manager (MN)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	20.00%		20.00%		20.00%		20.00%		0.00%		0.00%		20.00%		100.00%
	East Anglia Team																
	Area Manager (WMA Eastern) (TH)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	50.00%	50.00%	20.00%	10.00%	0.00%	20.00%	20.00%	10.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	10.00%	100.00%
	MEICA Manager (RG)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	75.00%	55.00%	10.00%	12.50%	5.00%	15.00%	0.00%	5.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	10.00%	12.50%	100.00%
	Partnership Project Engineer (PG)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	50.00%	40.00%	0.00%		0.00%		50.00%	60.00%	0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		100.00%
	Partnership Project Engineer (Suffolk)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	0.00%		50.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		50.00%		100.00%
	Operations Manager (East Suffolk) (AB)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	0.00%		100.00%	55.00%	0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%	45.00%	100.00%
	Operations Manager (WLYL IDB)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		100.00%		100.00%
	Works Supervisor (ES & WLYL)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	0.00%		50.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		50.00%		100.00%
	Flood Risk Engineer (BR and NR)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	50.00%		0.00%		0.00%		50.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		100.00%
	Flood Risk Engineer (ES & WLYL)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	0.00%		50.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		50.00%		100.00%
	Flood Risk Engineer (JT)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	0.00%	35.00%	50.00%	35.00%	0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		50.00%	30.00%	100.00%
	Flood Risk Engineer (OP)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	50.00%	40.00%	0.00%		0.00%		50.00%	60.00%	0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		100.00%
	Shared Technical Support Staff																
	South Holland Team																
	Area Manager (South Holland IDB) (KV)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		100.00%		0.00%		100.00%
	Flood Risk Engineer (South Holland IDB) (DSP)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		100.00%		0.00%		100.00%
	Other Technical Support Staff Costs																
	Pevensey & Cuckmere WLMB Team																
	Area Manager (Pevensey & Cuckmere WLMB) (RK)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		100.00%		0.00%		0.00%		100.00%
	Flood Risk Officer (Pevensey & Cuckmere WLMB) (GO)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		100.00%		0.00%		0.00%		100.00%
	Operations Manager (Pevensey & Cuckmere WLMB) (RD)	Assessment of Time Spent on each Member Board	0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		100.00%		0.00%		0.00%		100.00%
	Other Technical Support Staff Costs																

Approved by the Consortium Management Committee on 05 December 2025 and recommended to each of the Member Boards in January/February 2026.
(As required by clause 4.2 of the Consortium Agreement, dated 29 March 2024).

S JEFFREY
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER/RFO

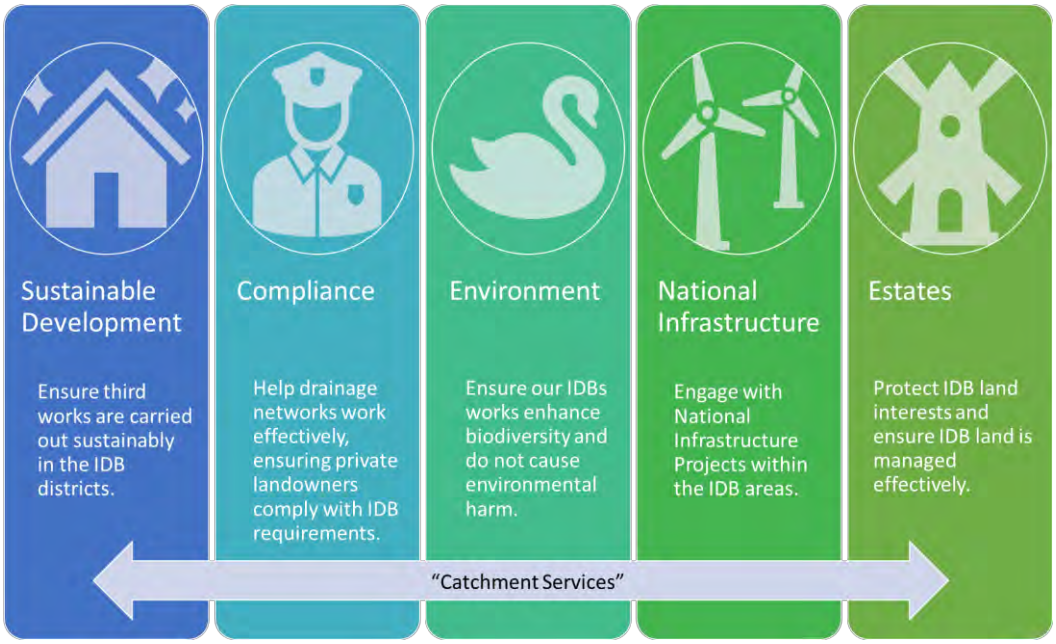
WMA Policy Review Summary – CMC Meeting, 05 December 2025

	Policy	Owner	Comments
1	Supplementary Guidance: Managing Procurement and Conflicts of Interest Policy Click here	FB	5-year review No significant changes
2	WMA Arterial Infrastructure Policy Click here	CL/MP	5-year review - Name of the policy has changed from Supplementary Guidance for Adoption and Abandonment of Watercourses to WMA Arterial Infrastructure Policy - Definition of an Arterial Watercourse (AKA Main Drain or Adopted Watercourse) has been included

Catchment Services Report

1. Introduction

In August 2025, Cathryn Brady (previously the WMA's Sustainable Development Manager) was appointed as the WMA's Head of Catchment Services, taking on leadership of the following workstreams across both the WMA Member Boards and any Boards receiving arm's length services from the WMA (including the Bedford Group and the 6 Boards previously administered by the Middle Level Commissioners):



The Workstreams are typically delivered by officers within the WMA Catchment Services Department, or by the Board's Area Manger with support from the officers within the department.

As part of this new role, the Head of Catchment Services has reviewed governance arrangements and two minor changes are proposed to ensure compliant and resilient decision making moving forwards.

2. Planning and Byelaw Strategy

The current Planning and Byelaw Strategy informs all decisions made in relation to applications for Land Drainage Consents, engagement with planning applications (including national infrastructure projects) and how to react to incidents of non-compliance with the Board's regulatory requirements.

Until now, the Planning and Byelaw Strategy has primarily been a public facing document, which would be sent to members of the public to provide the following:

- Guidance on how the Board will engage with planning applications within their Internal Drainage District ("IDD") or that have the potential to significantly impact their IDD;
- Guidance to organisations and individuals on the Board's regulatory requirements and processes, including information on the policies against which it will assess and determine applications.

2.1. Planning and Byelaw Strategy – Proposed Change

With the launch of the WMA's new website in December 2025, the primary audience of the Planning and Byelaw Strategy will no longer be members of the public. Instead, the primary audience will become the Boards who adopt the policy, effectively moving the document 'behind the scenes'. Although the strategy will remain a publicly available document, the WMA website will disseminate the same information in a user friendly format for most audiences.

Moving forward, the strategy will primarily be a policy document, compiled to confirm how the Board will achieve the following (including specific policy positions where appropriate):

- Process applications for Land Drainage Consent.
- Engage with planning applications and Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects.
- Investigate and react to non-compliance with the regulatory framework established by the Land Drainage Act 1991 (including Byelaws).
- Engage with enquiries relating to use or disposal of land owned by the Boards.
- Protect and enhance the natural environment and biodiversity *(to follow in the next policy iteration, amalgamating several existing policies).*

No changes are proposed to the policies or approaches outlined within the document, only the style of writing has been amended. To reflect the evolution of the policy it is proposed that the policy is renamed as the 'Catchment Services Strategy'. A draft for adoption is available here: https://www.wlma.org.uk/uploads/WMA_Catchment_Services_Strategy.pdf

Officer Recommendation: The officer recommendation is that the 'WMA Catchment Services Strategy' is adopted by all WMA Member Boards, replacing the current Planning and Byelaw Strategy.

3. Scheme of Delegation

Currently, each Board's Schedule of Reserved Matters notes that the following types of applications for Land Drainage Consent are "non-delegated" and are therefore reserved for the Board:

i. All applications for consent that are from applicants or agents related to or associated with a member or employee of the Board.

ii. All appeals against a previous determination of an application for consent (the application having first been determined under delegated authority by the WMA Chief Executive's Management Committee)

iii. Applications for consent that are against the Board's policies as set out in the Planning and Byelaw Strategy

iv. Applications to permanently discharge surface water from a new impermeable area greater than 5 hectares.

v. *Applications for permanent structures within 7 or 9 metres of an arterial (Board maintained) watercourse as defined by the Board's Byelaws and Planning and Byelaw Strategy.*

vi. *Applications where the proposed works include the permanent alteration of over 18 metres of arterial (Board maintained) watercourses.*

The Schedule of Reserved Matters also states that all other consent types (delegated consents) are delegated to officers via the Chief Executive's Management Committee. Urgent non-delegated applications are already delegated to a relevant Committee of each Board.

The Terms of Reference for the Chief Executive's Management Committee are available here: https://www.wlma.org.uk/uploads/WMA_Chief_Executives_Management_Committee_TOR.pdf

Notably, the Terms of Reference do not empower the competent team of case officers to make a recommendation directly to the Chief Executive, instead recommendations should be presented to the Chief Executive by the Board's Senior Management Team (now defined as the Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer) who often have had little or no involvement in an application. The Terms of Reference further restrict the ability to process applications for consent while the Chief Executive is unavailable (including during any period of annual leave or sickness).

Across the WMA, case officers within the Sustainable Development Team processed 534 applications for Land Drainage Consent in 2024.

3.1. Scheme of Delegation - Proposed Change

It is proposed that each Board creates a new committee called the "WMA Chief Executive's Planning Committee". The proposed draft terms of reference for the committee are available here: https://www.wlma.org.uk/uploads/WMA_CEO_Planning_Committee_TOR.pdf

The proposed committee would not replace the existing WMA Chief Executive's Management Committee (which is required for other delegated decisions) but would facilitate streamlined decision making and clearer governance arrangements for the Sustainable Development Team, including when the Chief Executive is unavailable (by allowing the Chief Operating Officer to be a substitute member of the committee).

Officer Recommendation: Officers recommend that the WMA Member Boards approve the following resolutions:

1. To update the Boards Schedule of Reserved Matters as follows (changes in red):

> [4.4.] Approval of non-delegated applications for Land Drainage Consent (any prior written consent required as per the Land Drainage Act 1991 including the Board's Byelaws), other than urgent applications. Non-delegated applications for Land Drainage Consent include the following application types:
>
> i. *All applications for consent that are from applicants or agents related to or associated with a member or employee of the Board.*
>
> ii. *All appeals against a previous determination of an application for consent (the application having first been determined under delegated authority by the WMA Chief Executive's Planning Committee)*

iii. *Applications for consent that are against the Board's policies as set out in the Catchment Services Strategy*
iv. *Applications to permanently discharge surface water from a new impermeable area greater than 5 hectares.*
v. *Applications for permanent structures within 7 or 9 metres of an arterial (Board maintained) watercourse as defined by the Board's Byelaws and Catchment Services Strategy.*
vi. *Applications where the proposed works include the permanent alteration of over 18 metres of arterial (Board maintained) watercourses.*

2. To create a new committee known as the WMA Chief Executive's Planning Committee and adopt the Terms of Reference for this committee as shown here: https://www.wlma.org.uk/uploads/WMA_CEO_Planning_Committee_TOR.pdf.

3. To add the WMA Chief Executive's Planning Committee to the Board's Scheme of Delegation with the following decision making authority delegated to the Committee by the Board:

a. The authority to consider and determine applications for Land Drainage Consent (any prior written consent required as per the Land Drainage Act 1991 including the Board's Byelaws), is delegated to the WMA Chief Executive's Planning Committee with the exception of non-delegated applications for Land Drainage Consent. Non-delegated applications for Land Drainage Consent include the following application types:

i. *All applications for consent that are from applicants or agents related to or associated with a member or employee of the Board.*
ii. *All appeals against a previous determination of an application for consent (the application having first been determined under delegated authority by the WMA Chief Executive's Planning Committee)*
iii. *Applications for consent that are against the Board's policies as set out in the Catchment Services Strategy*
iv. *Applications to permanently discharge surface water from a new impermeable area greater than 5 hectares.*
v. *Applications for permanent structures within 7 or 9 metres of an arterial (Board maintained) watercourse as defined by the Board's Byelaws and Catchment Services Strategy.*
vi. *Applications where the proposed works include the permanent alteration of over 18 metres of arterial (Board maintained) watercourses.*

b. The authority to approve plans of specified work received in accordance with a Development Consent Order is delegated to the Water Management Alliance's Chief Executive's Planning Committee.

4. To amend the Terms of Reference for the Chief Executive's Management Committee to remove footnote 2 on page 3 (referencing the committee having delegated authority to consider and determine applications for Land Drainage Consent).

CATHRYN BRADY
HEAD OF CATCHMENT SERVICES
NOVEMER 2025

Water Management Alliance

Annual Carbon Report

2024/2025 Financial Year Update

Published: January 2026

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1. Introduction

This report is an annual update to the Water Management Alliance's full carbon audit (initially published in February 2023) as it strives to reduce carbon emissions by 50% by 2030. This report now includes emissions data for the 2024/2025 financial year.

The carbon audit will allow the Water Management Alliance to calculate and benchmark its carbon emissions and enable the key sources of emissions to be identified. This report now sits alongside the Water Management Alliance's Carbon Management Plan which sets out short-, medium- and long-term actions to reduce carbon emissions.

2. Purpose

The Water Management Alliance would like to commit to the Government's ask of small businesses (SMEs) to commit to take climate action in three ways:

- 50% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions before 2030. (Scope 1 and Scope 2)
- Achieve net zero emissions by 2050. (across Scope 1, 2 and 3)
- Disclose progress on a yearly basis.

3. Methodology

3.1 The GHG Protocol

The GHG Protocol establishes comprehensive global standardised frameworks to account for and report on greenhouse gas emissions. This carbon audit has been produced in line with the principles of the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol and UK Government Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) GHG reporting guidance.

The GHG emissions have been calculated by multiplying activity data by the relevant emissions factor:

Activity data x GHG emissions factor = GHG emissions

GHG emissions are expressed as carbon dioxide equivalents (CO2e), and include Carbon dioxide (CO2), Methane (CH4), Nitrous oxide (N2O), Sulphur hexafluoride (SF6), Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), Perfluorocarbons (PFCs) and Nitrogen trifluoride (NF3).

NB: GHG emissions have been calculated and displayed in $kgCO_2e$, however, for readability, these figures have been converted into tCO_2e throughout the narrative.

3.2 Scope Definitions

The Green House Gas Protocol defines 3 types of emission categories referred to as Scopes. To help demonstrate – Figure 1 shows a Scope infographic. Figure 2 describes each activity the WMA has included within each Scope.

Scope 1 - Direct Emissions from activities under our control. Primarily relating to fossil fuel combustion

Scope 2 - Indirect Emissions from the electricity we purchase and use

Scope 3 - All other indirect emissions from activities, sources that we do not own or control

3.3 Organisational boundary

Calculating Scope 3 emissions can often be difficult given that the data required is mostly held by other organisations in the supply chain. For Scope 3 we have had to be clear which activities we are unable to report on

Included -

Fuel purchased by WMA for owned plant used for PSCA Work

Excluded -

Fuel purchased by contractors for their own vehicles and plant when undertaking IDB work.

Emissions from FCERM Capital projects where we use contractors.

Employee Commuting

For the excluded items we may look to develop a reporting process that would allow us to report these emissions in future annual audits. We will request contractors for any construction projects to inform us of their emission reporting capabilities and which GHG calculation and reporting standards they operate to.

3.4 Coverage

The Water Management Alliance is an umbrella organisation, offering back-office and technical services to a consortium of seven Internal Drainage Boards (IDBs). Each IDB managed by the WMA is an autonomous local, public body which has statutory duties to the environment as it undertakes its permissive powers.

The IDBs covered by the consortium include South Holland IDB, King's Lynn IDB, Norfolk Rivers IDB, Broads IDB, Waveney, Lower Yare & Lothingland IDB, East Suffolk WMB and Pevensey & Cuckmere WLMB. Data has been collected and summarised for each individual Board and collectively as the WMA.

3.5 Target

The IDBs of the WMA have a carbon net zero target date of 2050.

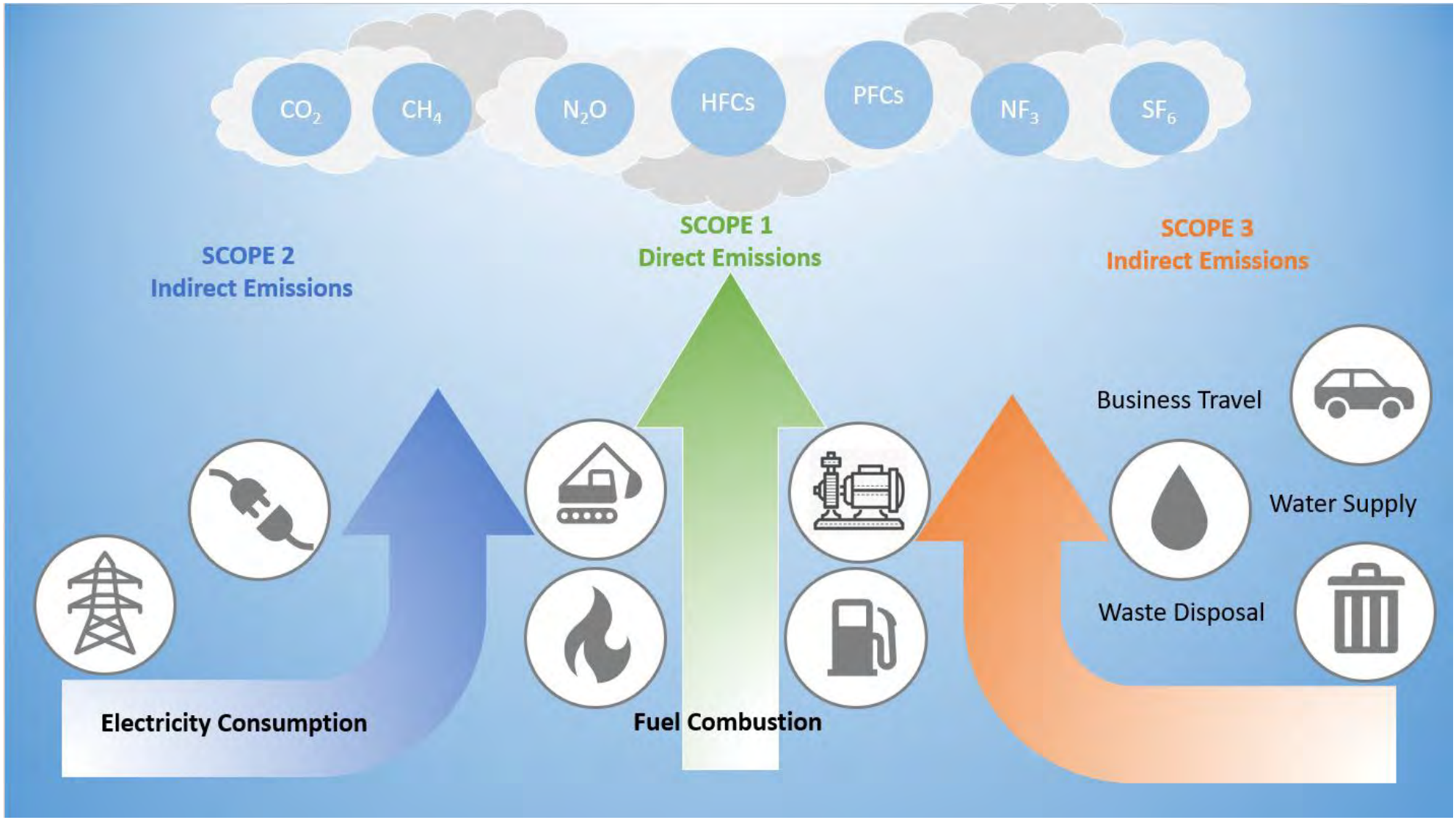


Figure 1: Scope infographic

Activity		Description	Data Source	Unit
Scope 1 - Direct Emissions – Fuel Consumption				
Fuel in Fleet Vehicles	White Diesel	operational vehicle Fleet & Plant	fuel invoices	Litres
	Petrol			
	Red Diesel			
	Bio Oil			
Offices	Fugitive Emissions	Air con fluoros	EOC Services	Kg
Pumping Station	Red Diesel Generators	Operating Pumping station back-up generators	fuel invoices	Litres
	Unleaded			
Scope 2 - Indirect Emissions – Electricity Consumption				
Electricity Emissions	Offices	Electricity purchased from the national grid to power the WMAs offices and Pumping Stations	utility bills	kWh
	Pumping Station			
Scope 3 - Other Indirect Emissions				
	Electricity Transmission & Distribution Losses	These are indirect emissions from the transmission and distribution of our purchased electricity. It is considered best practise to include these	utility bills	kWh
	Business travel inc Car, rail, and flights	Staff travel - in their own vehicles on business grounds, via train or plane	employee mileage claims / expenses	Miles / km
	Water Supply & Treatment	The supply of water to our buildings and sites. Treatment is the water we return to the system (90% return to sewer rate).	utility bills	m^3
	Waste & Recycling	Weight of Waste and recycling collected from our offices	Veolia Dashboard	Kg

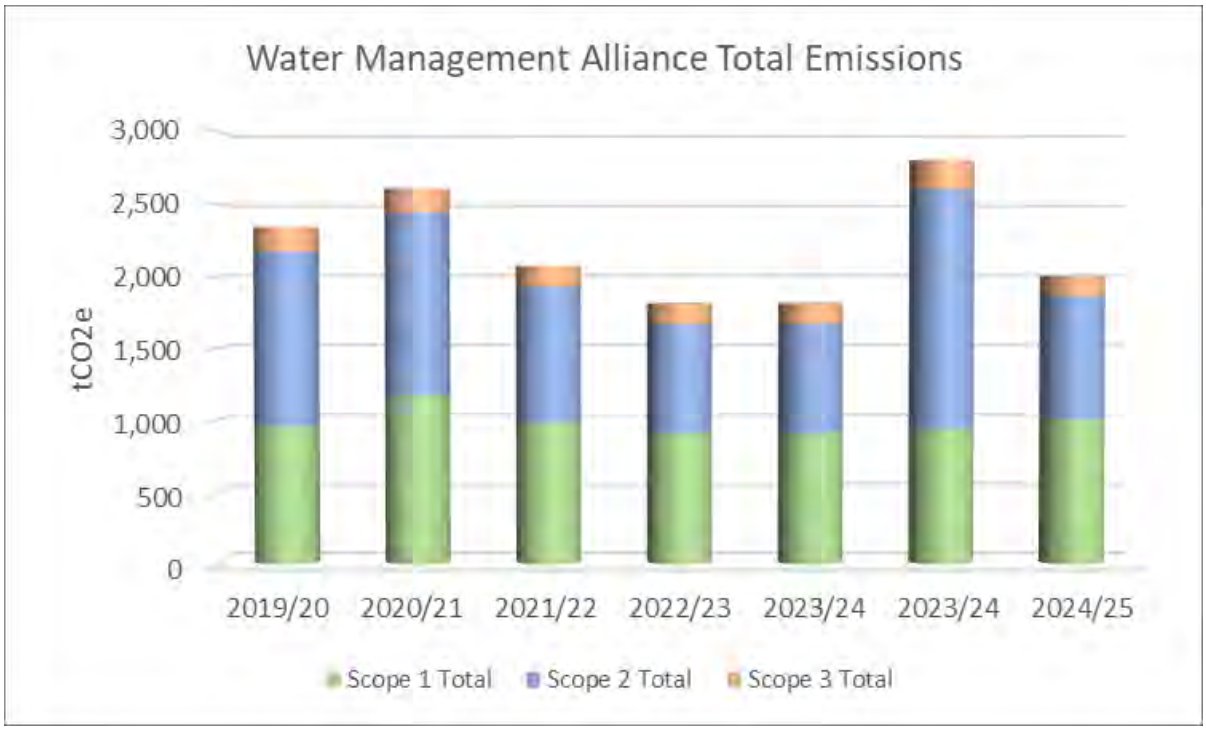
Figure 2: Description of each activity WMA included within each Scope

4. RESULTS

4.1 WMA Summary

The data shows that overall, Carbon Emissions in 2024/25 are 15% lower compared to our baseline year of 2019/20, a reduction of 340.1 tCO2e. The emissions are 29% lower compared to 2023/24, a reduction of 804.8 tCO2e.

All Board's emissions have decreased in 2024/25 compared against the previous year of 2023/24 – largely due to the very wet weather endured during the Winter of 2023/24 which increased the year's emissions significantly, followed by the subsequent drier Winter of 2024/25 – as described and evidenced in 4.3 below and Appendix 8. Overall emissions have also decreased when compared to the baseline year, due to the changes implemented by the WMA and member Boards to decrease emissions, also evidenced below.



Scope 1

- Overall Emissions 7% higher (an increase of 65.1 tCO2e) in 2024/25 than 2023/24, 6% higher (increase of 53.6 tCO2e) than 2019/20 baseline year.
- This is largely due to the expansion of the business, increased recharge work and the introduction of further fleet vehicles for new field operatives.
- The WMA aims to standardise the data to reflect individual carbon usage that takes the growth of the business into account.

Scope 2

- Overall Emissions 48% lower (a decrease of 802.6 tCO2e) in 2024/25 than 2023/24, 30% lower (a decrease of 358.5 tCO2e) than 2019/20 baseline year.
- This is largely due to Pumping Stations not being used as much this year compared to the previous year due to drier weather.

Scope 3

- Overall Emissions 33% lower (a decrease of 67.3 tCO2e) in 2024/25 than 2023/24, 21% lower (a decrease of 35.1 tCO2e) than 2019/20 baseline year.

4.2 Quality Control

The Finance team collating the data have applied data checks and consistency in producing data from the system. All outliers have been checked and explanations sought and documented from individual IDBs where large variations have occurred.

4.3 2024/25 Weather

The weather in East Anglia between April 2024 and March 2025 featured a strong contrast, with a wet and unsettled start followed by a drier and sunnier spring in 2025, which ultimately became the UK's warmest and sunniest spring on record. May 2024 was noted for being the warmest on record for the UK (since 1884), though April's wetness led to a cooler than average summer overall.

June by contrast to May, was cooler and drier than average overall, particularly in the first half of the month but a brief warm spell occurred between the 23rd and 26th of the month.

The summer of 2024 was the coolest since 2015 for the UK, with rainfall and sunshine generally around average. East Anglia was marginally sunnier than other regions. September saw mean temperatures in East Anglia around 0.5°C above average. However, the UK overall experienced above-average rainfall, with southern England recording significantly more than average. However, many parts of East Anglia missed much of this rainfall, with South Holland being impacted the most.

The winter of 2024 -25 found that temperatures were generally above the long-term average, though with potential for occasional stormy weather from the Atlantic. March 2025 was a record-breaker for East Anglia, experiencing its sunniest March on record (since 1910) and very dry conditions. It was also much warmer than the long-term average.

4.4 Data

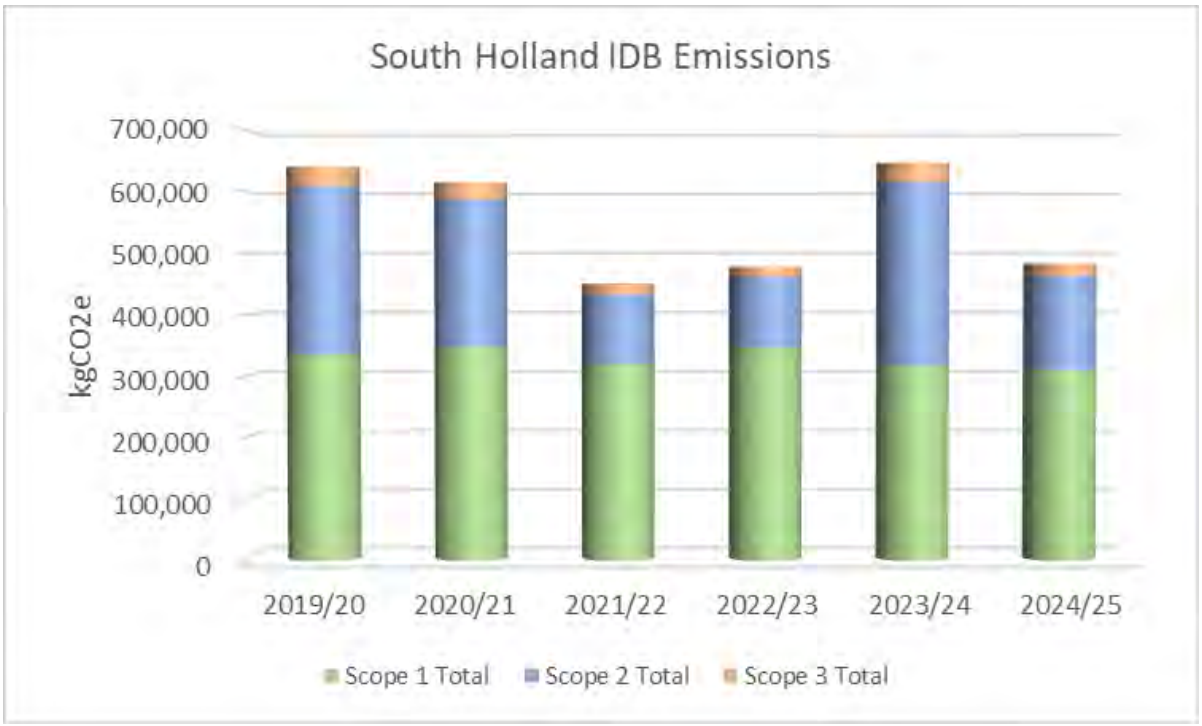
All the Boards are on 'Green Electricity Tariffs' but we have still recorded 100% of the electricity emissions as we currently do not believe the electricity provided from these tariffs is all from renewables. This is currently being investigated by our Utilities Broker and the CFO.

		WMA TOTAL kgCO2e Emissions					
Scope 1 - Direct Emissions		2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Fuel in Fleet Vehicles	White Diesel	151,605.7	150,615.0	150,444.7	149,113.5	150,151.1	164,182.1
	Unleaded	1,614.9	1,454.4	1,464.5	1,121.3	1,769.9	2,371.3
	Red Diesel	730,561.6	885,025.9	744,720.1	741,692.0	759,135.2	769,740.3
	Bio Oil	0.0	0.0	550.0	137.5	0.0	0.0
	Gas	16,831.9	19,520.3	18,308.6	2,583.2	0.0	0.0
Small Tools / Others	Unleaded	211.7	189.1	95.7	253.0	588.8	221.8
	White Diesel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	696.3	99.0
	Red Diesel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	184.9	316.7
Offices	Oil	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Air con flouros	13,303.5	0.0	75,153.1	12,804.9	0.0	76,848.3
Pumping Station	Red Diesel Pump Engines or Generators	46,282.8	120,042.5	617.9	7,231.2	36,236.0	0.0
	Unleaded	11.0	362.3	100.5	83.1	140.3	221.8
Scope 2 - Indirect Emissions							
Electricity Emissions	Offices	23,489.3	17,327.2	19,364.0	21,042.0	14,943.4	20,749.2
	Pumping Station	1,188,238.7	1,251,588.7	920,709.5	735,919.5	1,640,860.2	832,495.2
Scope 3 - Other Indirect Emissions							
Electricty T&D Losses	Electricty T&D Losses	102,712.9	109,192.1	84,251.9	69,245.3	143,343.0	75,413.5
Business Travel	Private Car Business travel	65,653.4	52,275.5	55,324.2	66,162.6	57,326.6	58,032.8
	Rail	120.3	27.8	117.9	91.6	78.6	142.9
	Flying	0.0	0.0	0.0	264.3	0.0	0.0
Water Supply / Treatment	Water Supply	365.9	349.6	58.0	90.0	76.6	68.2
	Water treatment	26.5	30.8	22.2	82.0	50.4	37.6
Waste / recycling	Waste	76.6	76.5	117.3	100.7	260.6	119.7
	Recycling	9.5	9.5	11.6	31.4	25.2	5.3
	TOTAL	**2,341,116.3**	**2,608,087.1**	**2,071,431.8**	**1,808,049.0**	**2,805,867.2**	**2,001,066.0**
Scope 1 Total		**960,423.1**	**1,177,209.4**	**991,455.2**	**915,019.7**	**948,902.5**	**1,014,001.5**
Scope 2 Total		**1,211,728.0**	**1,268,915.9**	**940,073.5**	**756,961.5**	**1,655,803.6**	**853,244.4**
Scope 3 Total		**168,965.1**	**161,961.8**	**139,903.1**	**136,067.8**	**201,161.0**	**133,820.0**
% Change from Baseline year 2019/20							**-15**
% Change from 2023/24							**-29**

APPENDIX 1: SOUTH HOLLAND IDB

1.1 Summary

The data shows that overall, Carbon Emissions in 2024/25 are 24% lower compared to our baseline year of 2019/20, a decrease of 156.7 tCO2e. The emissions are 25% lower than 2023/24, a decrease of 163.3 tCO2e.



1.2 Results

Scope 1

- Overall Emissions 2.3% lower (a reduction of 7.3 tCO2e) in 2024/25 than 2023/24, 7.5% lower (reduction of 25 tCO2e) than 2019/20 baseline year.

Scope 2

- Overall Emissions 49% lower (a reduction of 120.8 tCO2e) in 2024/25 than 2023/24, 44% lower (reduction of 144.6 tCO2e) than 2019/20 baseline year.

Scope 3

- Overall Emissions 36% lower (reduction of 16.0 tCO2e) in 2024/25 than 2023/24, 35% lower (reduction of 10.9 tCO2e) than 2019/20 baseline year.

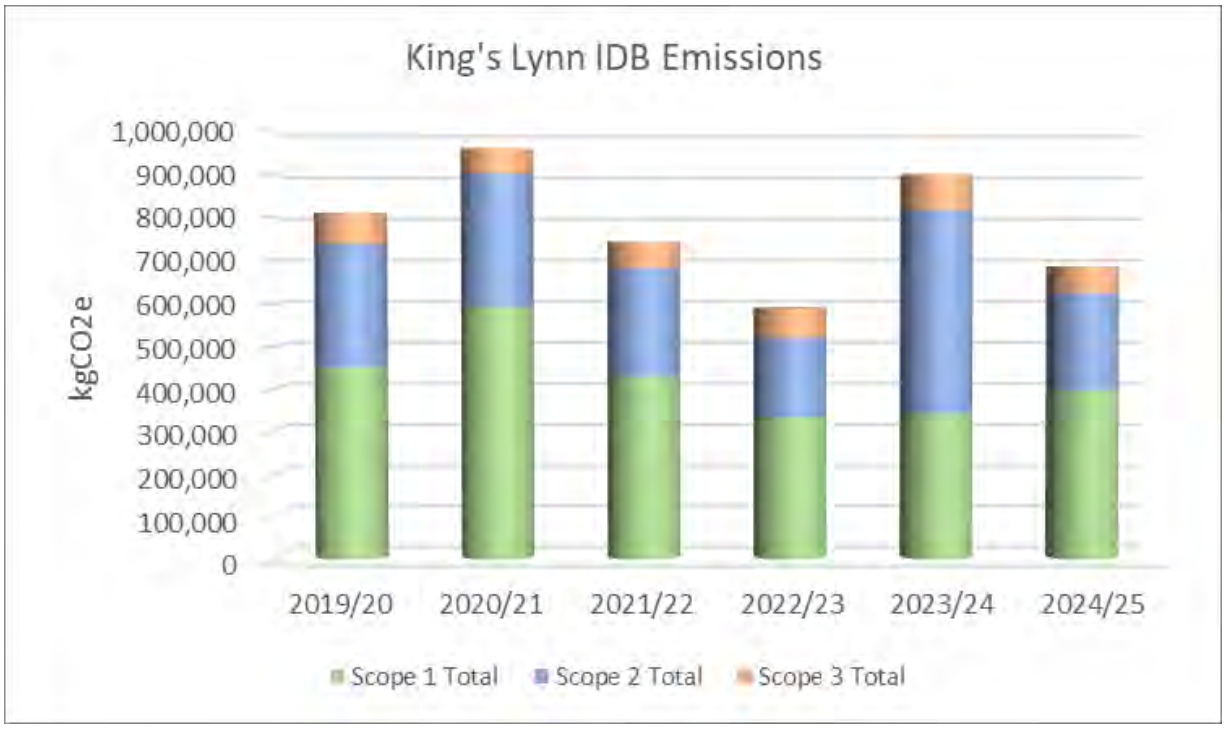
1.3 Data

		South Holland IDB kgCO2e Emissions					
Scope 1 - Direct Emissions		2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Fuel in Fleet Vehicles	White Diesel	37,719.4	35,165.4	28,498.6	39,639.0	34,153.6	24,889.2
	Unleaded	521.3	362.1	390.5	261.4	395.5	269.5
	Red Diesel	293,029.5	308,623.7	291,263.6	293,716.4	283,485.1	276,965.5
	Bio Oil	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Gas	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Small Tools / Others	Unleaded						
	White Diesel						
	Red Diesel						
Offices	Oil	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Air con flouros	4,434.5	0.0	0.0	12,804.9	0.0	8,618.6
Pumping Station	Red Diesel Pump Engines or Generators	69.0	3,623.7	617.9	358.8	0.0	0.0
	Unleaded	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Scope 2 - Indirect Emissions							
Electricity Emissions	Offices	3,571.7	3,607.1	3,525.3	2,909.3	3,213.1	2,851.0
	Pumping Station	269,673.5	236,270.6	109,585.1	112,449.2	293,814.8	149,573.0
Scope 3 - Other Indirect Emissions							
Electricty T&D Losses	Electricty T&D Losses	23,161.8	20,641.8	10,137.3	10,552.8	25,713.7	13,471.9
Business Travel	Private Car Business travel	7,833.9	6,395.6	5,654.1	4,950.6	5,652.2	6,651.7
	Rail	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Flying	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Water Supply / Treatment	Water Supply	72.2	67.8	15.3	16.8	23.5	20.1
	Water treatment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Waste / recycling	Waste	72.6	72.5	106.5	82.6	245.2	114.0
	Recycling	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.8	0.0
	TOTAL	**640,159.4**	**614,830.1**	**449,794.3**	**477,741.9**	**646,703.5**	**483,424.4**
Scope 1 Total		**335,773.6**	**347,774.8**	**320,770.7**	**346,780.5**	**318,034.2**	**310,742.8**
Scope 2 Total		**273,245.2**	**239,877.7**	**113,110.5**	**115,358.5**	**297,027.8**	**152,424.0**
Scope 3 Total		**31,140.6**	**27,177.7**	**15,913.2**	**15,602.8**	**31,641.4**	**20,257.6**
% Change from Baseline year 2019/20							**-24**
% Change from 2023/24							**-25**

APPENDIX 2: KINGS LYNN IDB

1.1 Summary

The data shows that overall, Carbon Emissions in 2024/25 are 15% lower compared to our baseline year of 2019/20, a reduction of 125.1 tCO2e. The emissions are 24% lower compared to 2023/24, a reduction of 215 tCO2e.



1.2 Results

Scope 1

- Overall Emissions 16% higher (an increase of 53.6 tCO2e) in 2024/25 than 2023/24, 12% lower (reduction of 54.3 tCO2e) than 2019/20 baseline year.

Scope 2

- Overall Emissions 52% lower (a reduction of 247.6 tCO2e) in 2024/25 than 2023/24, 21% lower (a reduction of 59.6 tCO2e) than 2019/20 baseline year.

Scope 3

- Overall Emissions 26% lower (decrease of 21.1 tCO2e) in 2024/25 than 2023/24, 15% lower (a decrease of 11.1 tCO2e) than 2019/20 baseline year.

1.3 Data

		King's Lynn IDB kgCO2e Emissions					
Scope 1 - Direct Emissions		2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Fuel in Fleet Vehicles	White Diesel	30,152.8	28,556.1	27,229.1	24,647.1	26,889.0	27,636.2
	Unleaded	479.6	419.4	515.9	374.2	509.5	690.5
	Red Diesel	349,070.8	433,246.9	308,664.7	300,823.4	315,699.8	300,711.7
	Bio Oil	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Gas	16,831.9	19,506.6	18,294.9	2,560.0	0.0	0.0
Small Tools / Others	Unleaded	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	White Diesel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	Red Diesel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Offices	Oil	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	Air con flouros	8,869.0	0.0	75,153.1	0.0	0.0	68,229.7
Pumping Station	Red Diesel Pump Engines or Generators	46,213.8	111,774.8	0.0	6,872.4	538.2	0.0
	Unleaded	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Scope 2 - Indirect Emissions							
Electricity Emissions	Offices	14,919.2	7,810.7	9,938.8	14,191.4	7,992.4	10,098.1
	Pumping Station	272,442.9	301,665.8	244,896.0	171,665.4	467,324.4	217,645.8
Scope 3 - Other Indirect Emissions							
Electricty T&D Losses	Electricty T&D Losses	24,358.4	26,630.9	22,839.0	17,001.8	41,148.2	20,129.0
Business Travel	Private Car Business travel	47,541.2	31,923.8	36,600.8	49,677.0	40,988.2	40,884.5
	Rail	120.3	27.8	117.9	91.6	78.6	142.9
	Flying	0.0	0.0	0.0	264.3	0.0	0.0
Water Supply / Treatment	Water Supply	293.7	281.8	42.7	73.2	53.1	48.2
	Water treatment	26.5	30.8	22.2	82.0	50.4	37.6
Waste / recycling	Waste	4.0	4.0	10.8	18.2	15.5	5.7
	Recycling	9.5	9.5	11.6	31.4	18.4	5.3
	TOTAL	**811,333.4**	**961,888.8**	**744,337.3**	**588,373.2**	**901,305.6**	**686,265.1**
Scope 1 Total		**451,617.8**	**593,503.7**	**429,857.6**	**335,277.1**	**343,636.5**	**397,268.1**
Scope 2 Total		**287,362.0**	**309,476.5**	**254,834.8**	**185,856.7**	**475,316.8**	**227,743.8**
Scope 3 Total		**72,353.5**	**58,908.6**	**59,644.9**	**67,239.4**	**82,352.4**	**61,253.2**
% Change from Baseline year 2019/20							**-15**
% Change from 2023/24							**-24**

1.4 Solar Panels

Pierpoint House commissioned solar panels in November 2022. During 2024-25, around 70.5% (37.04 MW) of our electricity consumption came directly from solar power. This avoided using 12.8tCO2e emissions, compared with using electricity directly from the Grid. We have installed 60 kWh batteries to increase our storage and therefore the amount we can consume, before it is fed into the grid.

The solar panels also fed a total of 24.6MW of excess solar electricity into the grid over the year. There is a large demand for electricity during the winter months, particularly around January, which is likely to be a result of the increased heating requirements of the office.

Whilst theoretically Pierpoint House should be entirely self-sufficient in electricity, due to the capacity of the batteries and the British weather, at times the office consumes energy from the grid in greater or lesser quantities. Grid usage is offset during sunnier periods with a greater supply of solar energy being fed back to the grid. The months of April, June, July, August 2024 and March 2025 were the key months for electricity production by the solar panels, as would be expected during the sunnier, warmer months.

1.5 Solar Panel vs. Grid Consumption

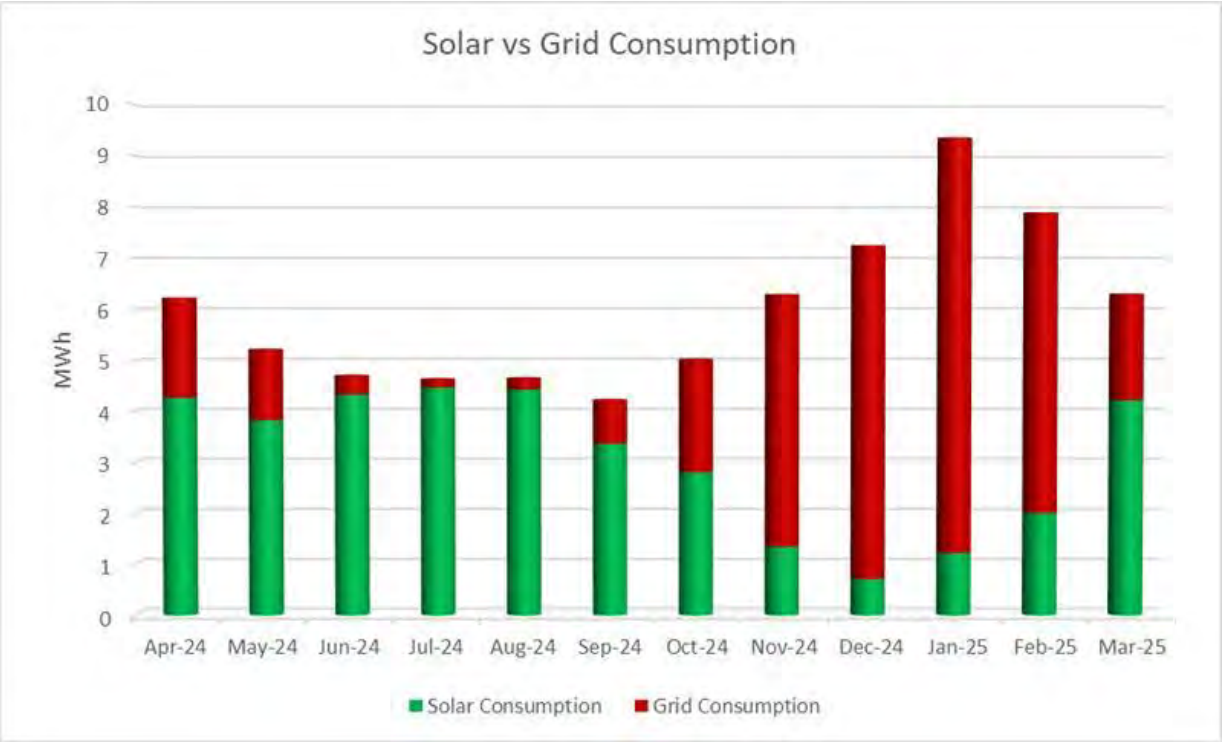


Figure A1: The above graph examines the average monthly electricity consumption of Pierpoint House. A larger proportion of solar electricity is produced in the summer months; however, the Grid is always used throughout the year. Grid energy is consumed more often in the winter months when solar energy production is less readily available.

1.6 Total Solar Electricity Production: Pierpoint House

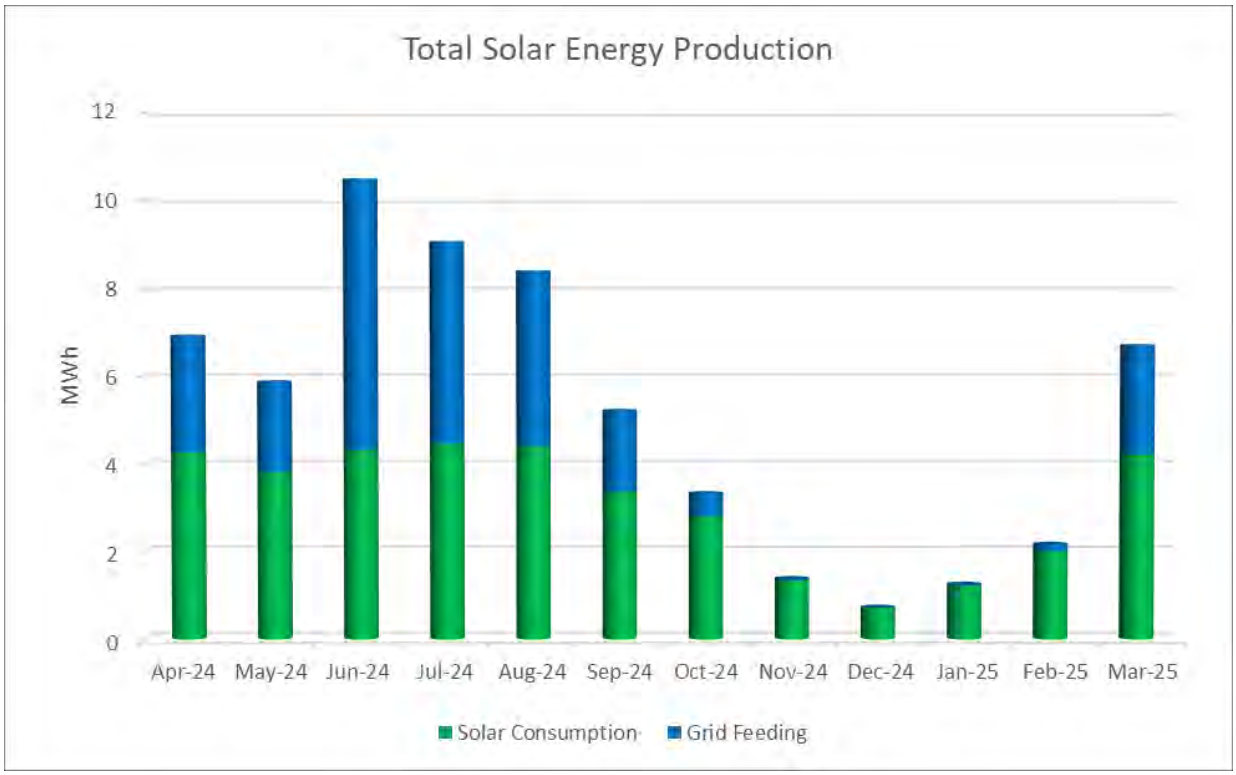
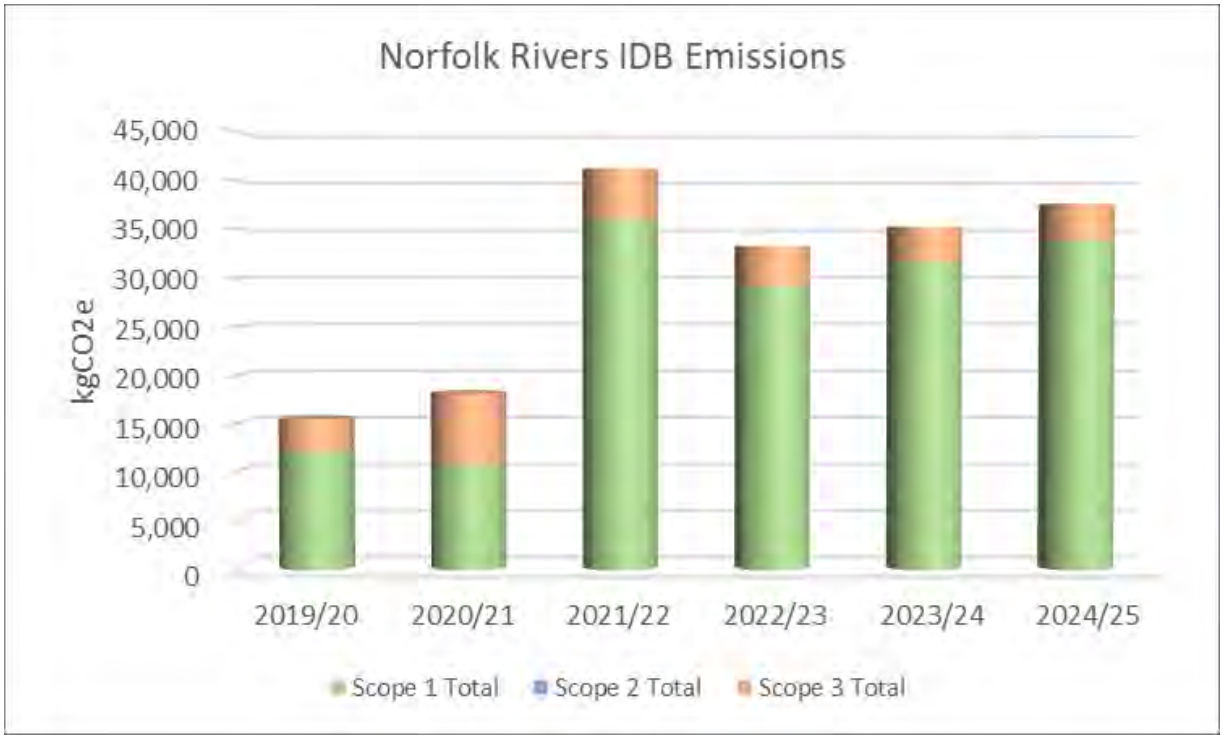


Figure A2: The graph shows the total electricity produced by the solar panels at Pierpoint House. The green bands illustrate the average monthly quantities of solar electricity used by the office. The blue bands indicate the quantity of electricity fed back into the grid.

APPENDIX 3: NORFOLK RIVERS IDB

1.1 Summary

The data shows that overall, Carbon Emissions in 2024/25 are 142% higher compared to our baseline year of 2019/20, an increase of 22.1 tCO2e. The emissions are 7% higher compared to 2023/24, an increase of 2.4 tCO2e.



1.2 Results

Scope 1

- Overall Emissions 7% higher (increase 2.2 of tCO2e) in 2024/25 than 2023/24, 177% higher (increase of 21.6 tCO2e) than 2019/20 baseline year.
- This is largely due to diesel use in fleet vehicles as the company's workforce expands.

Scope 2

- No Emissions as there are no Pumping Stations or offices

Scope 3

- Overall Emissions 3% higher (increase of 0.1 tCO2e) in 2024/25 than 2023/24, 13% higher (increase of 0.4 tCO2e) than 2019/20 baseline year.

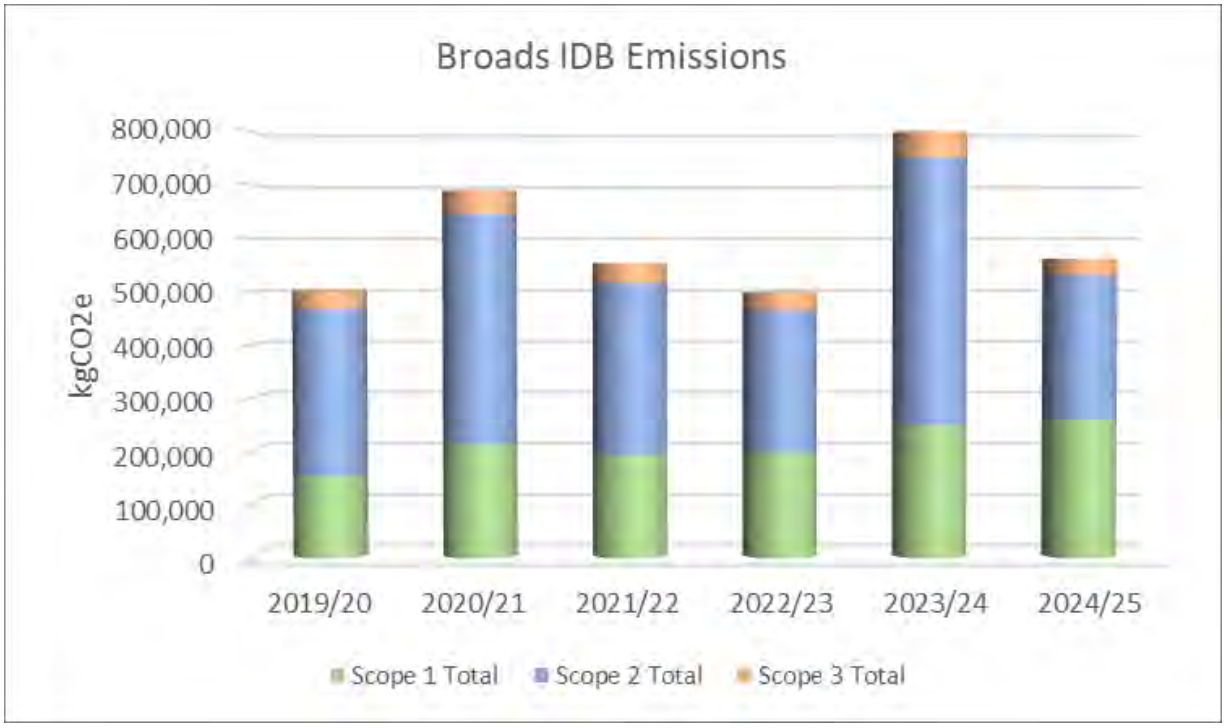
1.3 Data

		Norfolk Rivers IDB kgCO2e Emissions					
Scope 1 - Direct Emissions		2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Fuel in Fleet Vehicles	White Diesel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7,914.0	13,567.7
	Unleaded	0.0	0.0	108.8	99.4	0.0	109.5
	Red Diesel	12,194.0	10,959.3	35,273.8	29,068.3	23,633.9	20,150.3
	Bio Oil	0.0	0.0	550.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Gas	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Small Tools / Others	Unleaded						
	White Diesel						
	Red Diesel						
Offices	Oil	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Air con flouros	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pumping Station	Red Diesel Pump Engines or Generators	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Unleaded	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	39.8	
Scope 2 - Indirect Emissions							
Electricity Emissions	Offices	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Pumping Station	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Scope 3 - Other Indirect Emissions							
Electricty T&D Losses	Electricty T&D Losses	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Business Travel	Private Car Business travel	3,345.4	7,195.3	5,280.1	4,092.9	3,641.3	3,766.9
	Rail	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Flying	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Water Supply / Treatment	Water Supply	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Water treatment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Waste / recycling	Waste	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Recycling	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	TOTAL	**15,539.4**	**18,154.7**	**41,212.8**	**33,260.6**	**35,229.0**	**37,594.4**
Scope 1 Total		**12,194.0**	**10,959.3**	**35,932.7**	**29,167.7**	**31,587.7**	**33,827.5**
Scope 2 Total		**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**
Scope 3 Total		**3,345.4**	**7,195.3**	**5,280.1**	**4,092.9**	**3,641.3**	**3,766.9**
% Change from Baseline year 2019/20							**142**
% Change from 2023/24							**7**

APPENDIX 4: BROADS IDB

1.1 Summary

The data shows that overall, Carbon Emissions in 2024/25 are 12% higher compared to our baseline year of 2019/20, an increase of 59.7 tCO2e. The emissions are 30% lower compared to 2023/24, a decrease of 238.1 tCO2e.



1.2 Results

Scope 1

- Overall Emissions 4% higher (an increase of 9.7 tCO2e) in 2024/25 than 2023/24, 67% higher (increase of 104.5 tCO2e) than 2019/20 baseline year.
- Increased white and red diesel use due to rechargeable works for EA and CPE, this is increasing Scope 1 emissions from the baseline year and is likely to continue to do so as workload increases.

Scope 2

- Overall Emissions 46% lower (a decrease of 228.2 tCO2e) in 2024/25 than 2023/24, 13% lower (decrease of 42 tCO2e) than 2019/20 baseline year.

Scope 3

- Overall Emissions 39% lower (a decrease of 19.6 tCO2e) in 2024/25 than 2023/24, 8% lower (decrease of 2.8 tCO2e) than 2019/20 baseline year.

1.3 Data

		Broads IDB kgCO2e Emissions					
Scope 1 - Direct Emissions		2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Fuel in Fleet Vehicles	White Diesel	78,842.3	78,093.9	86,688.6	79,281.6	76,594.4	86,874.9
	Unleaded	110.4	324.2	0.0	0.0	69.0	261.3
	Red Diesel	76,134.9	129,937.4	107,308.4	118,083.8	136,214.3	171,810.8
	Bio Oil	0.0	0.0	0.0	137.5	0.0	0.0
	Gas	0.0	13.7	13.7	12.2	0.0	0.0
Small Tools / Others	Unleaded	211.7	189.1	95.7	253.0	588.8	221.8
	White Diesel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	696.3	99.0
	Red Diesel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	184.9	316.7
Offices	Oil	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Air con flouros	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pumping Station	Red Diesel Pump Engines or Generators	0.0	4,644.1	0.0	0.0	35,697.8	
	Unleaded	11.0	351.4	100.5	83.1	100.5	221.8
Scope 2 - Indirect Emissions							
Electricity Emissions	Offices	4,998.4	5,909.3	5,899.8	3,941.3	3,737.9	7,800.2
	Pumping Station	307,936.8	426,210.1	315,918.2	263,949.0	495,439.7	263,168.0
Scope 3 - Other Indirect Emissions							
Electricty T&D Losses	Electricty T&D Losses	26,526.1	37,184.5	28,842.2	24,506.0	43,213.8	23,949.4
Business Travel	Private Car Business travel	6,932.9	6,760.8	7,789.2	7,442.0	7,044.9	6,729.7
	Rail	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Flying	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Water Supply / Treatment	Water Supply	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Water treatment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Waste / recycling	Waste	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Recycling	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	TOTAL	**501,704.6**	**689,618.6**	**552,656.2**	**497,689.5**	**799,582.5**	**561,453.8**
Scope 1 Total		**155,310.4**	**213,553.8**	**194,206.9**	**197,851.2**	**250,146.1**	**259,806.5**
Scope 2 Total		**312,935.2**	**432,119.5**	**321,818.0**	**267,890.3**	**499,177.7**	**270,968.2**
Scope 3 Total		**33,459.1**	**43,945.3**	**36,631.4**	**31,948.1**	**50,258.7**	**30,679.1**
% Change from Baseline year 2019/20							**12**
% Change from 2023/24							**-30**

APPENDIX 5: WAVENEY, LOWER YARE & LOTHINGLAND IDB

1.1 Summary

The data shows that overall, Carbon Emissions in 2024/25 are 48% lower compared to our baseline year of 2019/20, a reduction of 107.3 tCO2e. The emissions are 49% lower compared to 2023/24, a reduction of 111.8 tCO2e.

1.2 Results

Scope 1

- This is the third year there have been Scope 1 Emissions. These Emissions are 371% higher (increase of 0.1 tCO2e) in 2024/25 than 2023/24.
- This reflects the use of petrol used in hand tools. The values are so low, they are not visible on the above graph, however the extreme percentage increase reflects only 71 litres of unleaded petrol in total, equivalent to approximately 0.15tCO2e.

Scope 2

- Overall Emissions 49% lower (a decrease of 103.2 tCO2e) in 2024/25 than 2023/24, 48% lower (a decrease of 99.4 tCO2e) than 2019/20 baseline year.
- Electricity lower in 2024/25 due to drier conditions than that in the previous year and a substantial decrease from the baseline, likely due to more efficient use of Pumping Stations.

Scope 3

- Overall Emissions 48% lower (a decrease of 8.7 tCO2e) in 2024/25 than 2023/24, 46% lower (a decrease of 8 tCO2e) than 2019/20 baseline year.

The Scope 3 reduction is base solely on electricity transmission and distribution losses.

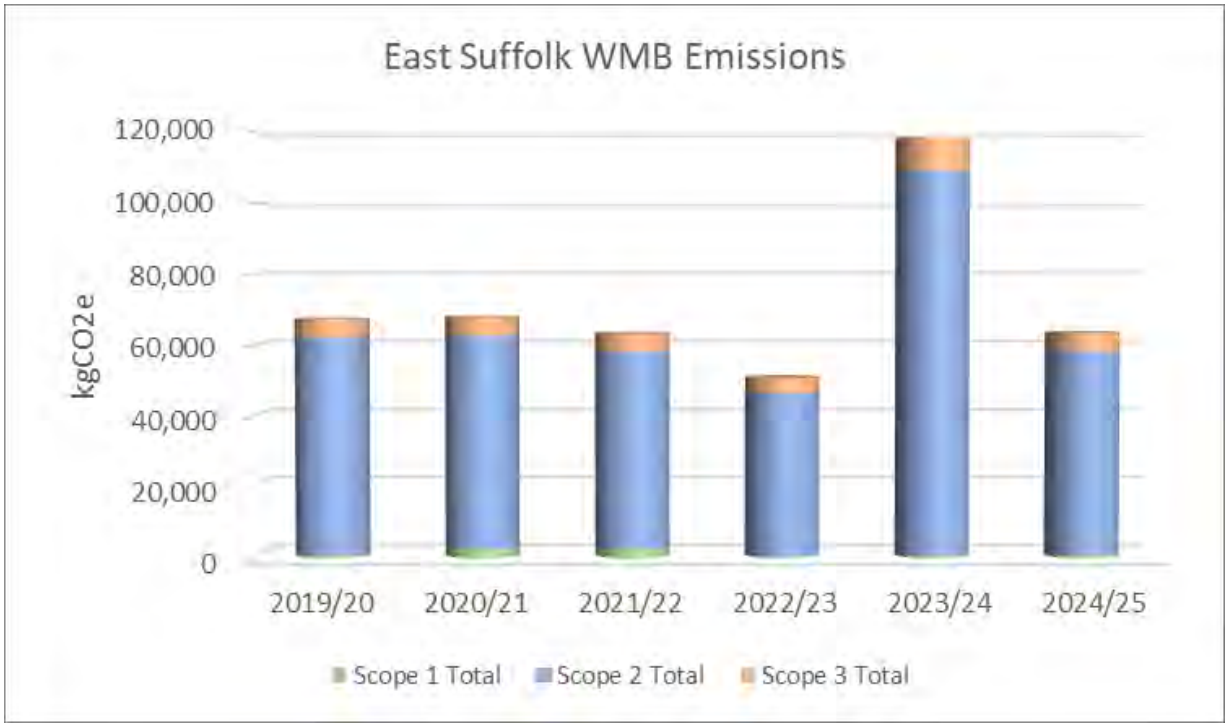
1.3 Data

		Waveney, Lower Yare & Lothingland IDB kgCO2e Emissions					
Scope 1 - Direct Emissions		2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Fuel in Fleet Vehicles	White Diesel	0.0	0.0	0.0	187.8	0.0	0.0
	Unleaded	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	39.8	187.4
	Red Diesel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Bio Oil	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Gas	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Small Tools / Others	Unleaded						
	White Diesel						
	Red Diesel						
Offices	Oil	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Air con flouros	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pumping Station	Red Diesel Pump Engines or Generators	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Unleaded	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Scope 2 - Indirect Emissions							
Electricity Emissions	Offices	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Pumping Station	207,825.7	189,153.8	172,105.6	100,458.0	211,574.3	108,380.1
Scope 3 - Other Indirect Emissions							
Electricty T&D Losses	Electricty T&D Losses	17,616.5	16,277.0	15,424.6	9,189.7	18,316.0	9,579.1
Business Travel	Private Car Business travel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Rail	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Flying	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Water Supply / Treatment	Water Supply	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Water treatment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Waste / recycling	Waste	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Recycling	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	TOTAL	**225,442.1**	**205,430.8**	**187,530.2**	**109,835.5**	**229,930.1**	**118,146.6**
Scope 1 Total		**0.0**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**187.8**	**39.8**	**187.4**
Scope 2 Total		**207,825.7**	**189,153.8**	**172,105.6**	**100,458.0**	**211,574.3**	**108,380.1**
Scope 3 Total		**17,616.5**	**16,277.0**	**15,424.6**	**9,189.7**	**18,316.0**	**9,579.1**
% Change from Baseline year 2019/20							**-48**
% Change from 2023/24							**-49**

APPENDIX 6: EAST SUFFOLK WMB

1.1 Summary

The data shows that overall, Carbon Emissions in 2024/25 are 6% lower compared to our baseline year of 2019/20, a decrease of 3.9 tCO2e. The emissions are 46% lower compared to 2023/24, a reduction of 54.8 tCO2e.



1.2 Results

Scope 1

- Overall Emissions 41% higher (an increase of 0.3 tCO2e) in 2024/25 than 2023/24, 41% higher (an increase of 0.2 tCO2e) than 2019/20 baseline year.
- The values are so low, it is not visible on the above graph.

Scope 2

- Overall Emissions 47% lower (a decrease of 50.8 tCO2e) in 2024/25 than 2023/24, 6% lower (a decrease of 4 tCO2e) than 2019/20 baseline year.

Scope 3

- Overall Emissions 46% lower (a decrease of 4.3 tCO2e) in 2024/25 than 2023/24, 3% lower (a decrease of 0.1 tCO2e) than 2019/20 baseline year.

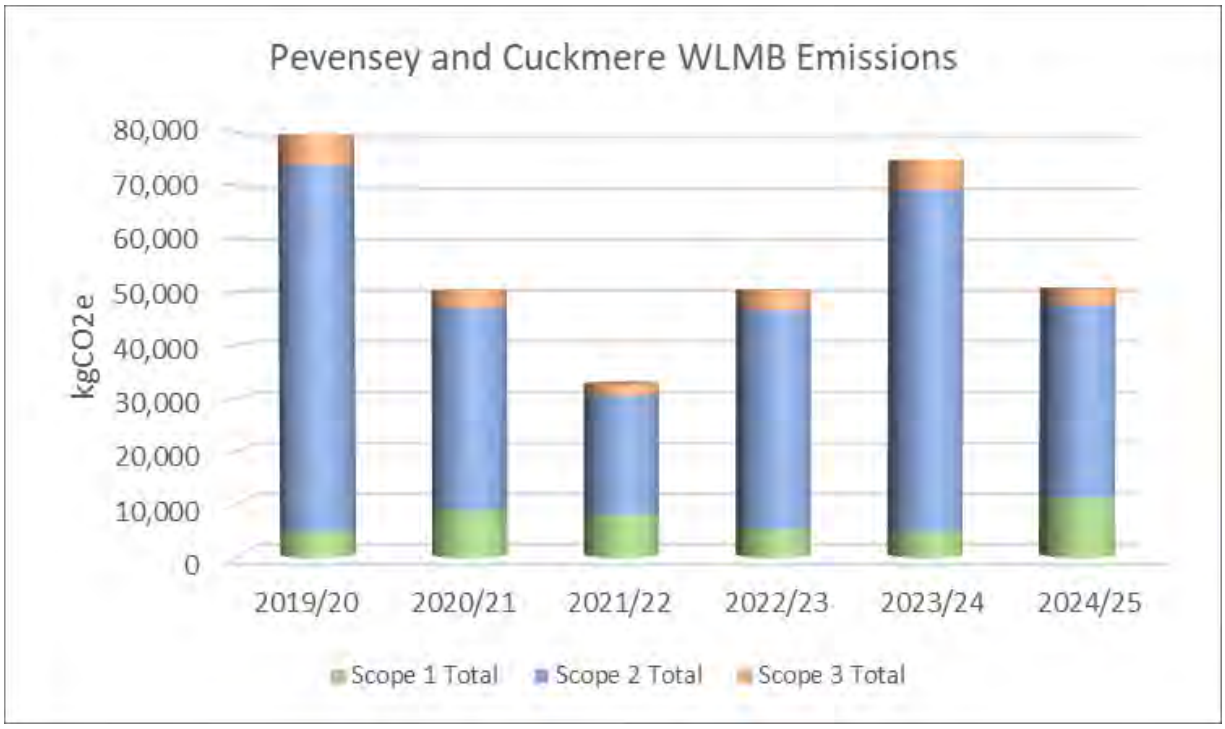
1.3 Data

		East Suffolk WMB kgCO2e Emissions					
Scope 1 - Direct Emissions		2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Fuel in Fleet Vehicles	White Diesel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Unleaded	503.6	270.2	342.9	386.4	507.2	759.8
	Red Diesel	132.4	2,258.6	2,209.6	0.0	102.1	102.0
	Bio Oil	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Gas	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.0	0.0	0.0
Small Tools / Others	Unleaded						
	White Diesel						
	Red Diesel						
Offices	Oil	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Air con flouros	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pumping Station	Red Diesel Pump Engines or Generators	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Unleaded	0.0	10.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Scope 2 - Indirect Emissions							
Electricity Emissions	Offices	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Pumping Station	61,511.9	60,152.7	55,745.2	46,128.7	108,323.6	57,517.8
Scope 3 - Other Indirect Emissions							
Electricty T&D Losses	Electricty T&D Losses	5,214.1	5,176.2	4,996.0	4,219.8	9,377.6	5,083.7
Business Travel	Private Car Business travel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Rail	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Flying	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Water Supply / Treatment	Water Supply	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Water treatment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Waste / recycling	Waste	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Recycling	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	TOTAL	**67,362.0**	**67,868.5**	**63,293.8**	**50,745.8**	**118,310.5**	**63,463.3**
Scope 1 Total		**636.0**	**2,539.6**	**2,552.5**	**397.4**	**609.3**	**861.8**
Scope 2 Total		**61,511.9**	**60,152.7**	**55,745.2**	**46,128.7**	**108,323.6**	**57,517.8**
Scope 3 Total		**5,214.1**	**5,176.2**	**4,996.0**	**4,219.8**	**9,377.6**	**5,083.7**
% Change from Baseline year 2019/20							**-6**
% Change from 2023/24							**-46**

APPENDIX 7: PEVENSEY & CUCKMERE WLMB

1.1 Summary

The data shows that overall, Carbon Emissions in 2024/25 are 36% lower compared to our baseline year of 2019/20, a reduction of 28.9 tCO2e. The emissions are 32% lower compared to 2023/24, a decrease of 24.1 tCO2e.



1.2 Results

Scope 1

- Overall Emissions 133% higher (an increase of 6.5 tCO2e) in 2024/25 than 2023/24, 133% higher (an increase of 6.4 tCO2e) than 2019/20 baseline year.
- Scope 1 emissions have increased over all years due to the fuel required for plant hire usage for works undertaken on the River Cuckmere in 2024.

Scope 2

- Overall Emissions 44% lower (a decrease of 28.2 tCO2e) in 2024/25 than 2023/24, 47% lower (a reduction of 32.6 tCO2e) than 2019/20 baseline year.

Scope 3

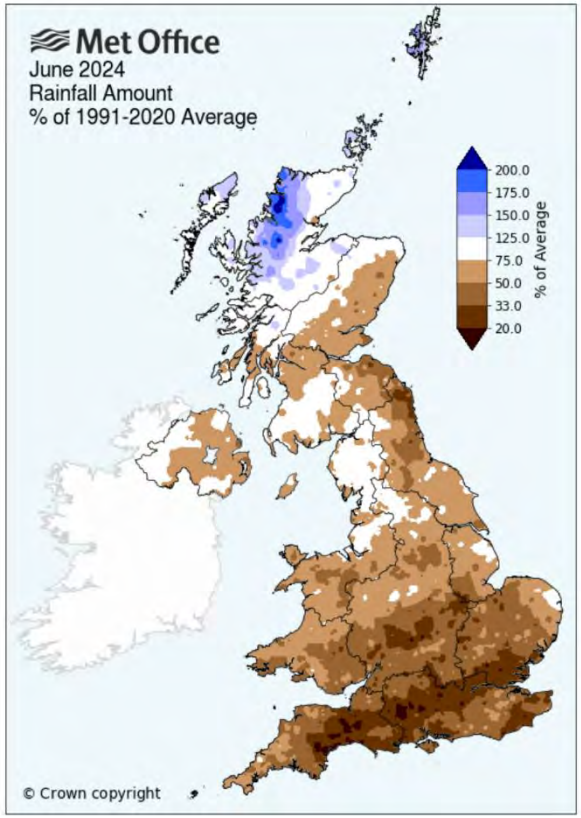
- Overall Emissions 43% lower (a decrease of 2.4 tCO2e) in 2024/25 than 2023/24, 45% lower (a reduction of 2.6 tCO2e) than 2019/20 baseline year.

1.3 Data

		Pevensey WLMB kgCO2e Emissions					
Scope 1 - Direct Emissions		2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Fuel in Fleet Vehicles	White Diesel	4,891.3	8,799.7	8,028.5	5,358.1	4,600.1	11,214.2
	Unleaded	0.0	78.6	106.4	0.0	248.9	93.3
	Red Diesel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Bio Oil	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Gas	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Small Tools / Others	Unleaded						
	White Diesel						
	Red Diesel						
Offices	Oil	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Air con flouros	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pumping Station	Red Diesel Pump Engines or Generators	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Unleaded	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Scope 2 - Indirect Emissions							
Electricity Emissions	Offices	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Pumping Station	68,848.0	38,135.7	22,459.4	41,269.3	64,383.4	36,210.5
Scope 3 - Other Indirect Emissions							
Electricty T&D Losses	Electricty T&D Losses	5,835.9	3,281.6	2,012.9	3,775.2	5,573.7	3,200.4
Business Travel	Private Car Business travel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Rail	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Flying	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Water Supply / Treatment	Water Supply	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Water treatment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Waste / recycling	Waste	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Recycling	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	TOTAL	**79,575.3**	**50,295.6**	**32,607.1**	**50,402.6**	**74,806.0**	**50,718.4**
Scope 1 Total		**4,891.3**	**8,878.3**	**8,134.8**	**5,358.1**	**4,849.0**	**11,307.5**
Scope 2 Total		**68,848.0**	**38,135.7**	**22,459.4**	**41,269.3**	**64,383.4**	**36,210.5**
Scope 3 Total		**5,835.9**	**3,281.6**	**2,012.9**	**3,775.2**	**5,573.7**	**3,200.4**
% Change from Baseline year 2019/20							**-36**
% Change from 2023/24							**-32**

APPENDIX 8: Maps showing anomalies relative to a 1991-2020 reference period for precipitation (%) The darker shading indicates the greater departure from average. Credit: Met Office, Exeter, UK.

Rainfall 1991 - 2020 anomaly
June 2024



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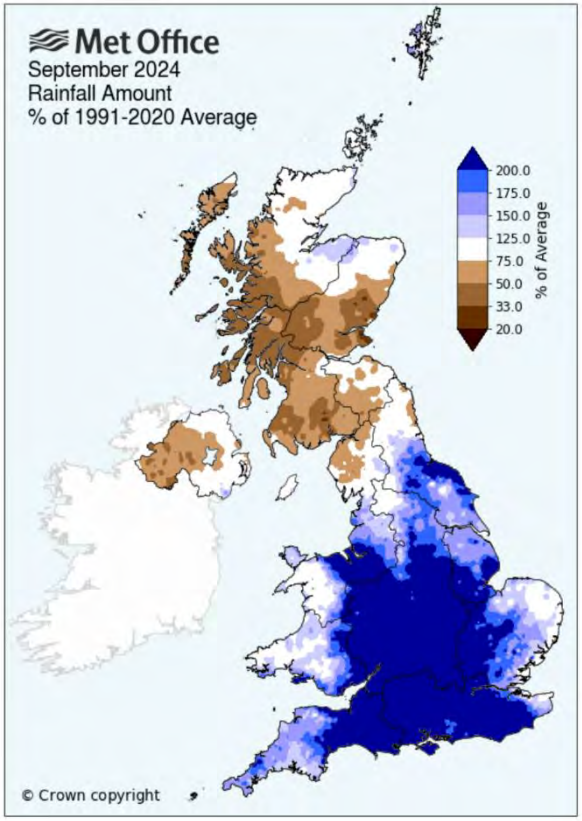
September 2024



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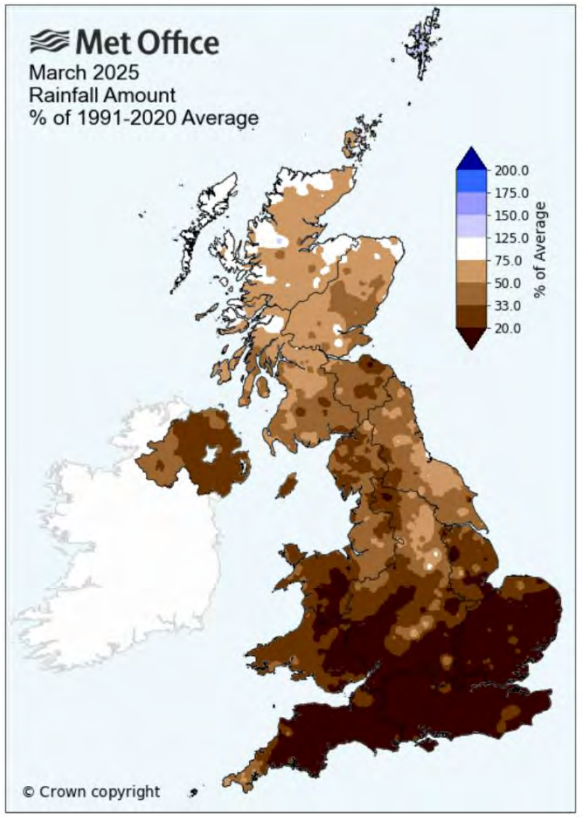
March 2025



Carbon Management Plan 2024-2025

This document sits alongside the Water Management Alliance's Carbon Report which sets out the emissions data of greenhouse gases produced by the actions of the WMA to form an annual comparison and identify any reductions or increases in each Boards' consumption, usage and subsequent emissions.

NB: **green** = complete, **orange** = ongoing

Review of Scope 1 (Fuel Plan)- Short Term 2024-2025

Update plant replacement policies to ensure all fleet replacements consider zero emission alternatives where possible and practicable	• At the ADA Demo in 2023, a discussion was had with JCB where the company was asked about successes of low carbon plant. It was considered by officers that there were no real viable inroads to this until at least 2030. • HVO conversion not likely until uncertainty of production processes and increased palm oil derivatives has been resolved. • Boards and operation teams need to be sure of what technology is working successfully and efficiently
Write to all subcontractors highlighting that carbon footprint will be a specific element for scoring at next tender period.	• This is included in the quality element of the Tender. We have a list of local contractors who are close by and will provide a local service, minimising carbon emissions.
Prioritise contracts to local businesses where reasonable, to minimise travel carbon emissions	• As above. Value and quality are both considered important in choosing which businesses to provide a service.
Remain fully engaged with the fleet industry regarding the changes in technology for carbon improvements	• Ongoing as plant and vehicles are replace on a standard cycle. The policy allows for replacement ahead of this if another factor dictated significant benefit of doing so.
Update plant replacement policies to ensure all new fleet replacements consider extending replacement cycle to align with the next Euro Engine standard - ensuring we always prioritise the cleanest technology in the replacement decision	• NRIDB and BIDB currently looking at excavator replacement using UK company ie. JCB as better for breakdowns and servicing, using UK parts and maintenance contracts. • Euro standards for efficient engines are considered. Euro Standard 7 may come into production in November 2026. This will be considered for the plant replacements for 2027-2028.
Trial new MEICA camera & telemetry system including remote management, control and automation to reduce vehicle movements	• MEICA camera and telemetry remote management has been achieved at many sites within the WMA. This was achieved by the attainment of Tranche Funding.

Review of Scope 2 (Electricity) – Short-term

We will write and agree renewable energy policies with our respective boards which support the implementation and installation of green energy infrastructure. We will use this policy to justify the capital implementation of green energy infrastructure, as part of our asset replacement programme.	• Solar Panels are installed at Pierpoint House and have recently been deployed at Foxes Lowe Rd depot. • Pierpoint consumed 37.04MW from solar panel and this is 70.5% of its energy use. This saved 12.8 tonnes of Greenhouse gas emissions in 2024-2025.
	• Recent SHIDB meeting has asked officers to consider further solar panel arrays at pumping stations. This is currently being investigated by the SHIDB Engineer, and outcomes will be reported to the SHIDB Board and to the WMA for any future considerations, if appropriate.
Undertake detailed research on sleeving agreements, such that we can fully utilise these as our assets are replaced and energy policies are implemented.	• This has been investigated and deemed inappropriate for the type and size of IDB assets.
Build pumping station replacement business cases around estate decarbonisation, maximising opportunities for newer, more efficient assets and green energy infrastructure.	• We continue to consider opportunities for combining catchments eg. Norton and Raveningham are now a combined asset base. And the designs are all more efficient than existing stations. • Project team remain engaged to look for these opportunities.
Review all PS run protocols to ensure settings ensure the most energy efficient running periods are being selected	• Completed

Review of Scope 3 (Business Travel/ Waste/Recycling)

Support for cycling to work scheme and other low carbon salary sacrifice schemes to be reviewed	• Currently being investigated by Business Support and will be discussed at staff meeting
Continue to find facilities to enable all board meetings to become Hybrid	• 6 out of 7 boards have hybrid facilities
We will not produce any paper board reports or rate demands unless specifically requested	• Rate demands legally require to be sent out by post. • Board reports are not now printed unless specifically asked for by board members. • 88.6% of board meetings (Board members and officers) are on electronic reports only. With only 11.4% of packs fully printed as paper copies.

Provide EV charging points at IDB office and depot locations where appropriate	• EV charging facilities up and running at Pierpoint House. • Other sites will be looked at over time as more staff acquire electric vehicles.
Develop scope 3 reporting arrangements	• Scope 3 reporting arrangements will remain as they are for the duration of the 5-year carbon management plan. This has been considered, as Scope 3 emissions have been calculated in the same way since the baseline was established in 2019/20. Future changes and scrutiny of Scope 3 data will likely require more officer time and importantly will prevent appropriate baseline comparisons to be made with annual results. • A further consideration of scope 3 emissions will be once again post-2030.
We will review flexible work schedules to allow employees to combine business trips or schedule meetings more efficiently, reducing the overall number of trips required	• Car sharing happening regularly. • Combined trips to sites happening eg. Board meetings and then site visit. This has also been highlighted at a recent staff meeting.

Review of Carbon Sequestration Offsetting and Biodiversity

Develop our knowledge and understanding of how income can be generated from these initiatives, such that we can either understand how to use our own land or to advise (at a high level) when required.	• Arrangements have been made to discuss this topic with the IDB Estates officer to better understand the options available to the Boards for carbon offsetting and biodiversity initiatives.
Full review of all board owned land, to enable the carbon reduction options to be reviewed (tree planting, wetting up, re-wilding, etc) "	• We understand where Board owned land is in Broads, King's Lynn and South Holland IDDs. Norfolk Rivers does not own any land, Waveney and East Suffolk have land around pumping stations. Still require other Boards' land ownership information to be able make informed decisions on potential areas for biodiversity enhancement carbon sequestration or offsetting.
Investigate sites and work with partners to identify where the installation of structures to support peatland restoration would be suitable and obtain opportunistic grants to complete this work	• Working with Broads Authority on peatland wetting and paludiculture. • Installation of peat cameras on broadland with LAPSIP funding. • Further work to be investigated on future projects.

Review of Capital Projects Short Term 2024-2025

Ensure the designs being completed by our consultants and contractors	• As part of the project design being completed, carbon is a major consideration. • Choosing the correct pump, type and size for the catchment conditions reduces operational carbon and electricity usage.

consider low carbon options as standard	• Embodied carbon in the station is minimised through effective and detailed civil engineering design processes. • The option which will be approved will be the best value for money based on Treasury Rules.
Include renewables as part of our OBCs where possible to secure funding	• Renewables have been considered and determined to be impractical for the requirements of the stations being built. Grid policy and electrical requirements of the stations do not present balanced business case. Therefore, the purchasing of renewable power is to be our focus post construction.

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