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## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Pevensey and Cuckmere Water Level Management Board held in 'Cornfield' The Locker Room, College Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4JJ on Thursday, 16 January 2024 at 10.00 am. To join this meeting via MS Teams, please click here.

If any member of the public would like to join the general business session, please contact the Business Support Team via email at <a href="mailto:business.support@wlma.org.uk">business.support@wlma.org.uk</a> before 3.00 pm on Monday, 15 January 2024.

## **AGENDA**

- 1. Welcome and Apologies for absence
- 2. Declarations of Interest
- 3. To confirm the minutes of the last Board meeting held on 07 November 2023 (*Pages 3-11*)
- 4. Matters arising from the minutes, not covered elsewhere on the agenda
- 5. To co-opt Lance Gearing as a Board member to represent agricultural drainage ratepayers in the Board's Combe Haven Electoral Division
- 6. To consider and approve:
  - Health and Safety Report (Pages 12-14)
  - Capital Works Programme Overview & Project Development Report (Pages 15-16)
  - Operations Report (Pages 17-25)
  - Environmental Report (Pages 26-30)
  - Sustainable Development Report (Pages 31-39)
- 7. To consider and approve the Financial Report for the period 01 April 2023 to 31 December 2023 (*Pages 40-47*)
- 8. To consider and approve the capital and maintenance works programmes for 2024/25, as financed by Option 1 in the Rate Estimates for 2024/25 (*Pages 48-50*)

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Bill Gower (Chairman) Chris Wadman (Vice-Chairman)

Phil Camamile (Clerk)

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- 9. To consider and approve the Rate Estimates (Budgets) for 2024/25, together with the recommendations arising from the Chairman's Committee meeting held virtually, on 04 January 2024 (*Pages 51-59*)
- 10. To Lay and Seal the Drainage Rates and Special Levies for 2024/25
- 11. To consider and approve the WMA's Annual Carbon Report for 2022/23 <u>Click Here</u> and the WMA's Carbon Management Plan to halve carbon emissions by 2030 <u>Click Here</u> (*Pages 60-97*)
- 12. IDB/EA liaison update
- 13. To consider and approve any material changes to the Risk Register for those risks with a risk assessment matrix score of ≥ 6 *(Pages 98-105)*
- 14. To review any complaints and other feedback received since the last Board meeting (*Page 106*)
- 15. Date, Time and Type of next meeting: Tuesday 18 June 2024 at 10.00 am
- 16. Any other business
- 17. Open Forum: to hear from any member of the public, with leave of the Chairman

## 18. **CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

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

- 18.1 To confirm the confidential minutes of the special meeting held on 13 December 2023 (*Pages 107-111*)
- 18.2 Matters arising from the confidential minutes, not covered elsewhere on the agenda
- 18.3 To elect two members and one substitute member to represent the Board on the Consortium Management Committee until 31 October 2026
- 18.4 To consider and approve the opening of a Natwest Bank account, in line with all other Boards in the WMA Group
- 18.5 To consider and approve the Arrangements for dealing with the Code of Conduct Complaints and delegate authority to the Consortium Management Committee to deal with all matters relating to members' conduct and standards under the Members Code of Conduct, including oversight of the management of complaints under the Code of Conduct and in accordance with the Arrangements (*Pages 112-122*)
- 18.6 Any other confidential business