

20 January 2026

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Pevensey and Cuckmere WLMB held in the Orwell Room at the Welcome Building, Compton Street, Eastbourne, BN21 4BP on Tuesday, 27 January 2026 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 meeting, please contact Business Support via email at business.support@wlma.org.uk before 4.00 pm on Monday, 26 January 2026.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of Interest
3. To confirm the minutes of the last Board meeting held on 14 October 2025 (**Pages 3 - 9**)
4. Matters arising from the minutes, not covered elsewhere on the agenda
5. To consider and approve:
 - Health and Safety Report (**Page 10**)
 - Project Development and Capital Projects Report (**Pages 11 - 14**)
 - Operations Report (**Pages 15 - 18**)
 - Environmental Report (**Pages 19 - 21**)
 - Sustainable Development Report (**Pages 22 - 26**)
6. To consider and approve the Financial Report for the period 01 April 2025 to 30 November 2025 (**Pages 27 - 32**)
7. To consider and approve the Rate Estimates (Budgets) for 2026/27 and the Capital and Maintenance Works Programmes for 2026/27 (as financed by Option 1 in the Rate Estimates), together with the recommendations arising from the Chairman's Committee meeting held virtually on 15 January 2026 (**Pages 32 - 44**)
8. To Lay and Seal the Drainage Rates and Special Levies for 2026/27
9. IDB/EA Liaison Update
10. To review the Board's performance for 2025/26 and approve the Board's objectives for 2026/27 (**Pages 45 - 49**)

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Bill Gower (Chairman)

Chris Wadman (Vice-Chairman)

Marcus Coleman (Clerk)

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11. To consider and approve any material changes to the Risk Register for those risks with a risk assessment matrix score of ≥ 6 (**Pages 50 - 57**)
12. To review any official complaints, correspondence and other feedback received since the last Board meeting (**Page 58**)
13. To receive the Main River De-maining Priorities briefing paper (**Pages 59 - 66**)
14. Date, Time, and Type of next meeting: Tuesday, 16 June 2026, 10.00 am, to be held face to face in the David White Hall, Hellingly Community Hub and digitally via the Teams link.
15. Any other business
16. Open Forum: to hear from any member of the public, with leave of the Chairman

17. **CONSORTIUM MATTERS**

- 17.1. To receive the unconfirmed minutes and report extracts from the Consortium Management Committee (CMC) meeting held on 05 December 2025, to view [Click here](#)
 - Unconfirmed minutes of the meeting
 - WMA Schedule of Paid Accounts for the period 01 September 2025 to 31 October 2025
 - WMA Group's Portfolio of Capital Work as at 21 November 2025
 - WMA Group's Communication Report for the period 01 September 2025 to 31 October 2025
- 17.2 To consider and approve the WMA Projected Out-turns for 2025/26 and the Estimates for 2026/27 (**Pages 67 - 74**)
- 17.3 To consider and approve the following WMA policies due for review (**Page 75**):
 - Supplementary Guidance: Managing Procurement and Conflicts of Interest Policy
 - WMA Arterial Infrastructure Policy (previously named: Supplementary Guidance for Adoption and Abandonment of Watercourses)
- 17.4 To consider and approve the Catchment Services Report (**Pages 76 - 79**)
- 17.5 To consider and approve the WMA Annual Carbon Report for 2024/25 (**Pages 80 - 109**)
- 17.6 To apprise Board Representatives of any specific matter relating to the WMA for discussion at the next CMC meeting on 24 April 2026

18. **CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

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

- 18.1 To confirm the confidential minutes of the last Board meeting held on 14 October 2025 (**Pages 110 - 111**)
- 18.2 Matters arising from the confidential minutes, not covered elsewhere on the agenda
- 18.3 To receive the unconfirmed confidential minutes of and reports for the last CMC meeting held on 05 December 2025 (**Pages 112 - 114**)
- 18.4 Any other confidential business