

A HYBRID MEETING OF THE SOUTH HOLLAND INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD WAS HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM AT MARSH REEVES, FOXES LOWE ROAD, HOLBEACH, PE12 7PA AND VIRTUALLY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 05 AUGUST 2025 AT 10.30 AM.

Elected Members		Appointed Members	
		South Holland DC	
*	S Bartlett	*	A Beal
	C Dring	*	A Casson
	J Grundy	*	N Chapman
	A Hay		P Foyster
*	S Markillie		P Redgate
	J Perowne		E Sneath
*	I Stancer	*	T Sneath
*	S Taylor	*	J Tyrrell
*	R Thompson	*	D Wilkinson
*	D Worth		Vacancy
		Jointly Appointed	
		Vacancy	
*	Present		
*v	Present via Teams	*/v	Total Present (57%)

D Worth in the Chair

In attendance:

*Cathryn Brady (Head of Catchment Services), *Katie Byrne (Business Support Officer), *Phil Camamile (Chief Executive), *vCharlotte Hipkin (Environmental Officer), *Sallyanne Jeffrey (Chief Financial Officer), Georgina Nichols (FCERM Programme Manager), and *Karl Vines (Area Manager, South Holland)

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57/25	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
57/25/01	The Chairman welcomed Charlotte Hipkin (Environmental Officer) to the meeting, Charlotte was attending the meeting via Teams on behalf of Caroline Laburn.	
57/25/02	Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Chris Dring, Paul Foyster, Joe Grundy, Andrew Hay, Caroline Laburn (Environmental Manager), Georgina Nichols (FCERM Programme Manager), Julian Perowne, Paul Redgate and Elizabeth Sneath.	
58/25	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	

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58/25/01	There were no declarations of interest declared. RESOLVED that this be noted.	
59/25	MINUTES OF THE LAST BOARD MEETING	
59/25/01	The minutes of the last Board meeting held on 15 May 2025 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Arising therefrom:	
60/25	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES	
60/25/01	Dangerous Occurrence 1, Moulton Chapel (32/25/01)	
	Allan Beal reiterated that he would continue to chase his contact at Anglian Water to provide a copy of the Data Sharing Agreement. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	AB
61/25	MINUTES OF THE LAST JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD'S ANGLING COMMITTEE AND THE HOLBEACH AND DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB	
61/25/01	The recommendations arising from the unconfirmed minutes of the last joint Angling Committee meeting held on 10 June 2025 were considered in detail and approved. There were no matters arising.	
62/25	MINUTES OF THE LAST CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING	
62/25/01	The recommendations arising from the unconfirmed minutes of the last Conservation Committee meeting held on 01 July 2025 were considered in detail and approved. Arising therefrom:	
62/25/02	Letter from Nicholas Watts, Farmer and Conservationist (03/25/01)	
	[Sam Taylor declared an interest and took no part in the discussion]	
	Richard Thompson informed the Board that the Committee had recommended carrying out a trial on the Chairman's land following receipt of correspondence regarding the importance of only cutting drains on one side each year during the IDB maintenance period. It was agreed and thereby RESOLVED to monitor the trial process and report back to the Board accordingly. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	RT
62/25/03	Standard Maintenance Operations (SMO) Review (03/25/04)	

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The updated Standard Maintenance Operations (SMO) Policy Document was considered in detail and approved as per the Conservation Committee recommendation to the Board. The Business Support Officer agreed to circulate the document following the meeting. RESOLVED that this be actioned. [Post meeting note : SMO sent to members on 06/08/2025]	KB
62/25/04 HLS Scheme on the South Holland Main Drain (06/25/01) It was confirmed that October 2028 was the date when the HLS scheme would expire on the Board's land adjacent to the South Holland Main Drain. RESOLVED that this be noted.	
63/25 HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT	
63/25/01 The Health and Safety Report (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book) was considered in detail and approved. Arising therefrom:	
63/25/02 Dangerous Occurrences (1.2.) The Chairman reiterated to the Board that following a dangerous occurrence, the operatives needed to be using the smart farmer app to ensure machinery was safe to use and that health and safety procedures were in place on a daily basis. RESOLVED that this be actioned. 63/25/03 Near Misses (2.) The Chairman believed that not all 'near misses' were being logged and recorded in the report book. It was suggested that re-naming near misses as 'learning events' may encourage the staff to report more incidents. RESOLVED that this be noted.	
64/25 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME OVERVIEW AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT REPORT 64/25/01 The Capital Works Programme Report (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book) was considered in detail and approved. There were no matters arising.	
65/25 PROJECT DELIVERY REPORT	
65/25/01 The Project Delivery Report (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book) was considered in detail and approved. Arising therefrom:	
65/25/02 Exeter Drain North Pipeline and Open Channel Rehabilitation, Clay Lake Pumping Station to Albert Street, Spalding (1.)	

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The Board suggested that the Area Manager meet with Gary Taylor (South Holland District Councillor) to allow him to be briefed on the situation. Anthony Casson agreed to approach Gary Taylor with regard to setting up a meeting with the Area Manager. Work was due to start in February 2026 with initial preparation work commencing in early October 2025. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	AC
65/25/03 Wheatmere Drain Culvert Replacement, Moulton Chapel Road, Cowbit (6.) It was agreed to delegate authority to the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Chairman of the Plant and Development Committee to award the contract between meetings, following receipt of all tenders. Thomas Sneath asked the Area Manager to send him the named contact he was liaising with at Lincolnshire County Council. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	KV
66/25 OPERATIONS REPORT	
66/25/01 The Operations Report (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book) was considered in detail and approved. Arising therefrom:	
66/25/02 Employees (13.) The Area Manager confirmed that one employee had been dismissed since the time of writing the report. RESOLVED that this be noted.	
67/25 ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT	
67/25/01 The Environmental Report (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book) was considered in detail and approved. There were no matters arising.	
68/25 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT REPORT	
68/25/01 The Sustainable Development Report (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book) was considered in detail and approved. Arising therefrom:	
68/25/02 25_31586_C: Byelaw 10 application on Saltney Gate, Saracens Head (2.1.) The Board discussed the application in detail, including the site-specific circumstances as outlined in the Sustainable Development Report. Notably, the Board discussed how the proposals were to build further away from the watercourse than the existing building. Following debate, it was agreed and thereby RESOLVED to approve this application, subject to the Board's standard conditions and specifications as well as the need to maintain a boundary fence to	

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demarcate the area above the pipeline, and a bespoke Deed of Indemnity. RESOLVED that this be noted.	
69/25 SCHEDULE OF PAID ACCOUNTS	
69/25/01 The Schedule of Paid Accounts for the period 1 April 2025 to 30 June 2025, totalling £1,551,392 (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book), was considered in detail and approved for publication on the WMA Group's website. There were no matters arising.	
70/25 FINANCIAL REPORT	
70/25/01 The Financial Report for the period 1 April 2025 to 30 June 2025 was considered in detail and approved, (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book). Arising therefrom:	
70/25/02 The Chairman asked for confirmation of the date of the next Local Government Pension Scheme Triennial Review. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	SJ
71/25 MATERIAL CHANGES TO THE RISK REGISTER	
71/25/01 The Risk Register showing those risks with a risk assessment matrix score of ≥ 6 (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book) was considered in detail and approved. Arising therefrom:	
71/25/02 Risk (1b) Sea Defences The Chairman asked the Area Manager to get a response from the Environment Agency (EA) to establish when they would next be reporting on the condition of the former lines of reclamation. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	KV
72/25 COMPLAINTS, CORRESPONDENCE AND FEEDBACK	
72/25/01 The Complaints and Feedback Register was considered in detail and approved (a copy of which is filed in the Report Book). There had been no other correspondence, complaints or feedback requiring the Board's consideration during this reporting period. RESOLVED that this be noted.	
73/25 DATE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING	
73/25/01 The next full Board meeting would take place at Marsh Reeves, Foxes Lowe Road, Holbeach and via Microsoft Teams, on Tuesday 4 November 2025 at 10:30 am.	

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74/25 CONFIRMATION OF COMMITTEE MEETING DATES	
74/25/01 Committee meeting dates were confirmed as follows: • Performance Committee – 29 September 2025 at 9.00 am • Health and Safety Committee – 15 October 2025 at 9.00 am • Plant and Development Committee – 15 October 2025 at 9.30 am	
75/25 ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
75/25/01 The Area Manager highlighted that the electricity contract was due to expire at the end of March 2026. It was agreed that the Area Manager, Flood Risk Engineer and Chief Financial Officer would arrange for the Broker to provide quotations for 1–3-year fixed term periods on the 01 st September 2025. It was agreed and thereby RESOLVED to delegate authority to the Board Chair and Plant and Development Committee Chair, to award the contracts between meetings, as quotes only lasted for 24 hours. RESOLVED that this be noted.	
76/25 OPEN FORUM: TO HEAR FROM ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WITH LEAVE OF THE CHAIRMAN	
76/25/01 There were no members of the public present at this meeting.	
77/25 CONSORTIUM MATTERS	
77/25/01 Unconfirmed Minutes and Report Extracts	
The unconfirmed minutes and report extracts from the last Consortium Management Committee (CMC) meeting held on 27 June 2025 were considered in detail and noted. Arising therefrom:	
77/25/02 Items for discussion at the next CMC Meeting	
There were no issues raised by members for discussion at the next CMC meeting on 18 September 2025. Should members wish to raise any item for discussion at the next meeting, they should contact any of the Board's representatives: the Chairman and Sam Markillie, or the Chief Executive directly.	
78/25 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS	
78/25/01 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.	

THE JOINT ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH HOLLAND IDB ANGLING COMMITTEE AND HOLBEACH & DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB WAS HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM, MARSH REEVES, FOXES LOWE ROAD, HOLBEACH, ON TUESDAY 10 JUNE 2025 AT 6PM.

Angling Committee

Elected Members

- * Simon Bartlett
- * Joe Grundy
- * Duncan Worth

Appointed Members South Holland DC

- * Paul Foyster
- Paul Redgate

Holbeach and District Angling Club ("the Club")

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| Chris Newton | * Jon Stubbley |
| * Alan Palmer | * Ian Thrower |

- * Present (SHIDB: 80%)

Duncan Worth in the Chair

In attendance:

Katie Byrne (Business Support Officer), Dave Sporton (Working Foreman) and Karl Vines (Area Manager)

ID	Joint Committee, Minute	Action
	01/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
01/25/01	Apologies for absence were received from Phil Camamile, Chief Executive, Dominic Morris (Operations Manager) and Paul Redgate. The Chairman welcomed Joe Grundy to his first meeting of the Angling Committee.	
	02/25 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING	
02/25/01	The minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2024 were approved as a true record and were signed by the Chairman. Arising therefrom:	
02/25/02	Warning Markers (02/24/02)	
	Alan Palmer pointed out that they have been told to install their overhead cable signs 30m from the overhead line, which is a different distance to the Board's marker posts which are at 15m. To reduce the likelihood of damage, it was agreed that the posts for the Angling Club's warning signs should be made of concrete and be tall enough to stand higher than the vegetation growth, so that they can be seen by the Board's operatives when undertaking cutting operations. Alan Palmer would discuss this with National Grid and report back to the Joint Committee. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	AP

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02/25/03 Invasive Species (08/24/01) The Chairman reiterated that the Club must let the Board know if they were aware of any invasive species. The Chairman asked that the Club notify the Board if they located any mink. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	
03/25 HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE	
03/25/01 Alan Palmer reported that any health and safety matters were discussed with the Board's Area Manager and / or the Operations Manager throughout the season. RESOLVED that this be noted.	
03/25/02 Alan Palmer confirmed that all Health & Safety matters were up to date. The Health & Safety Policy and Risk Assessments had been renewed with the next review date of 30 April 2026. Copies of the Risk Assessments and Safe Systems of Work had been provided to the Area Manager. RESOLVED that this be noted.	
03/25/03 Near Misses The Chairman asked that the Club reiterate on their Facebook page that all near misses / slips must be reported to the Board and asked that Alan Palmer gives examples of these for the members. RESOLVED that this is actioned.	AP
03/25/04 Gowts Lane The Committee agreed to compile a letter to the South Holland District Council regarding Gowts Lane to make them aware of the condition of the road as a result of pot holes. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	KV
04/25 TO RECEIVE CONFIRMATION FROM HOLBEACH & DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB OF THEIR INSURANCE POLICY; HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY AND RISK ASSESSMENTS FOR THE 2025/26 SEASON	
04/25/01 A copy of the Club's Insurance Policy covering the period up to 24 October 2025 was received. The Business Support Officer agreed to send a reminder to Alan Palmer when the renewal policy was due, so this could be requested from the Angling Club and submitted to the Board in a timely manner, moving forward. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	KB / AP
04/25/02 Alan Palmer reported that all Risk Assessments (RA's) were up to date, having been reviewed. It was agreed and thereby RESOLVED for the Business Support Officer to copy a full set of the Club Risk Assessments along with the Health and Safety Policy for the Board's records. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	KB
05/25 TO REVIEW THE HOLBEACH AND DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB NIGHT FISHING 2024/25 SEASON AND CONSIDER THE 2025/26 SEASON	

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05/25/01 The Club reported that the 2024/25-night-fishing season had gone well with no complaints being reported to the Committee or the Club. RESOLVED that this be noted.	AP
05/25/02 It was agreed and thereby RESOLVED to allow the Club to continue with their night fishing arrangement during 2025/26, subject to deployment of the usual safeguards.	
06/25 TO CONFIRM THE RENEWAL OF THE FISHING LICENCE FOR THE HOLBEACH & DISTRICT ANGLING CLUB FOR THE YEAR 16 JUNE 2025 TO 15 JUNE 2026	
06/25/01 It was agreed that the fishing licence would be issued and signed to cover the period from 16 June 2025 to 15 June 2026. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	AP/PJC
06/25/02 It was agreed to renew the licence on the same terms as last year. The Club paid the £1 annual licence fee and requested that a receipt be sent to Alan Palmer. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	KB
07/25 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING	
07/25/01 It was agreed and thereby RESOLVED for the Committee and the Angling Club to next meet at 6pm on Tuesday, 09 June 2026, at the Board's Marsh Reeves Office, Foxes Lowe Road, Holbeach, Spalding, Lincs, PE12 7PA. The Business Support Officer agreed to send a calendar invite for this meeting. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	KB
08/25 ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
08/25/01 Alan Palmer mentioned slips within the South Holland Main Drain and areas of rutting on certain accesses that needed repairing. The Chairman asked that Alan Palmer identified the issues with the IDB via What3Words so these could be improved. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	AP

A MEETING OF THE SOUTH HOLLAND IDB CONSERVATION COMMITTEE WAS HELD AT MARSH REEVES OFFICE, FOXES LOWE ROAD, HOLBEACH, SPALDING, Lincs ON TUESDAY, 01 JULY 2025 AT 9.00 AM.

Elected Members	Appointed Members
* S Bartlett	* A Beal
* C Dring	* P Foyster
* R Thompson	D Wilkinson
D Worth	

*Present (71%)

Independent Advisors

- * Hannah Curtis (Lincs Wildlife Trust)
- Margaret Haggerty (Greater Lincs Nature Partnership)
- * Luke Bamforth (Greater Lincs Nature Partnership)
- Helen Scarborough (Consultant)

Mr R Thompson in the Chair

In attendance:

*Katie Byrne (Business Support Officer), *Charlotte Hipkin (Environment Officer), *Caroline Laburn (Environmental Manager), *Dom Morris (Operations Manager), *Dave Sporton (Working Foreman), *Lewis Taylor (Flood Risk Engineer) and *Karl Vines (Area Manager)

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01/25	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
01/25/01	Apologies for absence were received from Phil Camamile, Margaret Haggerty, Helen Scarborough, David Wilkinson and Duncan Worth. The Chairman welcomed Charlotte Hipkin, Dave Sporton and Lewis Taylor to the meeting. Luke Bamforth & Hannah Curtis were also welcomed, joining the meeting via teams.	
02/25	MINUTES OF THE LAST CONSERVATION COMMITTEE	
02/25/01	The minutes of the last committee meeting held on 02 July 2024 were confirmed as a true record and would be signed by the Chairman at the end of the meeting. Arising therefrom:	
02/25/02	Area of land adjacent to South Holland Main Drain for sowing with wildflower mix (03/24/10)	
		CL

ID Joint Committee, Minute	Action
The Environmental Manager and Hannah Curtis (Lincs Willdlife Trust) agreed to make contact after the meeting to discuss best practice for managing access strips.	
03/25 TO CONSIDER THE CONSERVATION REPORT AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD ACCORDINGLY	
03/25/01 Letter from Nicholas Watts, Farmer and Conservationist (1.1) The Chairman referred to the correspondence received from Nick Watts, Farmer and Conservationist which was included in the meeting pack for the last Board meeting, regarding the importance of only cutting drains on one side each year during the IDB maintenance period. A trial of the one side cut approach was proposed on a Board maintained watercourse on either Duncan Worth's or Richard Thompson's farm where an assessment could be carried out. The Chairman confirmed to the Committee that the current cutting regime would remain in place until after the trial had taken place and the results had been fully assessed. The Chairman agreed to write to Nick Watts to notify him of the Committee's recommendation. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	RT
03/25/02 Introduction of berms during reprofiling The introduction of berms into watercourses while undertaking reprofiling works was discussed. It was decided that generally berms should only be introduced when constructing new watercourses, and not as part of reprofiling works. RESOLVED that this be noted.	
03/25/03 Wild Release and Management of Beavers in England (1.3.) The Committee expressed concern about the future spread of beaver populations into the Board's District and the potential negative effect this could have on the flow of water, and damage to watercourse banks, Luke Bamforth confirmed that maps were available from Natural England, highlighting areas where the wild release of Beavers could take place. Luke Bamforth apprised the Committee that a species group would be assembled to manage this aspect of the wild releases. The Committee unanimously agreed that the South Holland area was not a good place for their release. RESOLVED that this be noted.	LB
03/25/04 Standard Maintenance Operations (SMO) Review The updated Standard Maintenance Operations Policy Document was considered in detail and approved. There were no suggested changes and as such it was agreed and thereby RESOLVED to recommend to the Board that it be approved at the next Board meeting.	CL
03/25/05 Grass Snake Nesting Piles (5)	

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Simon Bartlett confirmed that he had seen grass snakes and slow worms previously at his farm. The Environmental Manager agreed to make contact with Simon after the meeting and arrange a site visit. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	CL								
03/25/06 Proposed Purchase of a Flail Mounted Conveyor (9.4) The Committee agreed to purchase a second-hand conveyor and spare belt to fit on the Grenadier flail mower, to promote improved floristic diversity along the South Holland main drain bank. This to be financed from the Board's BAP budget. RESOLVED that this be actioned.	KV								
03/25/07 Sand Martin Nest Site – South Holland Main Drain HLS Area (9.5) A discussion on the fact an artificial sand martin nesting site was unviable took place, the Committee would continue with the current policy of cutting the cliff with a digger. RESOLVED that this be noted.									
03/25/08 Mink Control Programme (13.1) The Chairman apprised the Committee no mink were caught and a discussion on the success of the mink operation took place. RESOLVED that this be noted.									
03/25/09 Swallow Survey and Habitat Enhancement (15) The Chairman confirmed that the building of a swallow hut structure to encourage swallows to nest would not be progressed at this stage and would therefore be removed from the 2026-27 budget. RESOLVED that this be noted.									
04/25 RECOMMENDED WORKS AND BUDGET FOR 2026/27									
04/25/01 It was agreed to recommend to the Board that they approve a 5.75% increase in the budget for 2026-27.									
Proposed works for 2026-27:									
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Construction of Kingfisher nest site (as and when a suitable site presents itself)	0
Construction/Maintenance of Sand Martin cliff	1,000
Spiney Mason Wasp vegetation clearance	Covered by Environment Team
Construction of Swallow /House Martin nesting site	500
Bat boxes	1,000
Mink control	0
Surveys and monitoring of South Holland Main Drain HLS	1,500
Lutton Leam Old Outfall basin	500
Vermin Control South Holland Main Drain HLS site	1,000
Provision to undertake management recommendations on Lutton Leam and SH Main Drain	3,000
Boatmere Creek Pond Improvements	2,000
Income from HLS +£2500 approx	-2,500
Currently unallocated	4,776
Total	14,276

05/25 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

05/25/01 The date of the next meeting was agreed as Tuesday, 07 July 2026 at 9.00 am, to be held at Marsh Reeves, Foxes Lowe Road, Holbeach PE12 7PA.

06/25 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

06/25/01 Simon Bartlett asked the Environment Manager when the current HLS scheme expired on the South Holland Main Drain. The Environment Manager said she would investigate this matter and report back. RESOLVED that this be actioned.

06/25/02 The Chairman thanked everyone for their contribution and declared the meeting closed.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

For the period 25 April 2025 to 18 July 2025

1. ACCIDENTS / DANGEROUS OCCURRENCES

1.1 ACCIDENTS

No accidents have been reported during this period.

1.2 DANGEROUS OCCURRENCES

Two Dangerous Occurrences have been reported during this period.

- On Tuesday 24th June 2025, two SHIDB operatives were completing tractor and side arm flail training. They were cutting grass within the old Luton Leam Outfall Basin. One operative was carrying out their practical training when the other SHIDB operative noticed smoke coming from the opposite side of the tractor around the exhaust outlet. The trainer told the operative to stop immediately, they took a more in-depth look and noticed a small fire had ignited. Fire extinguishers from the vehicles were used to put out the fire but to be sure, the fire brigade was called, who attended site and monitored the situation. Damage to the tractor was caused as a result. No parties were injured or affected.
Following the incident, the tractor supplier was called, and after assessment the tractor was taken via a low loader to the suppliers depot for repairs. The fire was caused by debris building up between the exhaust and the exhaust guard. The debris consisted of dry grass cuttings.
Risk assessments for flailing and basket cutting have been reviewed and briefed.
The supplier of the tractor has modified the bodywork around the exhaust to allow easy access to clear out the area without adding additional hazards.
All operatives have been briefed to clear out the area daily before works commence.
The workshop team are carrying out monthly tractor cleaning of all parts.
Following this incident, larger fire extinguishers have been installed into the tractors.
- On Friday 4th July 2025, during culvert installation works, a water main was struck with an excavator bucket. The operative was preparing the pipe bed and clearing the drain of silt, when the edge of the bucket, caught the pipe causing a minor crack and subsequent leak. Anglian Water were called immediately and the pipe was repaired. The pre-work service checks completed showed that the actual location of the pipe was not accurate to the drawing provided by Anglian Water, leading to SHIDB believing they were working well away from any services. In addition to this the pipe was just below the bed of the drain, maximum depth of approx. 25mm below silt level. These concerns have been raised to Anglian Water and the local agent will be contacting the Board to arrange for a long term solution to be found. The location of the main has also been added to the tablet, to warn operatives.

2 NEAR MISSES

One Near Miss has been reported during this period:

- During reprofiling works on Fleet Haven Drain, the operative identified that the electricity cable duct crossing the drain had corroded and snapped, leading to the whole structure being held in place by the electricity cable. NGED were contacted, and responded and confirmed the cable was dead. It was then arranged for the cable to be spiked and all infrastructure removed, removing the hazard for future maintenance activities.

3 TRAINING

3.1 The following courses have been undertaken during the reporting period:

TRAINING COURSE	DATE ATTENDED	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES ATTENDED
First Aid at Work	16/06/2025	1
FLT	17-18/06/2025	3
JCB 3CX (180 degree)	19-20/06/2025	2
Tractor & Side Arm Flail	23-24/06/2025	2
Vehicle & Trailer (B&E)	25/06/2025	2
All Mapping Activities	04/07/2025	8

3.2 The following Toolbox Talks have been given in this reporting period:

REFERENCE NUMBER	TOOL BOX TALK SUBJECT	DATE
SSOW25	Carrying Out Maintenance Activities Around Underground & Ground Level Services	June 2025
SSOW11	Pedestrians Approaching Excavators & Tractors	June 2025
SSOW23	Operation of Plant & Machinery	June 2025
SSOW03	Working & Travelling Under Overhead Power Lines	June 2025
SSOW10	Tractor Mounted Flail	June 2025
SSOW27	Driving on & Operating from Public Roads	June 2025
N/A	SHIDB Standard Maintenance Operations Policy	June 2025
G-0065	Operation of Heavy Plant Near to Deep Water	June 2025
G-0061	Removing Debris from Roding Baskets Blades	June 2025
G-0087	Lone Working	June 2025
G-0048	Driving On & Operation from Public Roads	June 2025
G-0028	Working in the Vicinity of Overhead Power Lines	June 2025
G-0004	Basket Cutting	June 2025
G-0005	Flailing	June 2025
N/A	Mapping Memo - Cable Crossing	June 2025
PO13	Lone Working Policy	June 2025
N/A	Tractor Use Memo.	June 2025
N/A	Environmental Refresher – Badgers, Invasive Species, Reporting & SMO	July 2025
MS21	Replacement of Culvert on Middle Marsh Road	July 2025
RA21	Piping/Culverting of a Watercourse	July 2025

N/A	All Service Plans/Checks - Water, BT, Gas and Electricity – Middle Marsh Road	July 2025
G-0001	For Operation of Plant and Equipment	July 2025
G-0007	Stacking of Materials.	July 2025
G-0011	For trench excavations (including excavating, heaping & loading soil)	July 2025
G-0012	Carting and Tipping Soil.	July 2025
G-0013	Lifting and Placing Pipes.	July 2025
G-0020	Lifting Operations.	July 2025
G-0028	Working in the vicinity of Overhead Power Lines.	July 2025
G-0029	Road Works or Work near Roads.	July 2025
G-0030	Working near Water.	July 2025
G-0033	Working in the Vicinity of Plant.	July 2025
G-0034	Construction of Headwalls using Concrete Blocks.	July 2025
G-0035	Work Sites Open to Public.	July 2025
G-0036	Use of Concrete in Construction.	July 2025
G-0038	For excavations and the locating of underground services	July 2025
G-0043R	Loading & Unloading Including Internal & External Vehicles	July 2025
G-0045	Use of Hand Tools.	July 2025
G-0048	Driving on and Operating from Public Roads.	July 2025
G-0079	Zoonosis & Other Diseases	July 2025
G-0080	Piping of Watercourse	July 2025
G-0085	Use of Battery Powered Nail Gun	July 2025
MS22	Reprofiling of a Watercourse – Ashwood Homes - Holbeach Old River	July 2025
RAMS22	Re-profiling of a Watercourse – Ashwood Homes	July 2025
G-0054	Repairing Slips	July 2025
G-0077	Reprofiling Watercourses	July 2025
G-0088	Underground and Ground Level Services & Obstacles	July 2025

4 HEALTH AND SAFETY INSPECTIONS

The following Health and Safety Inspections/Procedures have been carried out / are in the process of being done in the reporting period:

INSPECTION	REGULARITY
Local Exhaust Ventilation	Monthly
Emergency Lighting	Monthly
Smoke Detectors	Monthly
De-Fib Check	Monthly
Racking Inspection	Monthly
Legionella Testing	Monthly
Roller Door Inspection	Monthly
Workshop Inspection	Quarterly
First Aid Checks	6 Monthly
LEV Inspection	Annually
Height Limiter & Wire Watcher Services	Annually
Calibrations – Suparules, C&G, PAT Equipment, Electrical Testing Equipment etc.	Annually
Trailer Inspections	Annually

5 HEALTH AND SAFETY CONSULTANT VISIT

The next visit has been moved to 5 August 2025, as per Cope's request.

Lewis Taylor
Flood Risk Engineer
15 July 2025

SOUTH HOLLAND IDB - CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME OVERVIEW & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD 25 APRIL 2025 TO 18 JULY 2025

Spend since April 2021

5.9M

2025/26 Forecast

6.4M

Variance

+2.4M

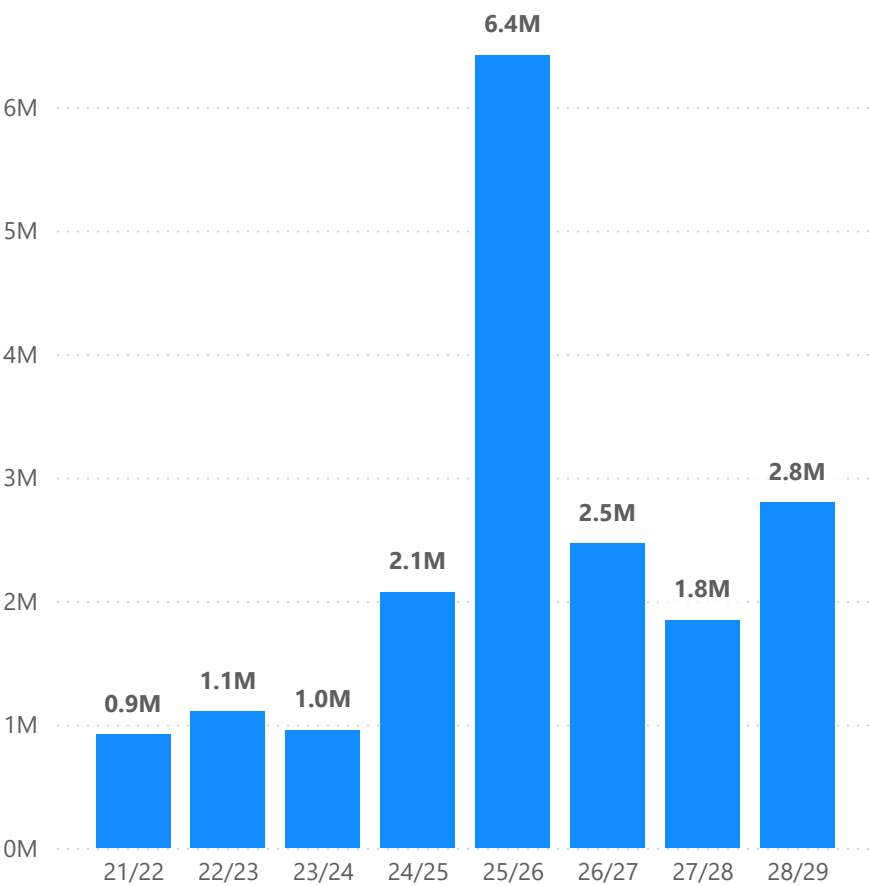
2026/27 Forecast

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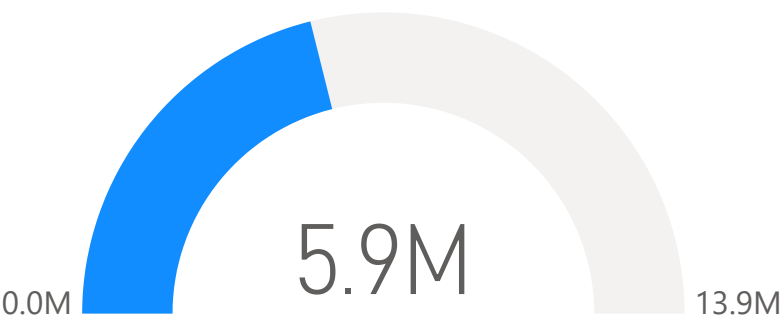
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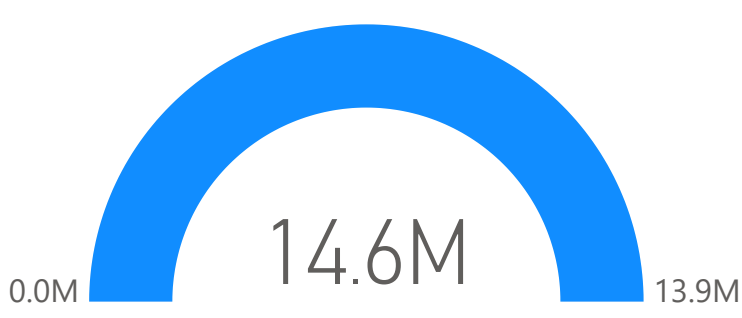
Expenditure Profile by Year



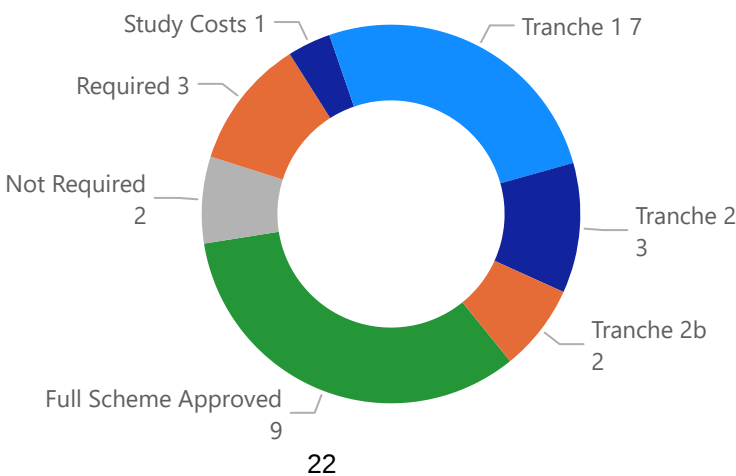
6 Year Forecast & Actual Spend



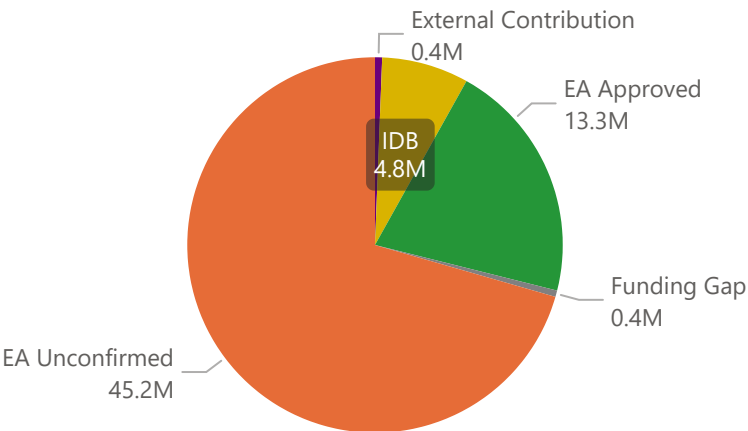
6 Year Forecast & Approvals



EA Approval Level Received (No)



Funding Sources



IDB Fund Tranche 1, 2 and 2b Projects

Project Name	Description	Start Construction	Complete Construction	Approval Level gained	Approval - Total Value
Electricity Usage (Sept 2023 - April 2024)	Storm Recovery costs	n/a	n/a	Tranche 1	172,656.00
Fleet Fen Weedscreen Cleaner Refurbishment	Weedscreen Cleaner Refurbishment	01/07/2024	01/10/2024	Tranche 1	37,000.00
Lawyers PS Pump Repairs	Pump Repair	01/12/2023	01/08/2024	Tranche 1	93,000.00
Little Holland Weedscreen Cleaner Refurbishment	Weedscreen Cleaner Refurbishment	01/07/2024	01/10/2024	Tranche 1	41,000.00
Peartree Hill PS Pump Repair	Pump Repair	01/01/2024	01/03/2024	Tranche 1	25,202.00
Watercourse Bank Slip Repairs	Slip Repairs	01/07/2024	31/03/2025	Tranche 1	500,000.00
Wisemans Pumping Station Weedscreen Cleaner Refurbishment	Weedscreen Cleaner Refurbishment	01/03/2024	01/06/2024	Tranche 1	36,000.00
Mobile pumps (joint WMA application – only SHIDB costs shown here)	New mobile pumps	01/11/2024	31/03/2025	Tranche 2	77,012.00
Sutton Bridge Sluice Switch Gear Replacement	Switch Gear Replacement	01/11/2024	31/03/2025	Tranche 2	45,000.00
Telemetry upgrade (joint WMA application – only SHIDB costs shown here)	Telemetry	01/11/2024	31/03/2025	Tranche 2	214,005.00
Holbeach Bank Pumping Station Refurbishment	Refurbishment of pumping station	01/08/2025	31/03/2026	Tranche 2b	1,685,000.00
Wheatmere Bridge Replacement	Replacement of bridge	TBC	31/03/2026	Tranche 2b	766,800.00
Total					3,692,675.00

Other Ongoing Projects

SCH No	Project Name	Description	Project Stage	OBC Approval	Start Construction	Complete Construction
78+89	Lutton Leam Sluice Refurbishment	Refurbishment / Replacement of asset	In Construction	01/02/2024	01/04/2024	01/10/2026
79	Exeter Drain pipeline and channel rehabilitation, Spalding	First phase IDB channel culvert re-lining, second Lincolnshire County Council highways drainage works	Detail Design	01/06/2024	01/06/2025	01/11/2027
83	South Holland Main Drain catchment strategy	Modelling study to inform flood risk and provide benefits information for Sutton Bridge Sluice refurbishment	Study	01/09/2022	n/a	n/a
tbc	Minor Capital Works Programme	Annual minor capital works	In Construction	N/A	ongoing	01/03/2029

GEORGINA NICHOLS - FCERM CAPITAL PROGRAMME MANAGER

[Interactive Google Map Link](#)

PROJECT DELIVERY REPORT

For the period 26 April to 18 July 2025

1. EXETER DRAIN NORTH PIPELINE AND OPEN CHANNEL REHABILITATION, CLAY LAKE PUMPING STATION TO ALBERT STREET, SPALDING (POST BUSINESS CASE TO COMPLETION OF WORKS)

Only one tender was received by the tender return date, this being Jacksons at a value of £2,818,820. A second tender was received a week later from an alternative contractor, but this was over double the value of the original tender.

The Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Chairman of the Plant and Development Committee, who had previously been given delegated authority to decide the outcome of the tender between meetings, decided to award the contract to Jacksons, but recognising that the Board did not currently have sufficient budget to cover the entire scheme, allow the Area Manager to discuss entering into contract for only the affordable phases at this stage, acknowledging that there may be some variation in costings by taking this approach.

To this end, a contract document covering the following phases of work has been prepared and is awaiting signature:

Phase	Timing	Extent of work	Contract Value
Phase 1	Winter 2025/26	Line and extend culverts 3 and 4.	
Phase 2	Winter 2025/26	Create access through gardens along culvert 1, and carry out any tree works necessary for subsequent replacement of the pipeline.	
Phase 3A	Spring/Summer 2026	Replace culvert 1.	
			£2,014,239

In the meantime, an application has been made to the Environment Agency for the additional funding. If this application is successful, then a second contract can be drawn up to cover the remaining work as shown below. Ideally, a favourable decision would need to have been received from the Environment Agency by November of this year to carry out this approach.

Phase	Timing	Extent of work	Contract Value
Phase 3B	Spring/Summer 2026	Replace concrete lined section in open channel downstream of culvert 4.	£1,136,202



Agreed budget to completion (100% Grant Aid): £1,713,540 plus £1,048,696 contingencies
 Grant Claimed to Date: £480,000
 Expenditure to Date: £316,751

2. SOUTH HOLLAND MAIN DRAIN CATCHMENT STUDY

The baseline modelling for the individual catchments discharging into the South Holland Main Drain has been completed. The next stage will be to look at Sutton Bridge Sluice and how gravity discharge will be affected by climate change in terms of sea level rise, rainfall intensity etc. Stantec are currently formulating a proposal for this next step.

Agreed budget to completion of modelling (100% Grant Aid): £250,000
 Grant claimed to date: £250,000
 Expenditure to date: £198,697

3. LUTTON LEAM OUTFALL SLUICE REFURBISHMENT (FROM TENDER TO COMPLETION OF WORKS)

Breheren continue to work on this project as Principal Contractor. Work is proceeding well, and to programme:

- The new tidal sheet pile wing walls, capping beams, and tie rods have been installed.
- The new concrete access steps and base for the control kiosk have been constructed.
- The southern box culvert has been dammed on the tidal side using the Board's dam doors, and on the freshwater side using sheet piles.
- The southern box culvert has been pumped out and cleared of debris. The concrete has been inspected and any necessary repairs undertaken.
- The old freshwater door, balance weight, winding gear, and frame have been removed from the southern box culvert, and the new freshwater penstock installed.
- The old cycloidal tidal door and frame have been removed from the southern box culvert, and the concrete made good in readiness for the installation of the new tidal flap.
- The new tidal flap on the southern box culvert is currently being installed. Once this has been fitted, the dams will be removed, and the process repeated on the northern box culvert.



View of new tidal sheet piling wing walls and capping beams



**Tidal dam door in position
View from above (left), internal view showing box culvert de-watered (right)**



View of southern box culvert de-watered and cleaned out (left), and removal of old tidal door frame (right)



Upstream view showing freshwater steel pile dam, and operations to remove old freshwater door frame



Installation of new freshwater penstock on southern box culvert



New freshwater penstock anchored into position



New tidal flap frame being installed

Agreed budget to completion (100% Grant Aid): £2,828,435 (inc contingency of £469,739)
Grant claimed to date: £2,050,000
Expenditure to date: £1,329,981

4. HOLBEACH BANK PUMPING STATION REFURBISHMENT (UP TO TENDER)

Tenders for supply and installation of new fish friendly pumps were received from the following:

- Aquatic Control Engineering
- Bedford Pumps
- Bosman Ltd
- Pump Flow

The Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Chairman of the Plant and Development Committee, who were previously given delegated authority to decide the outcome of this tender process between meetings decided to award the contract to Bosman, who happened to be the cheapest tender, at a value of £229,635.

The electrical specification for the new switchgear will now be supplied to Bosmans, as Principal Contractor, to select a subcontractor to manufacture and install the new switchgear and cabling. There will also be an additional cost for the civils refurbishment of the steel sheet piling wing walls which will be covered under a separate contract. The work has been split up in this way, on this occasion, to allow the pump tender to go out early, to give the best chance of meeting the deadline of 31 March 2026 for the completion of works financed by Tranche 2B funding.

Agreed budget up to tender (100% Grant Aid): £60,000

Grant claimed to date: £60,000

Expenditure to date: £37,941

5. HOLBEACH BANK PUMPING STATION REFURBISHMENT (POST TENDER TO COMPLETION OF WORKS)

This phase of the project is just due to start with the award of the pump contract to Bosman Ltd (see previous section).

Agreed funding (Tranche 2B): £1,625,000

Funding claimed to date: £650,000

Expenditure to date: £0

6. WHEATMERE DRAIN CULVERT REPLACEMENT, MOULTON CHAPEL ROAD, COWBIT

In May, the Environment Agency informed the Board that there was now sufficient monies within the IDB Fund to finance the Wheatmere Drain culvert replacement under Tranche 2B.

Stantec are currently undertaking the detailed design and tender documentation. It is recommended that the Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Chairman of the Plant and Development Committee are given delegated authority to decide the outcome of the tenders between meetings so as to not delay the process.

Agreed funding (Tranche 2): £766,800

Funding claimed to date: £0

Expenditure to date: £0

7. IDB STORM RECOVERY AND ASSET IMPROVEMENT FUND

7.1 TRANCHES 1, 2A, AND 2B

Since the last report the Wheatmere Drain culvert replacement scheme has been approved for Tranche 2B funding at a value of £766,800. The updated status of Tranche 1, 2A and 2B applications is shown below.

Tranche	Project Name	Funding received to date	Remaining funding to be claimed	Status
1	Wisemans Pumping Station Weedscreen Cleaner Refurbishment	£35,954	0	Works Complete
1	Peartree Hill PS Pump Repair	£23,024	0	Works Complete
1	Lawyers PS Pump Repairs	£92,942	0	Works Complete
1	Electricity Usage (Sept 2023 - April 2024)	£172,656	0	Works Complete
1	Watercourse Bank Slip Repairs	£515,000	0	Works Complete
1	Fleet Fen Weedscreen Cleaner Refurbishment	£35,472	0	Works Complete
1	Little Holland Weedscreen Cleaner Refurbishment	£39,535	0	Works Complete
2A	Sutton Bridge Sluice Switch Gear Replacement	£45,000	0	Works Complete
2A	Mobile pumps (joint WMA application – only SHIDB costs shown here)	Estimated £78,417	0	Awaiting delivery
2A	Telemetry upgrade – hardware (joint WMA application – only SHIDB costs shown here)	Estimated £73,837	0	Awaiting delivery
2B	Holbeach Bank Pumping Station Refurbishment	£650,000	£975,000	At tender stage – to be completed by 31 March 2026
2B	Telemetry upgrade – installation (joint WMA application – only SHIDB costs shown here)	Estimated £11,662	Estimated £27,210	Ongoing – to be completed by 31 March 2026
2B	Wheatmere Drain culvert replacement	0	£766,800	At detailed design stage – to be completed by 31 March 2026
TOTAL		£1,773,499	£1,769,010	

KARL VINES
AREA MANAGER

GEORGINA NICHOLS
CAPITAL PROGRAMME MANAGER

18 JULY 2025

OPERATIONS REPORT

For the period 25 April 2025 to 18 July 2025

1. RODING OPERATIONS

1.1 MECHANICAL RODING

Proposed flailing of high priority watercourses started week commencing 14 July 2025, with basket cutting to follow shortly after this date.

2 CLEANSING / INSPECTING PIPELINES AND CULVERTS

There have been no pipelines cleansed/jetted/surveyed in this reporting period.

3 BATTER / CHANNEL RE-PROFILING

The following watercourses have been reprofiled in this reporting period.

LOCATION/DRAIN	LENGTH (M)
Dairy House	775
Fleet Haven	1040

4 BUSHING / TREE TRIMMING

There has been no bushing or tree trimming undertaken during the reporting period.

5 RUBBISH CLEARANCE

The following list shows rubbish removed from the Board's drains during this reporting period.

LOCATION	REMARKS
South Holland Main Drain	Treadmill, bedding, wood, washing machine, black bags and kid's toys
Little Holland Drain	Kid's plastic slide
South Holland Main Drain	10 Plastic containers, 30 black bags and 15 root balls

6 VERMIN CONTROL

Vermin activity is high throughout the Board's area. Reported activity is being dealt with by the Board's vermin control contractor.

7 CHEMICAL WEED CONTROL

All of the hand roded drains have been sprayed with Roundup Biactive to control weed growth.

The pumping stations and fence lines in the Board's area have also been sprayed with Glyphosate where necessary

Additional spraying has been carried out to help with the control of all non-native invasive plant/weeds.

8 NEW ACCESS WORKS / PIPELINES

The following sections of watercourse have been piped in this reporting period.

Drain Name	Diameter (mm)	Material	Length (m)
Dairy House Drain Side Dyke (replacement)	300	Twinwall Plastic	12
Dairy House Drain Side Dyke (replacement)	300	Twinwall Plastic	12
Clay Lake Drain (replacement – capital programmet)	1200	Twinwall Plastic	12
Clay lake Drain Side Dyke (replacement)	450	Twinwall Plastic	14
Guide Post Drain	900	Twinwall Plastic	15
Kitling Drain West	600	Twinwall Plastic	18
Kinewereham Drain	450	Twinwall Plastic	12
Claxtons Drain	600	Twinwall Plastic	12

9 SLIP REPAIRS

The following slip repairs/bank repairs have been carried out in this reporting period using soil and over 8,000 tonnes of pitching stone.

Location/Drain	Length (m)
Moulton Mere	42
Fleet Haven Drain	1,057
South Holland Main Drain	66
South Holland Main Drain	42
South Holland Main Drain	33
Holbeach Old River	97
Millars Lane & Turnpike Drain	20
South Holland Main Drain	47
South Holland Main Drain	50
Millars Lane & Turnpike Drain	28
South Holland Main Drain	109

10 MARKER POSTS

100no. service marker posts for overhead cable crossings have been installed over this reporting period.

11 PUMPING STATIONS

The following pumps are being refurbishment and re-installed by Perry Pumps.

Pumping Station	Pump	Work carried out
Manor Farm	Only Pump	Pump was re-installed in July 2025

Donningtons	Pump 1	Pump 1 was removed in July 2025 for full refurbishment
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12 SLUICES

Sutton Bridge Sluice is currently being operated to maintain the water level in the South Holland Main Drain at the summer level of 0.3m to 0.5m ODN

13 EMPLOYEES

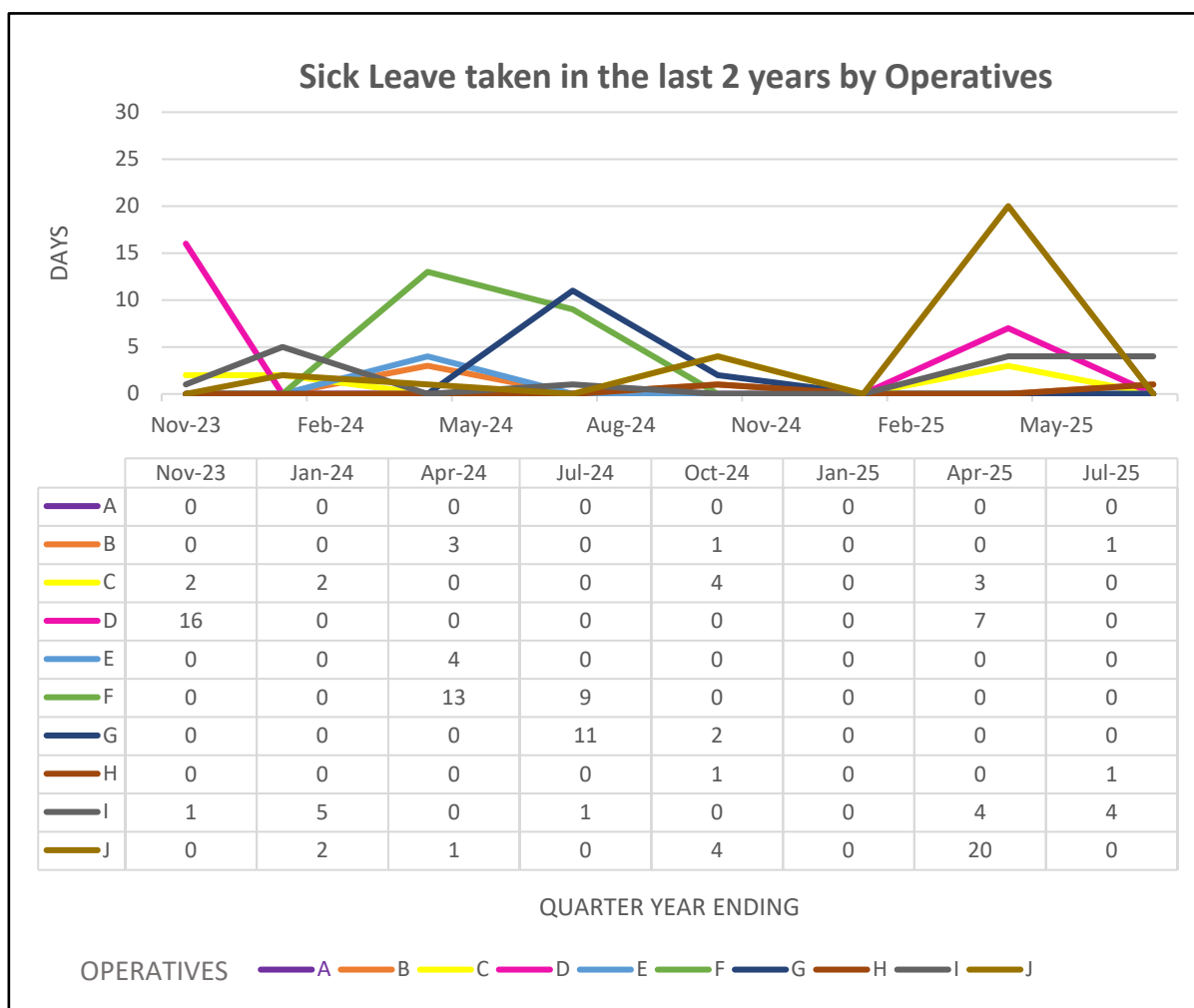
13.1 EMPLOYEES

The Operation Manager returned to work on the 23rd of June 2025 after being on long term sick leave.

13.2 SICKNESS

A total of 6 working days has been lost in this reporting period due to illness, up to the 18 July 2025.

Please see chart below showing sick leave taken by each operative currently employed by South Holland IDB, each quarter, over the last 2year period, up to the middle of July 2025.



14 PLANT

14.1 The Working Foreman's Truck was delivered in May 2025.



15 RECHARGEABLE WORKS

15.1 SEA BANK CUTTING ON BEHALF OF THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY VIA A PSCA

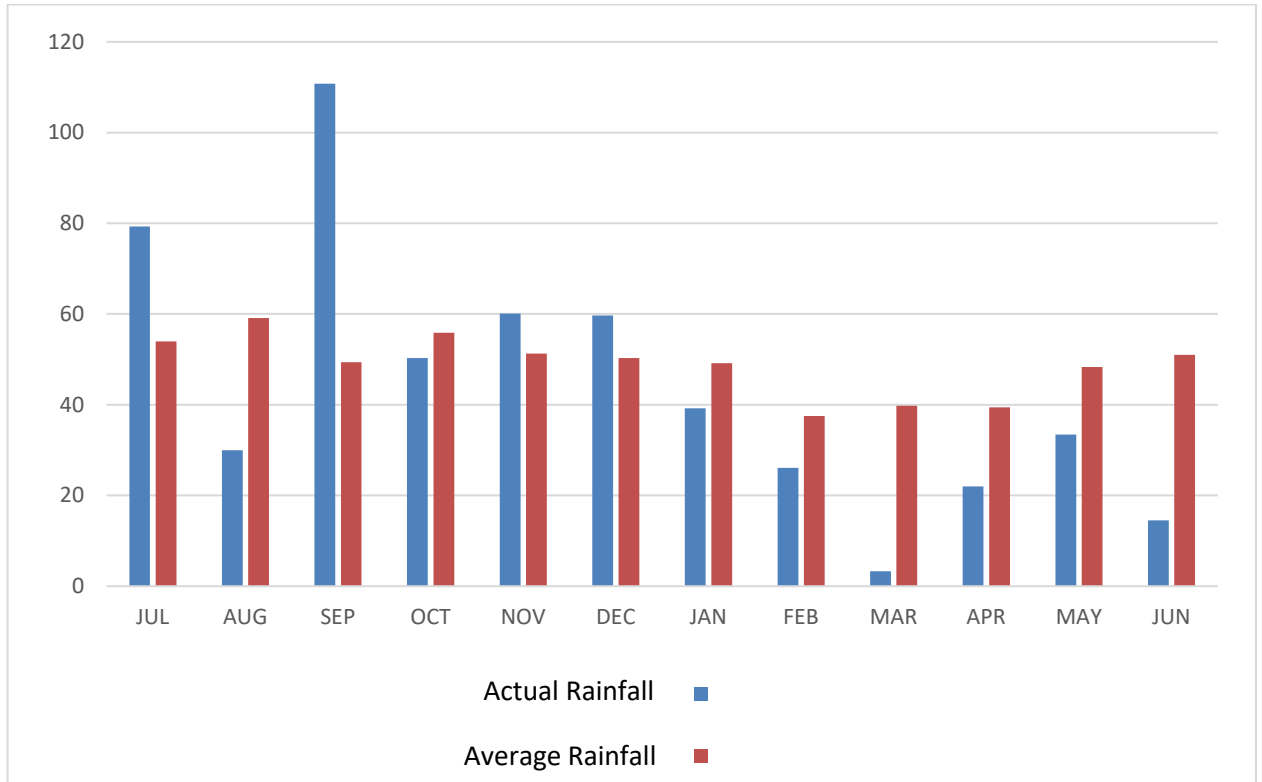
Since April, the Board's contractor has successfully carried out 3no. cuts for the Environment Agency, from Spalding, where the Coronation Channel meets the River Welland, through to Fosdyke Bridge, ending at Gedney Drove End on the RAF camp, and an additional section at Whitehouse Farm to West Lighthouse at Sutton Bridge (this section is only while the refurbishment of Lutton Leam Sluice is being completed). The total sea bank cutting length is 31.76km.

16 RAINFALL

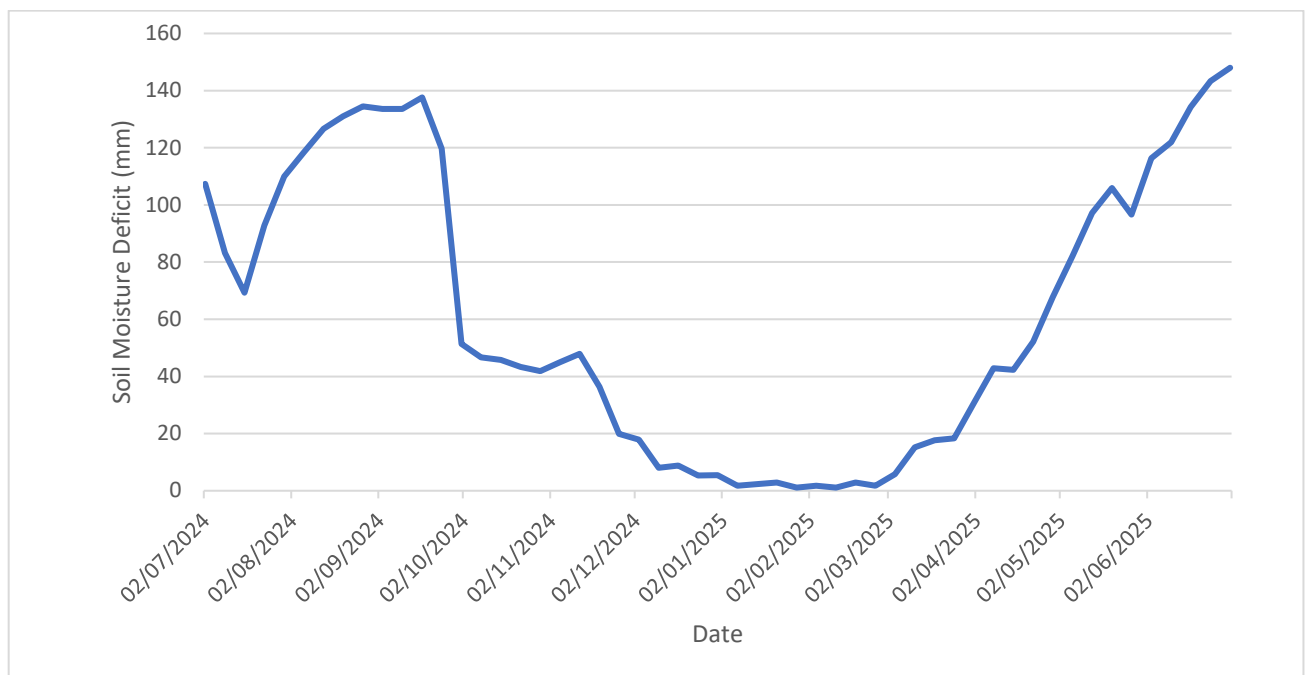
Rainfall statistics relating to stations in the Board's area for the months of April, May, and June are as follows: (recordings in mm)

LOCATION	APRIL		MAY		JUNE		NO OF YEARS RECORDS KEPT
	REC.	AV.	REC.	AV.	REC.	AV.	
Gedney Marsh – Norfolk House	22.0	39.4	33.4	48.3	14.5	51.0	65
Holbeach – Marsh Reeves	21.8	37.6	41.5	47.7	14.7	47.7	39

ACTUAL AND AVERAGE MONTHLY RAINFALL READINGS (MM)
NORFOLK HOUSE JULY 2024 – JUNE 2025



SOIL MOISTURE DEFICIT (MM)
SOUTH HOLLAND IDB DISTRICT JULY 2024 – JUNE 2025



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18 July 2025

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

For the period 25 April 2025 to 18 July 2025

1. INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD

1.1. SHIDB CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

The South Holland IDB Conservation Committee meeting was held on 01 July 2025. The outcomes and minutes of this meeting will be considered in the agenda.

2. PRE-MUDDING SURVEYS

Pre-mudding surveys were undertaken by the Environment team on the following catchments in preparation for the proposed mudding of selected South Holland IDB drains, to make an environmental assessment of the drains prior to mudding to understand their environmental importance/floristic diversity. The drains surveyed were as follows:

- P44 Rodyke Mill
- P23 Hungerdyke - West
- P51 Spalding Gate
- P08 Daisy Hall
- P06 Crown
- P07 Crown Branch
- P47 Savages Low
- P48 Savages Low Branch
- F45 Millars Lane & Turnpike Drain
- F31 Greens Drain
- P46 Saracens Head
- P59 Whaplode & Moulton Marsh
- P31 Moulton Common - East
- P34 Moulton River Branch

A pre-mudding report will be produced in due course, to inform future maintenance procedures.

3. BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN – UPDATES

3.1. WATERLIFE RECOVERY TRUST (WRT) - UPDATE

The WRT is a charity, registered in 2022, with origins in the Waterlife Recovery East (WRE) project. The aim of this group is to eradicate mink throughout Great Britain 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 on the 12 May 2025. The tenth and eleventh editions of the WRT newsletter produced for April and July 2025 provide some interesting information, updates on the project and its progress and can be found [here](#).

3.1.1. SHIDB MINK PROJECT – UPDATE

No Mink were caught in the SHIDB catchment during this period. 17 traps continue to work in the SHIDB area, managed by the Board.

3.2. SOUTH HOLLAND MAIN DRAIN HLS – ECOLOGICAL SURVEYS / ACTIONS

3.2.1. BIODIVERSITY ASSESSMENT SURVEY

The most recent walkover botanical survey was undertaken by Helen Scarborough and Environment Officers on 07 July 2025 on the South Holland Main drain. The survey outcomes will be reported at the 2026 Conservation Committee meeting.

3.2.2. FIELD SCABIOUS, *KNAUTIA ARVENSIS* – SOUTH HOLLAND MAIN DRAIN

Following arising removal using hand rakes, on a small section of bank along the South Holland Main Drain in January 2025, the environment team created an area that would be less impacted by nutrients from decomposing vegetation – where seeds of the perennial plant, *Knautia arvensis* (Field scabious) were more likely to access bare soil and colonise before harsher scrub. This was undertaken on a section of drain known to have previously supported the plant from previous walkover surveys. The nature of Field scabious means that it competes well amongst grasses, subsequently attracting bees and butterflies to the site. It is also a good indicator of a species-rich calcareous lowland area and was therefore recommended that we encourage and facilitate its growth.

During the initial annual walkover survey of the South Holland Main Drain in May 2025, Field scabious was not observed as it had likely not started to flower. However, the raked area did provide a much more diverse section of plants than the unraked areas.

The site was checked again during the most recent survey on the 7th July, which was undertaken by Helen Scarborough and Environment Officers, which found that these actions have positively influenced the Field Scabious populations at this site. The banks had a high species richness of Field Scabious throughout, highlighting the success of the actions taken here to enhance the area.



Field scabious, *Knautia arvensis*, surveyed along the raked section of bank on the South Holland Main Drain

3.3. OWL / KESTREL BOXES

The 2025 owl / kestrel box survey was undertaken on the 19 June 2025 by the Wildlife Conservation Partnership and IDB officers. A total of 19 out of 22 Barn Owl boxes were surveyed, plus 1 Little Owl Box. The Wildlife Conservation Partnership had already surveyed the remaining three Barn Owl boxes prior. The results of the survey show that less Barn Owls and Kestrel chicks were observed than previous years, which could be due to the increased flooding of parts of Lincolnshire, which has likely limited prey availability. The results of the survey were:

- Kestrel – 13 chicks + 2 failed eggs, 3 adults
- Barn Owl – 13 chicks, 6 adults
- Little Owl – 1 chick



Surveyed Barn Owl (TL), Little Owl (TR), Kestrel (BL) and Kestrel Chicks (BR)

The full report for the 2025 survey will be produced by the Wildlife Conservation Partnership.

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

Licence / WFD Assessment / Assent / Habitat Regulations Assessment	Applied	Granted
Exeter Drain (DRN192P0503) WFD Assessment	Ongoing	N/A

5. TRAINING ATTENDED:

Date	Officer	Training Attended	Brief Description
1/5/25	CL	Water Vole Strategic Licensing Pilot	Natural England training event in which participants were consulted on new licensing methods using a colour coding system with foundations on a risk-based approach.
28/5/25	Env. Team	Water Vole Habitat Assessment Training	Provided by Helen Booth. This training focussed on introducing new surveying techniques to establish the suitability of water courses in terms of water vole activity. This is based on several factors to help establish which watercourses are most suitable for water voles in terms of food availability, water accessibility, burrowing opportunities etc.
17/6/25 & 18/6/25	DP	CIEEM Habitat Survey and Mapping Training (Early Careers)	CIEEM training on undertaking both Phase 1 and UKHab Surveys and Mapping. This course was held at Worcester Woods over two consecutive days. The course focused on plant identification, indicator species, types of habitats, how to classify habitats based on Phase 1 / UKHab, the differences between Phase 1 and UKHab, before participants were asked to undertake a full Phase 1 habitat survey of part of Worcester Woods.
7/7/25 & 8/7/25	DP	CIEEM Preliminary Ecological Appraisal Training (Early Careers)	CIEEM training on undertaking preliminary ecological appraisals (PEAs). This course was held online over two consecutive days. The course focussed on the importance, relevance and method of undertaking a PEA, and how to navigate site-specific ecological constraints. The course also required participants to undertake a small PEA of a given site.
8/7/25	CL	Local Nature Reserve Strategy Conference (LNRS)	LNRS training focussing on spatial strategies aimed to identify where nature recovery can have the greatest impact.

6. NON-COMPLIANCE

Nothing to report within this period.

7. COMPLAINTS

None within this period.

CAROLINE LABURN
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER
JULY 2025

Sustainable Development Report

1. REPORTING PERIOD

This planning report covers the reporting period 26 April to 16 July 2025.

2. CONSENT APPLICATIONS

There are currently 46 consent applications being processed. The most common types of consent that the Board receive and determine in its regulatory capacity are set out in the table below alongside the current breakdown of cases.

<i>Application Type</i>	<i>Number</i>
Byelaw 3 (B3) – Discharge of Treated Foul Water (TFW):	6
Byelaw 3 (B3) – Discharge of Surface Water (SW):	10
Byelaw 4 (B4) / Section 23 (S23), LDA 1991 – Alteration of watercourse:	10
Byelaw 10 (B10)– Works within 9 m of a Board's maintained watercourse:	20
Total:	46

The current status of these applications are:

<i>Application Status</i>	<i>Total</i>
Awaiting further information from the applicant:	12
Awaiting applicant's acceptance of conditions:	2
Being processed by officers:	31
To be determined by the Board in this report:	1
Total:	46

As is highlighted by the table above there is one application requiring consideration by the Board in this report, this is detailed in sections 2.1 of this report.

2.1. 25_31586_C: Byelaw 10 application on Saltney Gate, Saracens Head

An application has been received for the demolition of a workshop, and the construction of a new dwelling within 9 metres of the piped watercourse known as Scarlet Gate Drain (DRN206G4901). The piped watercourse is not owned by the Board.

The existing workshop is approximately 2.2 metres from the edge of the piped watercourse. The new dwelling will increase this distance to approximately 3.8 metres from the edge of the pipe.

Following internal debate, officers are of the view that the proposal is preferable relative to the alternative proposal, whereby the applicant will seek a change of use permission to turn the existing warehouse into a dwelling (the Board's consent would likely not be required for this proposal).

Officer Recommendation: Officers recommend that the application is approved subject to the Board's standard conditions and specifications as well as the need to maintain a boundary fence to demarcate the area above the pipeline, and a bespoke Deed of Indemnity.



Figure 1: Location Plan (left) and Proposed Site Plan (right). The Board's Scarlet Gate Drain is to the East of the property.

3. CONSENTS DETERMINED

During this reporting period, the following 25 consents under the Land Drainage Act 1991 and Board's Byelaws have been determined by Officers in accordance with their delegated authority.

Case. Ref.	Case File Sub-type	Location / Site Name	Description of Application or Proposal	Outcome
23_22892_C	Byelaw 10	Seagate Road, Long Sutton	Fenceline within 9m of arterial watercourse	Granted 21/05/2025
24_27226_C	Byelaw 10	Mole Drove, Gedney Hill	Fenceline and gates within 9 metres of arterial watercourse	Granted 26/06/2025
24_27373_C	Section 23, LDA 1991	Fen Road, Holbeach	9m access culvert	Granted 06/05/2025
25_30868_C	Section 23, LDA 1991	Common Road, Moulton Seas End	6m access culvert	Granted 04/06/2025
25_30869_C	Byelaw 10	Common Road, Moulton Seas End	Fenceline and hedge within 9m of arterial watercourse	Granted 04/06/2025
25_30915_C	Byelaw 3 Surface Water	Cowper's Gate, Long Sutton	Discharge of surface water from 17,492m2	Granted 30/04/2025
25_30916_C	Byelaw 10	Cowper's Gate, Long Sutton	Outfall apparatus within 9m of arterial watercourse	Granted 30/04/2025
25_31045_C	Byelaw 10	Oxcroft Bank, Shepeau Stow	5no. land tile outfalls	Granted 29/04/2025
25_31048_C	Byelaw 10	The Coach House, Haycroft Lane	Footpath within 9m of arterial watercourse	Granted 09/05/2025

Case. Ref.	Case File Sub-type	Location / Site Name	Description of Application or Proposal	Outcome
25_31185_C	Byelaw 10	Harvest Lodge, Station Road	Fenceline within 9m of arterial watercourse	Granted 29/04/2025
25_31241_C	Byelaw 3 Surface Water	Cowper's Gate, Long Sutton	Discharge of surface water from 82m2	Granted 08/05/2025
25_31287_C	Section 23, LDA 1991	Common Road, Moulton Seas End	6m access culvert (replacement)	Granted 04/06/2025
25_31347_C	Byelaw 10	North Road, Gedney Hill	Treated foul water from 5 residential dwellings	Granted 02/06/2025
25_31349_C	Byelaw 10	North Road, Gedney Hill	Outfall apparatus within 9m of arterial watercourse	Granted 02/06/2025
25_31497_C	Byelaw 10	Tydd Low Road, Long Sutton	25no. land tile outfalls	Granted 30/05/2025
25_31522_C	Byelaw 10	Leadenhall Farm, Holbeach St Marks	Installation of an irrigation pipe within 9m of arterial watercourse	Granted 13/05/2025
25_31526_C	Byelaw 3 Treated Foul Water	Langary Gate Road, Fleet	Discharge of treated foul water from 1 residential dwelling	Granted 11/06/2025
25_31527_C	Byelaw 10	Langary Gate Road, Fleet	Outfall apparatus within 9m of arterial watercourse	Granted 11/06/2025
25_31761_C	Byelaw 10	Guys Head Road, Sutton Bridge	Fenceline and gates within 9 metres of arterial watercourse	Granted 17/06/2025
25_31767_C	Byelaw 10	Swindler's Drove, Low Fulney	3no. land tile outfalls	Granted 16/06/2025

Case. Ref.	Case File Sub-type	Location / Site Name	Description of Application or Proposal	Outcome
25_31868_C	Byelaw 10	Wisbech Road, Long Sutton	Underground utility (Electricity) provision within 9m of arterial watercourse	Granted 16/07/2025
25_31880_C	Byelaw 10	Gedney Broadgate, Gedney	5no. land tile outfalls	Granted 09/06/2025
25_31987_C	Byelaw 10	Wisbech Road Long Sutton	Demountable Building (Car Port) within 9m of arterial watercourse	Granted 04/07/2025
25_30920_C	Section 23, LDA 1991	Daws Gate, Moulton	Infilling of 140 meters of watercourse	Refused 06/05/2025
25_32120_C	Byelaw 10	Roman Bank, Holbeach Bank	Residential extension within 9m of arterial watercourse	Refused 14/07/2025

4. PLANNING COMMENTS

Officers have provided comments on 64 applications that are either in or could impact on the Board's Internal Drainage District. 1 of these applications is for a major development and is summarised below;

Planning App. Ref.	Location / Site Name	Description
H11-0418-25	Lime Walk, Long Sutton	Residential Development

Additionally, officers continue to engage with the following Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects which are at the pre-application stage of applying to the Planning Inspectorate for a Development Consent Order (DCO):

(overleaf)

Project	Planning Status	Board Update
National Grid Eastern Green Link 3 & 4 (Electricity Transmission)	Pre-application	Cost recovery process in discussion. SHIDB engaged with project via Statutory consultation (stage 2), Drainage & Flood Risk Technical Working Group, and bespoke consultations on design principles / watercourse crossing methodology / crossing locations. Discussion ongoing regarding Estates matters (land ownership, survey access, pending cost recovery agreement).
Outer Dowsing Offshore Wind (Windfarm / Electricity Transmission)	Determination	Planning Examination closed; Development Consent decision anticipated October 2025. Protective provisions and cost recovery agreements in place.
Ossian Offshore Wind (Windfarm / Electricity Transmission)	Pre-application	SHIDB to engage with project via Hydrology & Flood Risk Expert Topic Group. Discussions regarding estates matters (survey access over Board land) are ongoing.
National Grid Grimsby to Walpole (Electricity Transmission)	Pre-application	SHIDB engaged in project via technical working group (Drainage & Flood Risk) and via (current) Statutory consultation (stage 2). Initiated discussions over cost recovery and drainage authority interests in development consent order. Cost recovery agreed in relation to land interest queries.
Meridian Solar (Solar Farm / Electricity Transmission)	Pre-application	Discussions regarding estates matters (survey access over Board land) are ongoing. SHIDB has provided feedback on proposals via Stage 2 Statutory consultation. Has requested further discussion regarding cost recovery, and drainage authority interests in development consent order.
Weston Marsh to East Leicestershire (Electricity Transmission)	Pre-application	SHIDB engaged with developer (National Grid) at public information event ahead of statutory consultation (stage 1). To discuss cost recovery and drainage authority interests as proposals are developed.

5. FEES

There have been 3 surface water development contribution fees invoiced or paid during the reporting period. These fees are detailed below;

Case ref(s)	Date invoiced	Amount (no VAT)	Date Paid
25_30915_C	30.04.2025	£ 27,637.36	04.06.2025
25_31241_C	08.05.2025	£ 129.55	11.06.2025
25_31078_C	12.06.2025	£ 4,649.40	17.06.2025
Total:		£32,416.31	

CATHRYN BRADY
HEAD OF CATCHMENT SERVICES
JULY 2025

SOUTH HOLLAND IDB

SCHEDULE OF PAID ACCOUNTS

Payment Date From : 01/04/2025

Payment Date To : 30/06/2025

<u>Account ID</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount Paid This Period</u>
AD0101	ADC (East Anglia) Ltd	Pipe Jetting Services	6,037.50
AI0001	AIM Electrical Services Ltd	Capital Works	21,916.90
AM0002	AMEC Works Limited	Repairs	672.00
AN0101	Anglo Plant Ltd	Caterpillar Excavator Hire	3,600.00
AR0141	Arco Ltd	PPE/Small Tools/Consumables	2,682.37
AS0001	Astrak	Fixtures & Fittings	1,931.95
AY0101	Mr B Ayres	Building Supplies	130.20
BA0001	Barrett Steel Ltd T/A Newark Steel	Parts	334.80
BE0002	BeBa Energy	Installation of Solar Panels	17,742.60
BE0201	Beaconuk Group Ltd	PPE	95.54
BL0002	Black Sluice IDB	Capital Works	3,137.50
BL0266	Blueline Trailers	Trailer Parts	71.04
BO0002	Boston Crop Sprayers Ltd	11no Weed Killer	880.04
BO0205	BOC Ltd	Oxygen/Acetylene	221.28
BR0200	Breedon Trading Ltd	Aggregates	1,994.40
BR0201	British Gas Electricity	PS Electricity	4,414.02
BR0203	Breheny Civil Engineering	Capital Works	666,303.00
BR0211	BT Payment Services Ltd	Telephone Bill	4,365.50
BU0203	Bunzl Cleaning & Hygiene Supplies	Cleaning Supplies	102.11
BU0205	B A Bush & Son Ltd	Tyres/Repairs	1,178.18
CA0302	Fred Campling & Sons	Excavator Transport	3,072.00
CA0306	The Canadian Fencing Company	Fence Repairs	180.00
CH0301	Chisletts (Spalding) Ltd	Plant Hire/Training	1,686.12
CH0303	Chandlers (Farm Equipment) Ltd	PPE/Service/Small Tools	1,982.97
CL0002	Clarks of Walsham Ltd	Fittings for Gate	3,746.03
CO0002	T Collin	Vermin Control	698.63
CO0301	Coles Quality Drycleaners	Dry Cleaning	168.00
CV0001	CV Systems Ltd	Annual Pump Inspections	2,616.00
DO0402	Ernest Doe & Sons Ltd	Parts	3,938.32
DR0403	Drayton Welding & Tool	Welding Equipment	231.12
DV0001	DVLA	Vehicle Tax	1,196.00
EA0501	East Coast Industries	Shot Blasting/Painting	10,500.00
ED0002	EDF Energy Customers Ltd	PS Electricity	49,742.27
EE0001	EE	Sims	324.00
EN0519	Energas Ltd	Gas Cylinder Rental	51.64
EN0528	Environment Agency	Precept	72,917.50
EP0529	EPH Supplies (Wholesale) Ltd	Electrical Components	3,135.99
EU0001	EU Ltd	Parts	716.22
FE0001	Fenflow Ltd	PS Repairs - Lawyers	19,392.00
FR0001	Frazer	Materials/Parts	4,368.47
GL0001	GlenFarrow	Parts	51.09
GM0101	GMB National Administration Unit	Union Subscriptions	223.20

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<u>Account ID</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount Paid This Period</u>
HA0807	T C Harrison Ford	MOT/Services	219.55
HA0826	Hargrave Agriculture Ltd	Assorted Components/PPE	913.97
HI0802	R J H Supplies Ltd	Assorted Components/PPE	654.51
HO0811	Hortech Systems Ltd	Parts	282.08
HS0002	HS Ecology	Botanical Surveys	1,011.60
IN0901	Inland Revenue	PAYE/N.I	30,612.54
JF0002	JFC Plastics Limited	Delineator Posts	4,314.00
JI0002	Jim Wright Engineering Ltd	Parts	1,141.68
JO0002	Carter Jonas	Licence Fees	1,156.80
LE1201	Lee Dickens	Capital Works	19,617.60
LE1202	A C Leigh	Key Cut	154.56
LI0001	Listers Toyota Boston	MOT/Services	1,678.00
LI0006	Lincoln College	Training Course Fees	1,286.50
LI1213	Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust	Service Level Agreement	327.82
LO0002	Longwater Construction Supplies	Construction Supplies	8,496.00
LW0001	LWOL Ltd	Waste Oil Collection	36.00
MA1309	Mastenbroek Ltd	Parts	36,160.52
MI0001	Millbeck Communications	Comms for Solar Panels	42.29
MM1300	Marine Management Organisation	Marine Works Licence	634.50
NA1402	National Grid plc	Capital Works	1,814.78
NO0004	North West Anglia NHS Foundation	Spirometry Test x2	147.60
O20001	O2 UK Limited	Telemetry/Mobile Phones	615.71
PE0001	Perfect Circle JV Ltd	Capital Works	127,654.27
PG0001	Hugh Crane Cleaning Equipment	Small Tools	225.60
PR1668	Prudential Local Government AVC	AVC	246.33
QU0001	Quantum Controls	PM Kit	263.29
RI0001	Rix Petroleum (Spalding) Ltd	Fuel	15,312.24
RO0002	Roomfoss Control Systems Ltd	Capital Works	8,030.40
SM1930	Smiths Electrical Ltd	PS Standby/Call Out	1,872.00
SO0001	Hoben International Ltd T/A	Soluform/Pins	6,195.60
SO1906	South Holland District Council	Rates	10,603.75
SO1907	South Holland IDB	Drainage Rates	1.74
SO1940	South Lincs Plant Hire & Sales Ltd	Plant Hire	1,404.00
SU0002	Survey Express Services	Parts	42.00
TA0002	Taylor's Vauxhall	Service/MOT	429.18
TB2001	TBC Ltd	Engineering Supplies	1,167.75
TH1001	P J Thory Ltd	Aggregates	36,322.59
TO2030	Town & County Engineering	Parts/PPE	426.64
TO2031	Toyota (GB) Ltd	Toyota Hilux	42,219.63
TR2003	The Training Association (WEST)	Training	2,394.00
VO2201	SMT GB Ltd	Services/Parts	3,859.67
WA2302	Walton Loo Hire	Loo Hire	1,584.00

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Payment Date To : 30/06/2025

<u>Account ID</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Amount Paid This Period</u>
WA2310	Watling JCB Ltd	Parts	168.29
WA2345	Water Management Alliance	Staff Recharges/Onebill	57,154.39
WC2301	WCF Chandlers	Fuel	7,920.00
WE2330	West End Garage	Fuel	101.30
WI2306	T Wilkinson	Vermin Control	2,164.60
WI2307	Wildlife Conservation Partnership	Owl Boxes	2,880.00
WI2308	Winyard Engineering Ltd	Assorted Components	1,548.00
WO2310	D W Woods Landscaping Ltd	Vegetation Clearance/Recharge	90,390.92
WR0003	M J Wright & Son	Capital Works	1,967.77
WY0001	West Yorkshire Pension Fund	Superannuation/Pension Deficit	96,775.54

Please note that the amounts shown above include Vat **£1,551,392.60**

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Year Ended: 31 March 2026

Notes	Income and Expenditure	Y-T-D BUDGET £	Y-T-D ACTUAL £	Y-T-D VARIANCE £	ANNUAL BUDGET £	PROJECTED OUT-TURN £	PROJECTED VARIANCE £
	<u>Income</u>						
	Occupiers Drainage Rates	1,520,947	1,520,947	0	1,520,947	1,520,947	0
1.	Special Levies Issued by the Board	1,853,340	1,853,340	0	1,853,340	1,853,340	0
	Grants Applied	722,381	836,147	113,766	2,889,523	2,889,523	0
	Tranche Funding Income Applied	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Rental Income	306	180	-126	1,223	1,223	0
	Income from Rechargeable Works	250	10,590	10,340	1,000	10,590	9,590
	Investment Interest	35,000	32,025	-2,975	140,000	140,000	0
2i.	Other Income	76,529	88,631	12,102	285,659	285,659	0
2ii.	Insurance Claim Settlements	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total Income	£4,208,753	£4,341,860	£133,107	£6,691,692	£6,701,282	£9,590
	<u>Less Expenditure</u>						
4.	Capital Works	841,131	901,169	-60,038	3,364,523	3,364,523	0
	Tranche 1 + 2 Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Environment Agency Precept	150,210	145,835	4,375	150,210	145,835	4,375
5.	Maintenance Works	606,759	582,086	24,673	2,581,661	2,581,661	0
6.	Administration Charges	221,326	215,897	5,429	627,545	627,545	0
	Cost of Rechargeable Works	0	5,745	-5,745	0	10,590	-10,590
3.	Net Deficit/(Surplus) on Operating Accounts	0	4,875	-4,875	0	0	0
	Total Expenditure	£1,819,427	£1,855,607	-£36,181	£6,723,939	£6,730,153	-£6,215
	Profit/(Loss) on Disposal of Fixed Assets	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
7.	Net Surplus/(Deficit)	£2,389,326	£2,486,253	£96,926	-£32,247	-£28,872	£3,375

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Notes	Balance Sheet as at 30-6-2025	Opening Balance £	Movement This Year £	Closing Balance £
8. Fixed Assets				
	Land and Buildings	489,014	-3,226	485,788
	Plant and Equipment	1,027,324	-20,167	1,007,157
	Office and RT Equipment	0	0	0
	Pumping Stations	0	0	0
		1,516,338	-23,393	1,492,945
	Current Assets			
9.	Bank Account	255,699	597,298	852,997
	Stock	12,658	5,358	18,016
10.	Trade Debtors	42,729	-35,655	7,074
11.	Work in Progress	0	53,934	53,934
	Staff Health Insurance	0	-86	-86
12.	Term Deposits	4,750,000	1,000,000	5,750,000
13.	Drainage Rates and Special Levies Due	9,483	1,086,359	1,095,842
	Prepayments	0	0	0
	Prepayments/(Due) to WMA	-69,256	-10,260	-79,516
	Accrued Interest	0	0	0
	VAT Due	143,718	74,368	218,086
14.	Grants Due	0	0	0
		5,145,031	2,771,316	7,916,347
	Less Current Liabilities			
	Trade Creditors	279,917	142,415	422,331
	Accruals	341,527	378	341,905
	Payroll Controls	0	0	0
	Payments Received in Advance	2,872	305,024	307,896
		624,316	447,816	1,072,132
	Net Current Assets	4,520,716	2,323,500	6,844,215
	Less Long Term Liabilities			
22.	Pension Liability	3,031,000	0	3,031,000
	Net Assets	£3,006,054	£2,300,106	£5,306,160
	Reserves			
	Earmarked			
15.	General Reserve	1,095,898	2,486,253	3,582,151
16.	Development Reserve	993,483	0	993,483
17.	Plant Reserve	1,742,911	0	1,742,911
18.	Capital Works Reserve	931,232	0	931,232
20.	Grants Reserve	858,817	-836,147	22,671
	Grant Reserve Tranche 1 + 2	0	650,000	650,000
		5,622,341	2,300,106	7,922,447
	Non-Distributable			
19.	Revaluation Reserve	414,713	0	414,713
21.	Pension Reserve	-3,031,000	0	-3,031,000
		-2,616,287	0	-2,616,287
	Total Reserves	£3,006,054	£2,300,106	£5,306,160

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CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

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Note Notes to the Accounts

1. Special Levies collected from constituent Billing Authorities were as follows:

	<u>Y-T-D Budget</u>	<u>Y-T-D Actual</u>
South Holland District Council	1,852,050	1,852,050
Boston Borough Council	1,290	1,290
	1,853,340	1,853,340

- 2i. Other Income is made up as follows:

	<u>Y-T-D Budget</u>	<u>Y-T-D Actual</u>
Shared Income from WMA	76,529	88,585
Commuted Maintenance	0	0
Easement	0	0
Sundry Income	0	46
Summons Costs	0	0
	76,529	88,631

	<u>Y-T-D Budget</u>	<u>Y-T-D Actual</u>
2ii. Insurance Claims	0	0
Other Income Total	76,529	88,631

3. The Net Operating Deficit/(Surplus) for this year is made up as follows:

	<u>Y-T-D Budget</u>	<u>Y-T-D Actual</u>
Labour Operations Account	0	-15,113
Mobile Plant Operations Account	0	19,988
	0	4,875

Detailed operating surpluses/(deficits) for the Labour Operations Account and each item of mobile plant are shown in the Labour Operations and Mobile Plant Operations Reports, which can be made available to members on request.

4. 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, which can be made available to members on request. The Grants Due/(Unapplied) also correspond with the figures shown on the Balance Sheet. The Plant and Development Committee scrutinise this Report every year.

5. The detailed maintenance operations in each sub catchment is approved by the Board annually and shown on the schedule of maintenance works as controlled by the Operations Manager, which can be made available to members on request. Expenditure is summarised as follows:

	<u>Y-T-D Budget</u>	<u>Y-T-D Actual</u>
Labour Charges	144,858	138,562
Plant Charges	67,143	65,769
Out-sourced Work	33,550	33,622
Materials	34,375	34,190
Electricity	17,500	17,144
Telemetry	3,275	3,113
Insurance	56,100	53,016
Contingency	6,382	0
Compensation	137,000	136,702
Direct Works	500,182	482,120
Technical Support Staff Costs	90,543	85,933
Other Technical Support Costs	12,660	10,296
Biodiversity Action Plan Costs	3,375	3,738
Maintenance Works	606,759	582,086

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- 6(i). Administration charges reflect the Board's share of consortium expenditure (excluding the technical support costs, which are included in the maintenance works expenditure). Detailed expenditure is monitored by the Consortium Management Committee and the Board every three months:

	Y-T-D Budget	Y-T-D Actual
Administration Staff Costs	32,866	33,543
Other Administration Costs	89,484	94,073
Depreciation - Marsh Reeves Refurbishment	3,226	3,226
Drainage Rates AV (Increases)/Decreases	12,000	1,112
Sundry Expenses	0	163
Pension Deficit Recovery Payments	65,750	65,750
Sundry Debtors Written Off	0	0
Settlement Discount Taken	18,000	18,030
	221,326	215,897

- 6(ii). Consortium Charges

	Y-T-D Budget	Y-T-D Actual
<u>Expenses</u>		
Technical Support Staff (note 5)	90,543	85,933
Other Technical Support (note 5)	12,660	10,296
Administration Staff Costs (note 6i)	32,866	33,543
Other Administration Costs (Note 6i)	89,484	94,073
Less: Shared Income from the WMA (note 2i)	-76,529	-88,585
Net Consortium Charge	149,024	135,260

7. At the time of preparing the Estimates for 2025/26, the Board planned to finance the estimated net deficit as follows:

	Budget
Transfer from the Capital Works Reserve	0
Transfer from the Development Reserve	0
Transfer from the Plant Reserve	0
Transfer from the Partnership Working Reserve	0
Reducing/(Inc.) the Balance of the General Reserve	-32,247
(=) Original Estimated Net Deficit	-32,247
(-) FDGiA Subsequently Awarded by EA	
(=) Estimated Net Deficit	-32,247

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Pumping Stations	Land and Buildings	Plant and Equipment	Total
Cost				
Opening Balance as at 1-4-2025	156,750	931,257	2,449,477	3,537,484
(+) Additions	0	0	35,250	35,250
(-) Disposals	0	0	0	0
Closing Balance as at 30-6-2025	156,750	931,257	2,484,727	3,572,734
Depreciation				
Opening Balance as at 1-4-2025	156,750	442,243	1,422,153	2,021,146
(+) Depreciation Charge for Year	0	3,226	55,417	58,643
(-) Accumulated Depreciation Written Out on Disposal	0	0	0	0
Closing Balance as at 30-6-2025	156,750	445,469	1,477,569	2,079,789
Net Book Value at 1-4-2025	0	489,014	1,027,324	1,516,338
Net Book Value at 30-6-2025	0	485,788	1,007,157	1,492,945

Full details of all movements during this year are recorded in the Board's Fixed Asset Register, which is available on request.

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Note Notes to the Accounts

9. 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 Current Account is reconciled as follows:

	2024/25	2025/26
Opening Balance as at 1-4-2025	3,346	255,699
Receipts	8,847,336	5,856,602
Payments	-8,594,983	-5,259,304
Closing Balance as at 30-6-2025	255,699	852,997
Balance on Statement as at 30-6-2025	255,628	852,978
Less: Unpresented Payments	0	0
Add: Unpresented Receipts	71	19
Closing Balance as at 30-6-2025	255,699	852,997

10. The Aged Debtor profile is currently as follows:

Debt period	Amount	Number of Debtors
<=30 days	7,034	3
>30 days and <=60 days	30	1
>60 days and <=90 days	0	0
>90 days	10	1
	7,074	5
>90 days	Amount	Inv. Date Originator
Mrs L J Bojang	10	24/10/2024 K. Vines
	10	

11. Work in Progress (WIP) is currently made up of the following jobs:

Customer	Amount
REA0003 - EA Grass Cuts 25/26	48,653
RAS0001 - Ashwood Homes	5,281
	53,934

12. Term Deposits are currently as follows:

Financial Institution	Capital	Investment Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate
Furness Building Society	500,000	27/03/2025	28/07/2025	4.50%
National Counties Building Society	500,000	19/05/2025	19/08/2025	4.26%
Vernon Building Society	500,000	13/06/2025	28/08/2025	4.10%
Newcastle Building Society	250,000	30/05/2025	01/09/2025	4.27%
Progressive Building Society	500,000	30/05/2025	01/09/2025	4.30%
National Counties Building Society	500,000	07/05/2025	08/09/2025	4.30%
Melton Mowbray Building Society	500,000	07/05/2025	08/09/2025	4.30%
Vernon Building Society	500,000	07/05/2025	09/09/2025	4.22%
Melton Mowbray Building Society	250,000	09/06/2025	12/09/2025	4.40%
West Bromwich Building Society	500,000	20/06/2025	14/10/2025	4.07%
Progressive Building Society	250,000	22/04/2025	22/10/2025	4.40%
Furness Building Society	500,000	06/05/2025	06/11/2025	4.30%
Nottingham Building Society	500,000	06/05/2025	08/12/2025	3.98%
	5,750,000			

13. Special Levies are paid by Constituent Councils in two halves due on 1 May and 1 November every year. There are currently 281 Ratepayers that have not paid their Drainage Rates for 2025/26, as compared to 327 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	-3,097	9,483
Drainage Rates for the Year	1,437,660	1,521,222
Special Levies for the Year	1,747,295	1,853,672
New Assessments	2,777	2,786
Value Decreases	-23,904	-18,633
Value Increases	21,139	15,876
Payments Received	-3,042,763	-2,137,752
Settlement Discount	-17,154	-18,030
Returned/(Represented) Amounts	24,781	1,145
Paid Refund	65	4,522
Summons Collection Costs	1,875	0
Irrecoverables and Write Offs	-481	-1,575
Sundry Adjustments	9	-174
Compensation	-138,719	-136,702
Arrears c/fwd	9,483	1,095,842

From: 01 April 2025
To: 30 June 2025

Period To: 3
Year Ended: 31 March 2026

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14. Grants Due on the following scheme

	2024/25	2025/26
	0	0
	0	0

15. Movements on the General Reserve are made up as follows:

	2024/25	2025/26
Opening Balance as at 1-4-2025	774,877	1,095,898
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	717,292	2,486,253
Net Transfer (to)/from Capital Works Reserve	-232,375	0
Net Contributions Transferred (to)/from Development Reserve	-46,620	0
Transfer Balance(to)/from Plant Reserve	-117,276	0
Closing Balance as at 30-6-2025	1,095,898	3,582,151

16. Movements on the Development Reserve are made up as follows:

	2024/25	2025/26
Opening Balance as at 1-4-2025	946,863	993,483
Net Contributions Transferred from General Reserve	46,620	0
Closing Balance as at 30-6-2025	993,483	993,483

17. Movements on the Plant Reserve are made up as follows:

	2024/25	2025/26
Opening Balance as at 1-4-2025	1,625,635	1,742,911
Net Contributions Transferred from General Reserve	117,276	0
Closing Balance as at 30-6-2025	1,742,911	1,742,911

18. The Capital Works Reserve is currently made up as follows:

		Tfr from/(to)	
	2024/25	Gen. Reserve	2025/26
N/A	200,000	0	200,000
SCH18	Telemetry	0	51,557
ASSORT.	Catchment Modelling + Minor Capital Works	0	128,300
SCH68	Dawsmere Pumping Station Refurbishment (incl Weedscreen)	0	911
SCH80	Holbeach Drainage Study	0	30,916
SCH83	South Holland Main Drain Study	0	90,548
SCH87	Moulton Chapel Drainage Improvements	0	69,000
SCH91	Exeter Drain North Matmore Gate Pipeline Refurbishment	0	120,000
SCH100	Roman Bank Piping	0	65,000
SCH101	Claylake Culvert Repairs	0	55,000
	Lower Fulney Drainage Works	0	50,000
	Allenbys Chase Drainage Scheme	0	70,000
	931,232	0	931,232

19. Movements on the Revaluation Reserve are made up as follows:

	2025/26
Opening Balance as at 1-4-2025	414,713
Less:	
Pumping Station Depreciation	0
Closing Balance as at 30-6-2025	414,713

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20. Movements on the Grants Reserve are made up as follows:

	2025/26
Opening Balance as at 1-4-2025	858,817
Add: Grant Received	0
Less: Grant Applied	-836,147
	22,671
	22,671
Add: Grant Due	0
Closing Balance as at 30-6-2025	22,671

	2024/25	2025/26
SCH69 Lords Pumping Station Refurbishment	16,463	16,463
SCH78 Lutton Leam Outfall Sluice Refurbishment Study	1,650	0
SCH79 Exeter Drain North Pipeline & Open Channel Refurb/Rehab	0	0
SCH80 Holbeach Drainage Study	41,297	41,297
SCH83 South Holland Main Drain Study	52,143	51,303
SCH84 Wragg Marsh Culvert Repair	8,279	8,279
SCH89 Lutton Leam Outfall Sluice Refurbishment Works	461,098	-279,981
SCH91 Exeter Drain North Matmore Gate Pipeline Refurbishment	253,727	163,249
SCH95 Holbeach Bank PS Study/Refurb	24,159	22,059
	858,817	22,671

	0
Grants Due as at 30-6-2025	0

21. Pension Liability

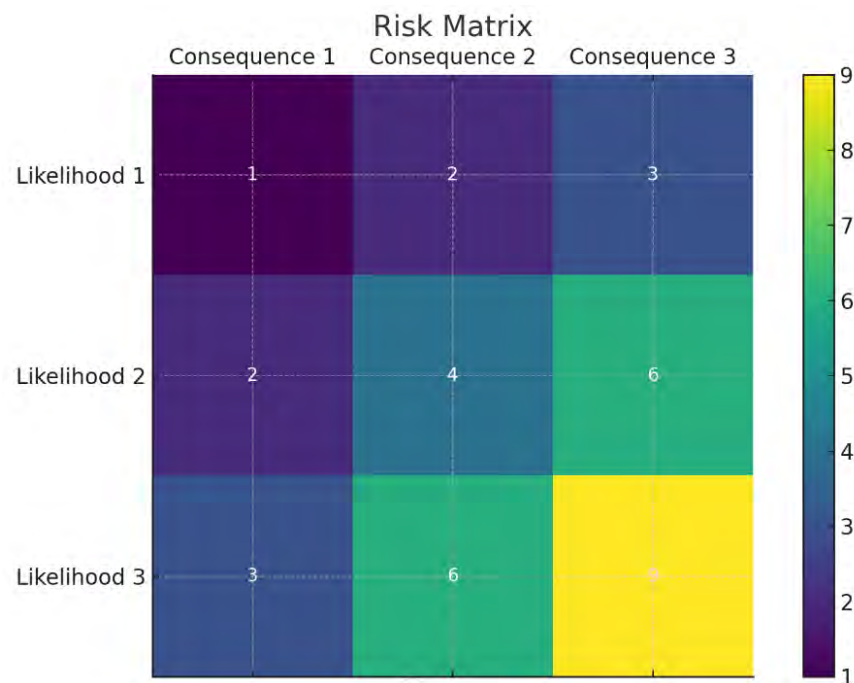
- (i) The Pension Liability is calculated by the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Fund Actuary at the end of every financial year. It is a notional liability that is shown as a Long Term Liability on the Balance Sheet. This figure is meant to show the extent of the Board's liability at the Balance Sheet date, based on a number of actuarial assumptions. However it is important to note that this sum does not represent an estimate of the exit cost of withdrawing from the LGPS at the Balance Sheet date.
- (ii) 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 £2,762,000 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 11 February 2025.

22. Related Party Transactions

- (i) The Board is a full member of Anglia Farmers Ltd, an agricultural purchasing cooperative. Several members of the Board are also shareholders of this organisation. The Board paid Anglia Farmers Ltd £0.00 up to 30/06/2025
- (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.

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CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Risk Register



Risk Register analyses the likelihood and consequences to determine the risk level.

Risks of 1-3 are considered tolerable, with active monitoring of the situation and some actions being required.

Risks of 4-6 are considered those we need to 'Treat', that is to take more proactive actions to minimize and control the risk.

Risks of 9 are considered too high and should be 'Transferred' that is passed to another or stopped.

Objectives	Risk Identified	Impact	Risk Likelihood	Risk Consequence	Risk Score	Action	Details of how risk will be managed	Review Date	Officer
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 the Board's capital and general reserves. Reduction in standard of FCERM services the Board is able to provide. Inability to replace assets as scheduled in the Board's asset management plan	2	3	6	Treat	Aiming to present a balanced budget within 2 years by: 1). Only undertaking maintenance work that reduces flood risk. 2). Implementing the Board's net cost reduction strategy, as set out in the group's Rate Levies and Collection Policy. 3). Only undertaking <u>new</u> capital work that is fully grant funded. 4). Requesting the Board to approve annual increases in drainage rates and special levies that will deliver a balanced budget next year.	31.03.2026	KV

Objectives	Risk Identified	Impact	Risk Likelihood	Risk Consequence	Risk Score	Action	Details of how risk will be managed	Review Date	Officer
		and EA MTP. Inability to replace any culverts and/or free-span bridges that the Board may be found to have some liability for replacing.					Legal advice has been sought on the potential liability the Board may have for replacing/repairing culverts and/or free-span bridges that exist in the Board's arterial network.		
	(1b) EA is no longer willing or able to carry out work on sea defences that protects the Internal Drainage District, or the works are undertaken to a reduced specification.	Potential for overtopping into the IDD during severe weather events. Cost implication of managing the increase in water and potential damage to the Board's infrastructure.	2	3	6	Treat	A request has been made to the local EA Asset Performance Team to share details on the monitoring of the former lines of reclamation. We received an update from the EA at the end of August 2022 – the former lines of reclamation are currently surveyed every 2 years and the majority have been found to be in a poor state. The EA do not intend to improve their condition, only prevent will-full/further degradation. An update on this has been requested from the EA and a response is awaited.	31.03.2026	KV
	(1o) Possible enforced works on Board's infrastructure arising from implementation of Eel Regs 2009	Huge cost implications if works are not grant funded.	2	3	6	Tolerate	The Area Manager has worked with EA to assess and prioritise sites. Discussions are currently being held with EA to secure new exemptions to the screening requirements to replace the previous exemptions which expired in 2024. Apply for grant aid when	31.03.2026	KV/CL

Objectives	Risk Identified	Impact	Risk Likelihood	Risk Consequence	Risk Score	Action	Details of how risk will be managed	Review Date	Officer
							replacing/refurbishing pumping stations and tidal sluices to ensure IDB infrastructure is both fish friendly and eel regs compliant.		
	(1u) Applications to the Environment Agency to part-fund capital projects may be successful, but the Board would still be unable to deliver the improvement work because it could not fund its share of the project cost. The risk of this happening was considered to be high.		2	3	6	Treat	Expertise is held within teams to maximise the amount of grant being obtained along with other sources of funding. Teams to remain vigilant of challenges and always work to minimize the costs of capital projects and find efficiencies wherever possible.	31.03.2026	KV
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.	(3b) SUDs managed by private companies who allow them to fall into disrepair by lack of long- term maintenance.	Inadequate or lack of maintenance of SUDs could have an adverse impact on the IDB infrastructure and subsequently increase the risk of flooding over the medium term.	2	3	6	Treat	The Sustainable Development team proactively promotes best practice when considering on-site drainage design as part of planning submissions and consent applications. This includes advocating for SuDS adoptions wherever feasible and are ensuring that SuDS design facilitates effective maintenance.	31.03.2026	CB

CB = Cathryn Brady, Sustainable Development Manager, PC = Phil Camamile, Chief Executive, SJ = Sallyanne Jeffrey, Finance & Rating Manager, CL = Caroline Laburn, Environmental Manager, KV = Karl Vines, Area Manager

FEEDBACK & COMPLAINTS REVIEW

For the period 26th April 2025 – 21st July 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 located in all email footers.

3. OFFICIAL COMPLAINTS

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

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

4. OTHER FEEDBACK

No feedback communications have been received or dealt with during the reporting period and there are no outstanding feedback communications to monitor, brought forward from previous reporting periods. The same reporting period last year contained no feedback communications.

FRANCES BLIGH
ICT MANAGER
21st July 2025

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Members	PAPER COPY
Simon Bartlett	
Allan Beal	
Anthony Casson	YES
Nanette Chapman	YES
Chris Dring	
Paul Foyster	
Joe Grundy	
Andrew Hay	YES
Sam Markillie	
Julian Perowne	
Paul Redgate	YES
Elizabeth Sneath	YES
Thomas Sneath	
Ian Stancer	
Sam Taylor	
Richard Thompson	
Jack Tyrrell	YES
David Wilkinson	YES
Duncan Worth	

Officers	
Cathryn Brady	
Katie Byrne	
Phil Camamile	
Sallyanne Jeffrey	
Caroline Laburn	
Dominic Morris	
Georgina Nichols	
Karl Vines	

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Meeting 05 August 2025