

28 January 2026

## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Waveney, Lower Yare and Lothingland Internal Drainage Board held on Wednesday, 04 February 2026 at 10:00 am at Raveningham Barn, Beccles Road, Raveningham NR14 6NW and virtually via Microsoft Teams. To join the meeting via Microsoft Teams please [click here](#)

If any member of the public would like to join the general business session, please contact [Business.Support@wlma.org.uk](mailto:Business.Support@wlma.org.uk) before 3.00 pm on Tuesday, 03 February 2026.

## AGENDA

1. Welcome and Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of Interest
3. To confirm the minutes of the last Board meeting held on 21 May 2025 (**Pages 4 – 10**)
4. Matters arising from the minutes, not covered elsewhere on the agenda
5. To consider and approve:
  - Health, Safety & Welfare Performance Review (**Pages 11 - 12**)
  - Capital Works Programme Overview & Project Development Update (**Page 13**)
  - Project Delivery Report (**Pages 14 – 19**)
  - Operations Report (**Pages 20 – 24**)
  - Environmental Report (**Pages 25 - 29**)
  - Sustainable Development Report (**Pages 30 - 32**)
6. To receive the audited Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the financial year ending 31 March 2025, to view [Click here](#)
7. To consider and approve the Financial Report for the period 01 April 2025 to 30 November 2025 (**Pages 33 - 39**)
8. To consider and approve the Rate Estimates and the Capital and Maintenance Work Programmes for 2026/27 (**Pages 40 - 44**)
9. To Lay and Seal the Drainage Rates and Special Levies for 2026/27

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Hamish Thomson-Carrie (Chairman)

Ben Blower (Vice Chairman)

Marcus Coleman (Chief Executive)

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10. To review the Board's performance for 2025/26 and approve the Board's objectives for 2026/27 **(Pages 45 - 49)**
11. To consider and approve any material changes to the Risk Register for those risks with a risk assessment matrix score of  $\geq 6$  **(Pages 50 - 54)**
12. To review any official complaints and other feedback received since the last Board meeting **(Page 55)**
13. To consider and approve the Calendar of Meetings for 2026, as recommended by the Consortium Management Committee **(Page 56)**
14. To apprise Board members of the ICF led, Defra and MHCLG IDB funding and costs research project which is to be concluded in July 2026 **(Page 57)**
15. Date / Time / Type of next meeting: Wednesday, 20 May 2026 at 10am, face-to-face at Raveningham Barn
16. Any other business
17. Open Forum to hear from any member of the public, with leave of the Chairman
18. **CONSORTIUM MATTERS**
  - 18.1. To receive the unconfirmed minutes and report extracts from the last Consortium Management Committee (CMC) meeting held on 05 December 2025, to view [Click Here](#) :
    - Unconfirmed minutes of the meeting
    - WMA Schedule of Paid Accounts for the period 01 September 2025 to 31 October 2025
    - WMA Group's Portfolio of Capital Work as at 21 November 2025
    - WMA Group's Communication Report for the period 01 September 2025 to 31 October 2025
  - 18.2. To consider and adopt the WMA policies due for review in 2025, as recommended by the Consortium Management Committee **(Pages 58 – 61)**
  - 18.3. To consider and approve the Interim Review of the WMA's Objectives for 2025/26 **(Pages 62 – 64)**
  - 18.4. To consider and approve the WMA Projected Out-turns for 2025/26 and the Estimates for 2026/27 **(Pages 65 - 72)**
  - 18.5. To consider and approve the Catchment Services Report **(Pages 73 - 76)**
  - 18.6. To consider and approve the WMA Annual Carbon Report for 2024/25 **(Pages 77 - 106)**
  - 18.7. To apprise Board Representatives of any specific matter relating to the WMA for discussion at the next CMC meeting on 24 April 2026
19. **CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**

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

  - 19.1. To confirm the confidential minutes of the last Board meeting held on 21 May 2025 **(Pages 107 - 108)**
  - 19.2. Matters arising from the confidential minutes

## 19.3. To receive:

- The confirmed confidential minutes from the Benacre & Kessingland Flood Risk Management Project Committee Meeting held on 23 July 2025 (**Pages 109 – 110**)
- The confirmed confidential minutes from the Benacre & Kessingland Flood Risk Management Project Committee Meeting held on 16 October 2025 (**Pages 111 – 112**)
- The unconfirmed confidential minutes from the Benacre & Kessingland Flood Risk Management Project Committee Meeting held on 19 January 2026 (**Pages 113 – 114**)

19.4. To receive the unconfirmed confidential minutes and report extracts of the last CMC meeting held on 05 December 2025 (**Pages 115 - 117**)

## 19.5. Any other confidential business