



Water Management Strategic Advisory Group

30th January 2015 9.30am-11.30am

Beech Room, Lincolnshire County Council, Ground Floor, City Hall, Lincoln

	Actions
Attendees: Mark Tinsley(MT), David Hinkman (DM), Mervyn Pettifer (MP), Steven Coe (SC), Andy Bailey (ABail), Barry Onions (BO), Robert Cauldwell (RCa), Martin Collinson (MC), Andy Baxendale (ABax), Richard Wills (RW), Ruth Carver (RC), Emma Mumby (EM), Eve Bakewell (EB). Apologies: Rod Chapman	
<u>Introduction</u> Introduction by MT, including welcoming Barry Onions who works in connection with drainage and flooding and who is attending for the first time today.	
<u>Purpose of meeting</u> To understand current position. To move plans forward in relation to the water summit.	
Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as read.	
<u>TORS and Work Plan of Water Management Group</u> MT raising concern that there are so many initiatives and this in itself causes problems and the purpose of today's meeting is to define what we require, in terms of sub-groups and task forces, and what needs to be put in place to move these forward. MT very keen to fix a date for the Water Summit. We need work to be constructive and concise in what we require. Other organisations will need to be included; Anglian Water will be an integral figure, but we need to ensure that everyone is working from the same agenda. We need to raise the profile of Lincolnshire. Tim Cullen (Whitehall sponsor) may need to be included; this needs to be firmed up in the coming months and once the election is over we can lobby what support we need, who needs to be involved and what outcome we hope to achieve. SC raising the issue of whether North and North East Lincolnshire are to be included as	

part of the strategy group and enquiring what the position is on this. RC confirming that the extended group is to include Lincolnshire and North Lincolnshire. The LEP members needed time to consider this and is something that we want to take forward; it will be looked at again at the next strategy meeting. RC expressing the view that organisation is key and there is possibly a need for wider geographical representatives. Water resources need to be looked at and this will take some time to come into fruition.	
<u>Membership</u> MT raising the issue as to whether there is adequate representation in the existing group. We need to pool resources together (from multi agencies) and need guidance on how best to do this. Need to look into who needs to be on the Board; Anglian Water representative, a body from OFWAT (although this may prove difficult to pin someone down to attend – MT confirming that he would be happy to meet with them if this helps move it forward). The role of district councils needs to be looked at and whether they need to be involved in relation to potential funding.	
<u>Water Management Plan</u> Flood Risk Management. Assets – provided by the Environment Agency Growth – LEP need to push on this and contribute Water Management – LEP Board to manage the information but need input from Anglian Water to help with the number crunching and understanding the needs and requirements ABail confirming that the flood risk aspect is largely done but not so much in relation to water management. Need to secure funding for water storage. Discussion on the importance of OFWAT. RW confirming that OFWAT are sympathetic to what we are about and we need to utilise them in the best possible way. ABail confirming that there is a workshop next week which Robert and David are going to attend on behalf of LEP. RCa advising that we need a two stage approach; now is the time to engage with Anglian Water and get them on board. RC confirming that the LEP Board agreed in November that water management is a necessary group and funding and resources have been secured and allocated for this to	

continue. There is a need for a Water Summit and some discussion took place as to what this needs to achieve and who needs to be involved and on what level. ABax explained that as part of the water management plan we need to be clear on what we are asking of the Government in terms of what funding we require and what schemes this will be put towards. There will need to be economic justification for the help we are asking for.	
<u>Proposals for a Water Summit</u> Lengthy discussion as to how this is going to come together, who needs to be included and which organisations need to have an input. Key businesses need to be involved. It was agreed that Mervyn Pettifer, David Hickman, Martin Collinson, Andy Bailey and Ruth Carver will form a core group to look at what we want to achieve and how best to do this. Mervyn is to lead the core group. North and North East Lincolnshire are to be included in the Water Summit. It was agreed that a clear vision is needed for the summit (including cost implications) as there is a concern that it could turn into a repetitive scoping exercise; this is where the work of the core group will be invaluable. The plan is to have the Water Summit towards the end of May beginning of June. It was agreed, after some discussion, that we should approach the different sectors/businesses and ask them to put forward their potential requirements together with what economical value they hope these will bring. This information can then be pooled together by the core group so that a clear concise proposal can be presented at the water summit.	
<u>Coastal Vision</u> DH outlined his proposals for this in some detail. Advising that it needs to include ideas around economic regeneration as well as flood risk and that it needs to provide direction for new and existing initiatives. This information needs to be presented in a small and concise manner; possibly in the form of a pamphlet. A diverse group of people will benefit from this and it may be that it needs to be presented in different ways for different sectors and this needs clarifying. DH hopeful that something will be ready between December and March but will keep us informed as to the position.	

<u>Next Steps/Actions</u> The core group are to meet asap and agree a way forward. Firm up Anglian Water involvement by meeting with Peter Simpson. Meeting with OFWAT to be arranged. MP to look at growth across the sectors and tie in water needs to give a strategic view. Details from the Local Authority of their schemes and needs for growth in their area. Next meeting to be scheduled around March. NB Robert Cauldwell is retiring at the end of June. Confirming that Eddie Poll is taking over his role and has been invited to attend future meetings.	RC/EB RC/EB For next meeting MP For next meeting RC/EB RC/EB
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