

Water Management Board

The Water Management Board (WMB) is a strategic group that reports into the Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership (GLLEP). It is chaired by a LEP Board Member.

It will work with other partners to develop and implement an approach and a strategy for water management (flood risk and water resources) that enables, promotes and delivers sustainable growth across Greater Lincolnshire. The Board's aim is co-ordination of new and existing stakeholders, not 'control' or direction of them, to deliver the ambitions within the water management plan.

The WMB will provide the tactical elements of the LEP Strategic Economic Plan in relation to water issues to ensure continuity and delivery of strategic outcomes.

The WMB role is to:

- Develop a water management plan for Growth for Greater Lincolnshire
- Work with other groups and organisations to promote integrated water management planning
- Assess and prioritise water management schemes that deliver economic growth, housing, jobs and private sector leverage.
- Work with others to influence and align other funding streams to support the integrated water management plan and economic growth
- Lead on negotiating freedoms and flexibilities on water management with government
- Develop and promote investment proposals and business cases, where appropriate for growth deal funding for water management schemes that will support delivery of economic growth, housing provision and jobs.
- enable a growth agenda by improving access to a wider range of funding for water management purposes, ie EU, growth deal
- establish a long term approach to water management that enables growth without compromising the aims of reducing and managing flood risk

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- Support Lincolnshire's nationally leading approach to flood risk management, link to a correspondingly forward looking approach to water management and support growth in key sectors, including agri-food and tourism. Support similar groups in North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire in their approach to water management.

The water management Board shall be supported by a officers group consisting of members from the EA, the LEP, and the three unitary authorities (LCC, NLC and NELC).

Water Management Group –membership

The membership shall reflect the emphasis and the geography of Greater Lincolnshire, and shall be reviewed periodically. The current membership consists of existing LEP Board Members Mark Tinsley and Richard Wills; water management expert, Andy Baxendale ; Flood Committee Chair - Robert Caudwell/Eddy Poll and officers from relevant organisations– David Hickman LCC, Rod Chapman NLC, Steve Coe NELC, Peter Bateson, IDB's, Andy Brown, Anglian Water, Andy Bailey and Debra Campbell (EA), and GLLEP secretariat – Ruth Carver

Key organisations that the WMB need to work with

- Northern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee – Robert Cauldwell/Eddy Poll and new members
- Lincolnshire Floods and Drainage Strategy Group (led by EA)
- Lincolnshire Flood and Drainage Operational/Management group (led by lead local flood authority)
- Environment Agency
- DEFRA Water Team
- Anglian Water
- IDB's
- Unitary Authorities in Greater Lincolnshire
- South Humber Partners such as the Humber LEP, the Humber Floods Groups
- Wash Frontage Group

Reference 13: Water Management Board Terms of Reference
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