



# LEP WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD

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THE BOARDROOM, LANCASTER HOUSE,  
36 ORCHARD STREET, LINCOLN, LN1 1XX

# Draft Minutes

**Present:** Robert Caudwell (Chair), Martin Collinson, Martin Osborne, Jean Spencer Steve Moncaster, Ruth Carver, David Hickman, Matthew Harrison, Andy Bailey, Mike Dugher, Eddy Poll, Barrie Onions

**Apologies:** Paul Vallely, Phil Drury, Deborah Campbell, Ian Warsap

**Welcome by the Chair**  
Introductions and update given

**Update on Water Management Commission and learning to date**  
MO confirmed another workshop would take place to capture industry and visitor economy sectors.

Key recommendations in the report to date are around Agri-Water use and the future development for High Water Efficiency.

Also looked at AW's WRMP and has produced an overview (paper attached and circulated). This is a constructive challenge to the plan and raises point around key areas, but one concern is that with such ambitious proposals, is there a "Plan B".

JS confirmed that this is an adaptive plan and water efficiency targets are achievable. Smart meters are linked to behavioural change and plan for a likely 3% increase on top of the average 15% less water use currently on meters. This will enable AW to engage with customers, so believe this is achievable and also helps to identify blockages in the network. AW are currently a frontier company in this area.

MC raised the point that the plan only deals with domestic issues, but not agri-food, tourism etc, which are of interest to the LEP Water Management Board and the growth agenda.

SM - WRE will come into play in this area with multi-sector approaches and agri-water demand management.

RC - need to consider commercial growth, ie, FEZs and they are factored in to the long term planning model.

JS confirmed that some businesses focus on water efficiency, but unfortunately not all. Confirmed that in the adaptive plan in the next AMP period, AW will be developing these options.

RCau - the challenge is to provide the LEP information on economic development, so therefore showing where the demands are likely to be. This is a challenge to the LEP.

RC confirmed that following the workshop identified by MO, then this will fully complete the work on the WMC.

**Action**

**Update on WRE**

SM- there will now be a more efficient way of reporting on the work of the SLWP and this will now be a standing agenda item at the Lincolnshire Flood Risk Strategy Group.

- The WRE Launch event has been postponed with the new date at the Epic Centre on the 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Invites have been sent out to book through Eventbrite.
- Technical Programme - Planning with other water companies is ongoing. AW are looking at a catchment based programme and looking to instrument to develop a system for transfer of water and water related services. Seeking INTERREG funding to support catchment work. If concept meets requirements, then submission in January 2019, approval March 2019 and to be delivered by 2023. Catchments being considered are Black Sluice in Lincolnshire, but also the Deben, Broadland and Wissey.
- In response to question regarding purpose of the launch event, SM confirmed this is looking for tangible commitments for resources and funding that will help take WRE forward. This will be from both public and private stakeholders.
- MH asked if GLLEP and LCC are still being considered to be part of the launch event in a supporting role of the concepts of the initiative. SM confirmed that AW would expect LEP/LCC to occupy one of the information booths at the end of the proposed "walk through" at the event so would have a role. Would take this request away, however, and confirm details.

**AW Water Management Plan - Draft Response**

DH - Paper circulated at meeting highlighting proposed response heading for LCC, but which will mirror the expected LEP approach to the consultation as it will be seeking to highlight the overall benefits for Lincolnshire. This approach was accepted, but it was highlighted that the local authority response would be just from LCC and it would be for NLC and NELC to make their own responses. Obviously, the LEP response would be from a Greater Lincolnshire perspective.

EP - It is important that the value of agricultural land is recognised.

JS - Overall delivery expected early 2030s.

RC - See this approach from the LEP as a medium more than long term.

MD - There is the possibility to link to future funding through DEFRA. Currently, this is very much in silos, but there is a view to look more broadly.

MC - Also, need to push the flooding agenda alongside these proposals.

JS - Be mindful of the tone of the response to the WRMP. Need to be clear if we would welcome a reservoir in Lincolnshire as other areas have options that are not in the county.

MD - Although there is talk of looking to Holland for innovative ideas, the Dutch are making a visit to the UK to look at partnership funding as the Dutch government has said that current policy and funding is not sustainable in Holland.

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| <p><b><u>Humber Strategy</u></b><br/> Presentation made by Mike Dugher on current position with the Humber Strategy and currently at options appraisal stage, considering the options from a long list to a short list.</p> <p>MC - Highlights the need to have a new way of valuing economic benefits.</p> <p>MD - Currently have to work what treasury will allow EA to value, but would look towards the LEP for economic areas and where the values are.</p> <p>MD - Need to look at how to align infrastructure, flood risk etc and matching different funding sources.</p> <p>MC - How is costing made for the options, bearing in mind the difference in scale of some of the proposals. MD responded - not costing at this stage, but all economic benefits get drawn into assessments.</p> <p>MD - EA have a good track record of delivery with treasury and this is important. It is noted that there is good representation of stakeholders around the table at the Water Management Board. Capturing economic value is important and Humber LEP colleagues will be collating the information.</p> |  |
| <p><b><u>DEFRA 25 Year Environment Plan</u></b><br/> Paper and response circulated. Question around what do we do with £3 billion CAP funding and how this is managed. This is likely to be a lot less. Beyond 2019, this may stay the same for around 2 years, then likely to be a transition period of 5-7 years before a new system comes in.</p> <p>DEFRA initially proposed Agriculture Bill for the summer, but it has now been put back and if the Bill is this year, it is likely to be November/December.</p>  |  |
| <p><b><u>NIC Response</u></b><br/> Sir John Armitt's visit to Grafham Water in February was successful and as a consequence, the NIC team are very responsive to water and are going to do more around water nationally. They are looking at resistance to drought and managing climate change.</p> <p>RCau - There are challenges around flood risk as well as water resources and how these tie together.</p>   |  |
| <p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b><br/> None</p>   |  |

**Items to come back to board**

| <b><u>GLLEP Board Date</u></b>      | <b><u>Action</u></b>   | <b><u>Person Responsible</u></b>       | <b><u>Carried Out</u></b>                      |
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| <b>20 July 2017</b>                 | Progress relationship with HCA   | Pete Holmes/Ian Fytche                 | ongoing  |
|                                     | Explore options for smart/futuristic homes   | Cllr Davie                             | Report May 2018                                |
| <b>29 September 2017</b>            | Agree small number of messages that GLLEP wants to give to Government, avoid being diverted by Government announcing different policies on LIS           | Strategy Away Day                      | Jan 2018 - complete                            |
|                                     | Assurance Framework training for LEP Board and Investment Board members  | Linsay HillPritchard                   | May 2018                                       |
|                                     | PR on Skills Capital Fund, use the grants being given to Lincoln and Stamford as a way you can demonstrate that GLLEP is investing in the digital agenda | Ruth Carver/Clare Hughes/Halina Davies | ongoing  |
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| <b>24 November 2017</b>             | Update on progress and a report on enhancing scrutiny arrangements   | Richard Wills                          | Jan 2018 - complete - detailed report May 2018 |
|                                     | Decarbonisation Project - Humber LEP & GLLEP to share  | Humber LEP & GLLEP - Simon Green       |  |
|                                     | Self-Employment Project - figures captured Growth Hub  | Samantha Harrison                      |  |
|                                     | Actions from the Digital Action Plan being implemented.  | Angela Driver                          |  |
| <b>31<sup>st</sup> January 2018</b> | Visitor Economy website and national profile   | Ruth Carver                            |  |
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| <b>23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018</b>   |  |  |  |