



LEP WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD

8th July 2019

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

Draft Minutes

<p>Present: Robert Caudwell (Chair), Cllr Eddy Poll, Phil Drury, David Hickman, Ian Warsap, Martin Collison, Martin Osborne, Matthew Harrison, Steve Moncaster</p> <p>Apologies: Paul Vallely, Ruth Carver, Deborah Campbell, Norman Robinson</p>	
<p>Welcome by the Chair The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and introductions were given.</p>	
<p>Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th November 2018 The minutes were agreed.</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p>Review of the Lincolnshire Flood Risk and Water Management Strategy MH gave a presentation on the Review of the Lincolnshire Flood Risk and Water Management Strategy, which is currently out for consultation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ In reviewing the original strategy the following considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategy completed and approved 2012 - Nine main objectives - Covers period 2012-2025 - Still relevant? - Some expected legislation not enacted - Partnership has taken flexible approach as circumstances change - New initiatives and opportunities emerging ➤ Moving Forward: Revised and updated strategy aims to achieve multiple benefits locally that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve flood risk management - Provide greater water resource sustainability that supports economic and housing growth - Builds on the Catchment approach - Provides amenity benefits and environmental betterment <p>Overall, the strategy seeks to provide an area resilient to flood risk and water resource issues with a long term strategic vision, with local benefits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Strategic Themes and Locations identified include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coastal Lincolnshire - Agriculture - Catchment based approach - Urban areas ➤ Key aims of the strategy are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To move from flood risk management to cover water management - To develop a more strategic approach to development and land use planning - To build on the existing strong profile of the Lincolnshire Partnership ensuring it has a strong influencing role - To build and develop key lines of communication to promote the aims, ambitions and achievements of the Lincolnshire Partnership <p>Six public consultation drop-in sessions have already been held</p>	

<p><u>Comments & Responses</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asked how it would fit in with the National Strategy - similar themes and encouraging dealing with water management, as well as flooding and water resilience so aligns with the National Strategy. • Resilience is key word for water management, flooding and resources. • This was an opportunity to get ahead of the game locally. • Funding model is needed. • Viewed positively by Government, this may attract funding. • Businesses may invest if they can grow their business. • Correspondence with partners and Water Management Board re the draft strategy in August, prior to LCC scrutiny processes with aim of formal adoption by LCC Executive by the end of the year. 	
<p><u>Water Management Plan and Project List- Martin Osborne</u></p> <p>The draft Strategy and the Water Management Plan are moving forward together.</p> <p>The project list, which was produced for economic growth, was discussed and Board members were happy with this with one or two minor changes.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding the Steeping catchment area stating that if the river was in a better condition, more growth could be achieved, ie, fishing, tourism etc.</p> <p>Regarding the issues during the flooding issue in Wainfleet recently, IDBs carried out pumping in reverse to take the pressure off immediate area.</p> <p>The Water Management Plan should include Low Carbon, moving to zero in the future and align it with the Local Industrial Strategy, along with energy.</p> <p>Does a funding model need to be included in the Water Management Plan, ie, housing.</p>	
<p><u>Planning for Growth Vision and SIDP</u></p> <p>DH spoke on behalf of GL Leaders and Chief Executives who are looking at growth up to 2050 for Greater Lincolnshire.</p> <p>Meetings held for Growth Vision and Action Plan, looking to conclude by the end of September.</p>	
<p><u>EA Update of Lincolnshire Coast</u></p> <p>Not available.</p>	
<p><u>Policy Environment</u></p> <p>The Local Industrial Strategy is a high priority and the final version should be available by the Autumn. LEPs are working together.</p> <p>The draft Local Industrial Strategy will include water.</p> <p>Agricultural Bill, which farmers need, is still with Government.</p> <p>Food Strategy - Farming to Health" is due during the Summer of 2020.</p> <p>25 year Environment Plan has been published.</p>	

<p>Comments from WRE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Plan, leading to regional, leading to national plans • Draft plans to be produced by Summer 2020 and signed off by 2024 • Water and Flooding together. • Resilience • No single option will resolve matters • Reduce leakage/demand • Infrastructure • Best Value for consumers • Sustainable Abstraction • Funding debate is needed and pilots required to show how resolutions can be reached • WRE Plan will be available August 2020. <p>Suggested that field boundaries be wider.</p> <p>Drainage and Water Plans from Water Authorities - formal publication in 2022.</p>	
<p><u>PA5 Call - Susannah Lewis</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERDF - 7 year cycles, now bringing funding together • Departments still separate with different deadlines • £122m of European Structural Investment Funding available • Calls for proposals, eligibility restrictions, flood defence schemes with match funding • ERDF - £3.2m left, looking for bids • Workshop being held following this meeting 	