



Annual Report for the year ended

31 March 2014

The Law – the following annual report is provided in accordance with Paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 to the Land Drainage Act 1991.

No later than 31 August 2014 a copy must be provided to:

- Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Flood Management Division, Area 3C, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR
- The Regional Director of the relevant Regional Office of the Environment Agency
- Head of Flood Risk Management, The Environment Agency, Horizon House, Deanery Road, Bristol BS1 5AH
- The Chief Executives of:
 - all local authorities that pay special levies to the Board;
 - all County Councils or London Boroughs within which the Board is situated.

Please complete the form electronically. If you are unable to complete the form electronically, please complete in BLOCK LETTERS using **black ink**.

Please round all cash figures down to nearest whole £.

WITHAM FIRST DISTRICT

Internal Drainage Board

Section A – Financial information

Preliminary information on special levies issued by the Board for 2014-15

Information requested below is essential in calculating future formula spending share. It is not covered elsewhere on this form or by the external auditor's certificate.

Special levies information for financial year 2014-15 (forecast)	
Name of local authority	2014-15 forecast £
1. CITY OF LINCOLN COUNCIL	124,775
2. NORTH KESTEVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL	102,055
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	
7.	
8.	
Total	226,830

Section A – Financial information (continued)

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31 March 2014

All Internal Drainage Boards must ensure that the Income and Expenditure information provided below is consistent with the Board's annual accounting statements which have been prepared in accordance with proper practices found in *Governance and Accountability in Internal Drainage Boards in England – A Practitioners' Guide 2006 (Revised November 2007)*

	Notes	Year ending 31 March 2014 £
INCOME		
Drainage Rates		465,604
Special Levies		222,319
Contributions from the Environment Agency		11,122
Contributions applied from developers/other beneficiaries		0
Government Grants		0
Rechargeable Works		20,969
Interest and Investment Income		1,763
Rents and Acknowledgements		4,541
Other Income	1	14,443
Total income		X 740,761
EXPENDITURE		
New Works and Improvement Works	2	40,106
Contributions to the Environment Agency	3	83,031
Drains Maintenance	4	301,070
Pumping Stations, Sluices and Water level control structures	5	143,596
Administration	6	134,777
Rechargeable Works	7	13,479
Finance Charges	8	10,656
SSSIs	9	0
IDB Biodiversity Action Plan actions or other biodiversity activities	10	0
Other Expenditure	11	12,772
Total expenditure		Y 739,487
EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS		
Profits/(losses) arising from the disposal of fixed assets		Z 14,723
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		X-Y+Z 15,997

Notes:

1. Include all other Income, such as absorption account surpluses (for example plant and labour absorption accounts).
2. State the gross cost of undertaking minor capital works that have not been capitalised and the annual depreciation charges of all major schemes that have been capitalised. You should also include a fair proportion of the support costs directly associated with delivery of the schemes.
3. State the total precept demanded for the year as properly issued by the Environment Agency, in accordance with section 141 of the Water Resources Act 1991. Providing that the precept has been properly issued as before stated it should always be included here, even when the Board has appealed against the amount of contribution, in accordance with section 140 of the Water Resources Act 1991. Where the Board knows with certainty the outcome of any such appeal, it should also include the appropriate accrual/prepayment.
4. State all costs associated with the maintenance of watercourses, meaning work associated with open channels, pipelines, culverts, bridges, etc. Plant, vehicle and labour charges should include a fair proportion of the overheads such as depot/workshop costs, employment on-costs, insurances and depreciation, etc. You should also include a fair proportion of the support costs directly associated with delivery of the maintenance programme.
5. State all costs associated with maintaining and operating the pumping stations, sluices and water level control structures. Plant, vehicle and labour charges should include a fair proportion of the overheads such as depot/workshop costs, employment on-costs, insurances and depreciation, etc. You should also include a fair proportion of the support costs directly associated with maintaining and operating the pumping stations, sluices and water level control structures.
6. Include the cost of non-technical staff only, office accommodation, annual depreciation of office equipment that has been capitalised, minor office equipment that has not been capitalised, postages, telecoms', stationery, printing, advertising, auditing of accounts, general insurances and all other costs associated with supporting the organisation. Please note that this does not include support costs, which are directly associated with the delivery of front line services.
7. State all costs associated with undertaking work for third parties. Plant, vehicle and labour charges should include a fair proportion of the overheads such as depot/workshop costs, employment on-costs, insurances and depreciation, etc. You should also include a fair proportion of the support costs directly associated with undertaking the rechargeable work.
8. Include the cost of servicing any borrowing, in terms of bank/loan/hire purchase Interest payable.
9. State all costs associated with undertaking works – capital or maintenance – specifically for helping to achieve favourable condition on Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs). In most cases, these costs will be incurred in implementing actions set out in SSSI Water Level Management Plans or SSSI River Restoration Plans.
10. State all costs associated with undertaking works – capital or maintenance – that are intended to help conserve biodiversity (other than works on SSSIs). These costs are likely to be incurred in implementing actions set out in an IDB's Biodiversity Action Plan, but may include other activities.
11. Include all other expenditure, such as a provision for bad/doubtful debts, write-offs, and absorption account deficits (for example plant and labour absorption accounts).

Section B – Defra high level target and IDB Review Reporting

This section relates to the Board's achievement of High Level Targets (HLTs) issued by Defra in March 2005, including information required by the Environment Agency as a result of the targets or in relation to their general supervisory duty. Only those HLTs relevant to IDBs are covered below. This section also allows for reporting on IDB Review Targets.

HLT 1 – Policy Delivery Statement

Boards were required to produce a publicly available policy statement by 31 March 2001 setting out their plans for delivering the Government's policy aims and objectives. The full range of issues to be covered was set out in a template issued in June 2000. It is recommended that these statements be published on Boards' websites where they have them and reviewed every three years.

Is an up to date statement in place and copy (or weblink)

provided to Defra, EA and CLG? Yes No

If 'NO', please say why not and when the statement will be produced/revised:

HLT 2 – Information on the National Flood and Coastal Defence Database

The IDB Review Project Board and the Environment Agency have agreed the means to allow data to be stored on the National Flood and Coastal Defence Database or equivalent systems. Boards are required to report on their asset holding and asset condition at the end of 2007/08.

HLT 3 – Biodiversity

Please indicate whether your Board has published a Biodiversity Action Plan Yes No

Asset Management (IDB Review Strand A3)

What system/database does your Board use to manage the assets it is responsible for?

(A) ADIS (B) NFCDD (C) Paper Records (D) Other Electronic System (please describe)

Witham First DIDB is a partner to the Lincolnshire Flood Risk Management Authorities' Common Works Programme [CWP], which is an output from the Lincolnshire joint Flood Risk and Drainage Management Partnership. The CWP went live on 01.04.13.

The Board receives an updated 5 year asset management plan [year 1 being the plan and years 2-5 being indicative], including a revised plant, vehicle and machinery programme, in January each year as a means of controlling assets relative to the budget. This is considered and formally approved each year as part of the budget setting for the forthcoming year.

The geographical locations of assets are held within the Board's computerised GIS. Any supplementary information including historic documentation is saved in our electronic document referencing system, with some larger documents (for example schematic diagrams) held as paper records.

Has your Board continued to undertake visual inspections and update

asset databases on an annual basis? Yes No

Guidance and Best Practice (IDB Review Section B)

How many Board members (in total – elected and appointed) do you have on your IDB? 28

Has your IDB adopted a formal Scheme of Delegation? Yes No

Has your IDB provided training for members in the last year?

Considered: Yes No

Implemented: Yes No

Please detail:

Members are invited/attend ADA National Conference, Lincolnshire Branch meetings, and specialist committees like the Environment Committee meetings throughout the year. They also attend ad hoc day conferences as relevant, eg some Members attended the ADA Local Authority Members' training day in Peterborough on 20/03/14 (which covered topics like the Audit and Accountability Act 2014, Public Sector Cooperation Agreements). Training is also regularly part of Board meetings eg this year it included presentation and discussion on the Board's new website launched on 08/04/2013, Business Planning, Risk Management, Emergency Plan review, etc). Induction packs have been introduced and are given to all new Board Members. The Board's inspections/tours are aimed at being informative and educational.

Immediate Action (IDB Review Section C)

Has your IDB adopted minimum website requirements as specified in the IDB Review Implementation Plan? Yes No

Is your Board's website information current for 2014? (Board membership, audited accounts, programmes of works, WLMPS, etc) Yes No

Has your IDB adopted computerised accounting and rating systems, as specified in the IDB Review Implementation Plan? Yes No

Has your Board adopted the following governance documents?

Standing Orders Yes No

Have the Standing Orders been approved by Ministers Yes No

Byelaws Yes No

Have the Byelaws been approved by Ministers Yes No

Code of Conduct for Board Members Yes No

Financial Regulations Yes No

Register of Member's Interests Yes No

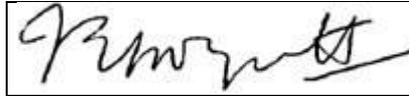
Section C – Declaration

WITHAM FIRST DISTRICT

Internal Drainage Board

I confirm that the information provided in sections A-C or with this form is correct.

Signature



Date

28th July 2014

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