

## Who we are:

The Board comprises a mix of 7 members appointed by City of Lincoln Council and North Kesteven District Council and 21 members elected by the occupiers of land in the district (current term of office running to 31st October 2018). The Board is administered by a Chief Executive and supporting staff (who largely work for 3 IDBs, reducing costs). The Board determines policy, strategy and direction. Officers are responsible for policy implementation, sound governance arrangements, professional advice, the operational management of maintenance programmes and improvement schemes and for developing partnership relationships with other Lincolnshire Flood Risk Management authorities.

A fourth IDB, North East Lindsey, joins the existing group of three Boards from 1st April 2017.

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**[www.witham-1st-idb.gov.uk](http://www.witham-1st-idb.gov.uk)**

Chairman:	Mr. Peter Gilbert
Vice Chairman:	Mr. David Armstrong
Chief Executive:	Mrs. Jane Froggatt
Director of Operations & Engineering Services:	Mr. Martin Shilling



# WITHAM FIRST DISTRICT INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD



***An Independent Flood Risk Management &  
Drainage Authority Working With Partner  
Bodies In Lincolnshire.***

**2017/18**

## Summary of Witham First Board's work in 2016/17

- Operation of the Board's 13 Pumping Stations to protect property, agricultural land and critical infrastructure in the drainage district of 16,384 hectares.
- Completion of the Board's Summer 2016 maintenance and weed cutting programme.
- Lifting and refurbishment of 2 pumps at Timberland Pumping Station (cost £36,391). This work will increase the working life expectancy of pumps and is part of the Board's planned maintenance programme.
- Winter 2016/17 de-silting programme completed, concentrating on Main Engine Drain 0.6 miles, Five Mile Roadside Drain 1.2 miles, Middle Carrier Drain 0.3 miles, Bottom Carrier Drain 0.3 miles and Middle Fen lane Drain 0.6 miles.
- Completion of a catchment study of Branston Fen, at a final cost of £13,020 and the purchase of a new control panel for Branston Fen pumping station, at a cost of £30,160. These works were substantially funded by Flood Defence Grant in Aid from Defra.
- Works undertaken as part of the Public Sector Co-operation Agreement (PSCA) on behalf of the Environment Agency at Ruskington Catchwater, Anwick Catchwater, Farroway Drain, Digby Beck and Sandhill Beck.
- Continuing with the Board's conservation initiatives including the erection of owl boxes, the leaving of reed margins for water voles, birds and insects, creation of a 'bug hotel' and continued membership of the Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership. Annual Report and staff/member training.
- Provided a consents and enforcement service for Lincolnshire County Council (as Lead Local Flood Authority), under a Memorandum of Understanding, outside the Board's drainage district in the extended rainfall catchment. As at March 2017, 10 enforcement cases under investigation and 2 consent applications.
- Public open days at Timberland Pumping Station in June and September 2016 (and planned again on Sunday 4th June and Saturday 9th September 2017 from 1.30pm).
- Provided machinery for a display at the Woodhall Country Show in May and the Lincolnshire Show in June.

**All figures exclude VAT**

## Drainage Rates 2017/18

The Board agreed on 31st January 2017 the land valuation upon which drainage rates and special levies are calculated for 2017/18, as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016, at £3,498,818 (£3,193,109 as at 31st December 2015). The Board agreed a balanced budget for 2017/18, summarised below, which provides for a modest range of developments. The drainage rate for 2017/18 has been frozen, which retains the rate for sub-district 1 at 9.0875 pence in the pound (9.0875 pence in the pound in 2016/17) and sub-district 2 at 22.7186 pence in the pound for 2017/18 (22.7186 pence in the pound in 2016/17).

<b>Estimated Income 2017/18</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>%</b>
Drainage Rates	482,520	57
<b>Special Levies</b>		
- North Kesteven District Council	181,210	37
- City of Lincoln Council	128,862	
Highland Water	12,550	1
Interest and Rents	4,590	1
Rechargeable Works & Other Income	33,885	4
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>843,617</b>	<b>100</b>

<b>Estimated Expenditure 2017/18</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>%</b>
Drains Maintenance	301,454	36
Pumping Station Maintenance	182,346	22
Board & Joint Administration	104,063	12
Engineering & Consents	61,149	7
EA Precept	84,692	10
Rechargeable Works	20,000	2
Loan Repayments	30,889	4
Depot	12,274	2
Conservation	1,750	0
One Off Schemes	25,000	3
Contribution to Reserves	20,000	2
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>843,617</b>	<b>100</b>