

**To the Chair and Members of the
COUNCIL**

**APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODY: DONCASTER EAST INTERNAL
DRAINAGE BOARD**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to appoint a representative to the Doncaster East Internal Drainage Board (IDB) following the recent resignation of Councillor Linda Curran.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That Council appoint a representative to the current vacancy on the Doncaster East Internal Drainage Board, the term of office to run with effect from 28th November 2014, ending 31st October 2016.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

3. IDBs were established to help manage water levels within an area and have an important role in managing flood risk. They are funded through rates paid by local land owners and the local authority paying a special levy, this represents the largest proportion of the IDB funding. Much of their work involves maintenance of rivers, adopted water courses, pumping stations and other infrastructure. IDBs also provide advice on planning applications to ensure new developments do not have an adverse impact on local drainage or access to watercourses.

BACKGROUND

4. This report provides an opportunity for Council to appoint a replacement representative to a vacancy on the Doncaster East IDB.
5. Although it is not essential that all representatives are current DMBC Councillors, it is important that appointees support the Council's aims and objectives. The Council may consider appointing representation from other major local stakeholders that could or would be impacted and/or involved in the delivery of the function of Land Drainage or can bring some level of expertise. It should be noted that while the appointee's term of office on the Drainage Board will run to 31st October 2016 to align with those of the existing Board representatives, there will be an opportunity for these appointments to be reviewed when appointments to outside bodies for the 2015/16 Municipal Year and beyond are made at the Council AGM in May 2015.

6. The Council is asked to appoint one representative to the Doncaster East IDB to join the Council's other current representatives on this body, which are:

Doncaster East Internal Drainage Board: Lee Garratt, Cllr C. McGuinness, Cllr H. McNamee, Cllr S. Wilkinson, Mr. J. Bloor, Mrs. R. Chapman, Mr. J. Crooks (Coal Authority), Mr. J. Hoare, Mr. K. Knight, Mr. L. Hunt, Mr. R. Mitchell and Mr. M. Oldknow.

7. Group Leaders have been notified of the need to make an appointment to this outside body and nominations will be reported at the Council meeting.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8. To appoint a Council representative to the vacancy on the Doncaster East IDB on the basis outlined in paragraph 2 above (Recommended option).
9. To not appoint a Council representative to the vacancy on the Doncaster East IDB.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

10. As the Council pays the largest proportion of the IDB funding, based on the area of land it is essential that the Council's interests are sufficiently represented through its appointment to IDBs.

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY PRIORITIES

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| Priority | Implications |
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| <p>We will make Doncaster a better place to live, with cleaner, more sustainable communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i> | <p>IDBs support effective flood management within the Borough.</p> |
| <p>We will provide strong leadership and governance, working in partnership.</p> | <p>Clear responsibility and effective Constitutional provisions for making appointments to Outside Bodies contributes towards effective governance arrangements and an improved public perception.</p> |

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

12. Appointees to outside bodies will need to act strategically and ensure issues of significance are effectively reported back to Council and Ward Members where appropriate.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

13. If the Council (a Charging Authority) is to appoint members to Internal Drainage Boards, it must do so in compliance with Part II of Schedule 1 to the Land Drainage Act 1991. The Charging Authority shall have regard to the desirability of appointing a person who has knowledge or experience of some matter relevant to the functions of the Board and has shown capacity in such a matter.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

14. There are no specific financial implications arising from this report.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

15. There are no specific equality implications arising from this report.

CONSULTATION

16. Consultation has taken place with Group Leaders in respect of the appointment of a replacement representative on the Doncaster East IDB.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

17. Report to Council – 13th June 2014: Council Appointments to Outside Bodies 2014/15.

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