

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

**APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES: DONCASTER DRAINAGE
COMMISSIONERS BOARD, DONCASTER EAST INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD
AND BLACK DRAIN INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to appoint representatives to the Danvm Drainage Commissioners Board, the Doncaster East Internal Drainage Board (IDB) and the Black Drain IDB following the recent resignation of Mr Ken Knight.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That Council appoint a representative(s) to the current vacancies on the Danvm Drainage Commissioners Board (term of office to run with effect from 15th January 2015 until 21st May 2015), the Doncaster East IDB (term of office to run with effect from 15th January 2015 until 31st October 2016) and the Black Drain IDB (term of office to run with effect from 15th January 2015 until 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 replacement representatives to vacancies on the Danvm Drainage Commissioners Board, the Doncaster East IDB and the Black Drain 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 appointees' terms of office on the Danvm Drainage Commissioners Board and Doncaster East IDB 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. The appointment in respect of the Black Drain IDB is for a 1 year term and will therefore be reviewed with all other outside body appointments at the Council AGM in May.

6. The Council is asked to appoint representatives to the Danvm Drainage Commissioners Board, the Doncaster East IDB and the Black Drain IDB to join the Council's other current representatives on these bodies, which are:

Black Drain Internal Drainage Board: Cllr L Curran, Mr M Barron, Mr A Allott, Mr J Bloor, Mr G Derx, Mr R Ward (DMBC Officer), Mr M Oldknow, Mr D Oldroyd and Mr K Abell.

Danvm Drainage Commissioners Board: Cllr C Hogarth, Cllr F Jackson, Mr R Ward (DMBC Officer), Mr T Grady and Mr T Sockett.

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

7. Group Leaders have been notified of the need to make appointments to these outside bodies and nominations will be reported at the Council meeting.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8. To appoint Council representatives to the vacancies on the Danvm Drainage Commissioners Board, the Doncaster East IDB and the Black Drain IDB on the basis outlined in paragraph 2 above (Recommended option).
9. To not appoint Council representatives on the Danvm Drainage Commissioners Board, the Doncaster East IDB and the Black Drain 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
<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>

Priority	Implications
We will provide strong leadership and governance, working in partnership.	Clear responsibility and effective Constitutional provisions for making appointments to Outside Bodies contributes towards effective governance arrangements and an improved public perception.

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 replacement representatives on the Danvm Drainage Commissioners Board, the Doncaster East IDB and the Black Drain IDB.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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