

## OFFICER DECISION RECORD 1 FORM

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**Decision Reference No:** CR/339/11/19

### BOX 1

**DIRECTORATE:** Corporate Resources      **DATE:** 28 November 2019

**Contact Name:** Jonathan Goodrum      **Tel. No:** 01302 736709

**Subject Matter:** Appointments to Outside Bodies: Black Drain Internal Drainage Board (IDB) and Danvm Drainage Commissioners Board.

### BOX 2

#### DECISION TAKEN

To approve the following appointments of representatives of Doncaster Council on outside bodies with immediate effect (terms of office to run until May 2021):

#### **Black Drain Internal Drainage Board**

Adam Porter, Flood Risk Engineer (DMBC Officer) – replaces Pat Hagan (DMBC Officer).  
Chris Crowe, Operations Manager (Coal Authority) – replaces David Ridge (DMBC Officer).

#### **Danvm Drainage Commissioners Board**

Chris Crowe. Operations Manager (Coal Authority) – replaces Barry Roughley (DMBC Officer).

### BOX 3

#### REASON FOR THE DECISION

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

Such appointments also ensure that the Council is involved in any decisions that may affect the people of the Borough.

**BOX 4****ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

1. To appoint Council representatives to the Black Drain IDB and Danvm Drainage Commissioners Board (recommended option);
2. To not appoint Council representatives on the Black Drain IDB and Danvm Drainage Commissioners Board. The option not to appoint to these bodies would mean a loss of opportunity for the Council in lobbying, decision making, representing the Council's views and influencing future policy.

**BOX 5****LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

If the Council (a Charging Authority) is to appoint representatives to Internal Drainage Boards, it must do so in compliance with Schedule 1 of Part II (Members appointed by Charging Authorities, 5(2)) to the Land Drainage Act 1991, which states:

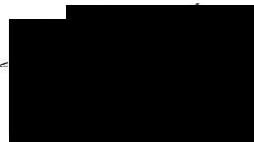
*"In appointing a person to be a member of an internal drainage board a charging authority shall have regard to the desirability of appointing a person who—*

*(a) has knowledge or experience (including knowledge of the internal drainage district in question or commercial experience) of some matter relevant to the functions of the board; and*

*(b) has shown capacity in such a matter."*

**Name: Helen Potts**

**Signature:**



**Date: 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Signature of Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services (or representative)

**BOX 6****FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no financial implications associated with these appointments.

**Name: Victoria Brogan**

**Signature:**



**Date: 26 November 2019**

Signature of Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Director of Finance (or representative)

**BOX 7****OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS**

There are no other relevant implications.

Name: Jonathan Goodrum Signature:  Date: 26 November 2019  
(Report author)

**BOX 8****EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS:** (To be completed by the author).

There are no specific equality implications arising from this decision.

Name: Jonathan Goodrum Signature:  Date: 26 November 2019

**BOX 9****RISK IMPLICATIONS:** (To be completed by the author)

Appointees to outside bodies will need to act strategically and ensure issues of significance are effectively reported back to the Authority where appropriate.

It is important that representatives appointed to Outside Bodies are clear of their roles and responsibilities. A particular risk exists where representatives may act beyond their powers or potentially commit the Council to unauthorised actions or expenditure. To mitigate this risk training is provided for all individuals appointed to outside bodies to raise awareness and provide clarity and understanding of their roles. In addition, the Council may also provide indemnity insurance for individuals against personal liability, provided they act reasonably, and where this is not provided by the relevant partner organisation.

**BOX 10****CONSULTATION**

Consultation on these Executive appointments has taken place with Mayor Ros Jones, who supports the proposed appointments, and with the prospective representatives.

This decision has been taken by the Monitoring Officer (Assistant Director Legal and Democratic Services) under the delegated authority granted to him by the Mayor on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 to agree any in-year changes to Executive appointments to outside bodies.

**BOX 11  
INFORMATION NOT FOR PUBLICATION**

It is in the public's interest to be aware of this decision record under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, therefore this decision will be published in full, redacting only signatures.


**Name: A Sidney Signature**  **Date:** 27 November 2019  
Signature of FOI Lead Officer for service area where ODR originates

**BOX 12  
BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Please confirm if any Background Papers are included with this ODR ~~YES~~/NO

(If YES please list and submit these with this form)

**BOX 13  
AUTHORISATION**

**Name:** Scott Fawcus **Signature:**  **Date:** 28 November 2019

Assistant Director of Legal & Democratic Services

**Does this decision require authorisation by the Chief Financial Officer or other Officer**

~~YES~~/NO

**If yes please authorise below:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Chief Executive/Director/Assistant Director of \_\_\_\_\_

**Consultation with Relevant Member(s)**

**Name:** Mayor Ros Jones **Signature:**  **ate:** 25 November 2019

**Designation:** Mayor of Doncaster  
(e.g. Mayor, Cabinet Member or Committee Chair/Vice-Chair)

**Declaration of Interest** ~~YES~~/NO

**If YES please give details below:**

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