

EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL



REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2019 – 2020

(including reports from representatives for 2018/19)

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ECDC GUIDANCE FOR ELECTED COUNCILLORS APPOINTED TO JOINT/ OUTSIDE BODIES

1. Introduction

This guidance is solely intended for the purpose of providing general advice on the duties, obligations and liabilities that a Councillor will have if they are appointed to an outside or joint body. Councillors are asked to bear this in mind when exercising their judgement / trying to balancing their respective responsibilities as a Councillor and a nominated representative. The guidance cannot provide a detailed answer for all circumstances and consequently, if in doubt, a Councillor should seek further advice from the Council's Monitoring Officer.

2. General

In some cases, the Councillors appointed will be the Council representative and they will be expected to bring knowledge and expertise of the Council's Services (where appropriate), to represent the Council's views at meetings, or will be expected to look after those particular bodies' interests and to further their aims, not the District Councils.

In all cases Councillors should: -

- Operate within the rules, and/or constitution of the outside body;
- Report back, where appropriate, to the Council or relevant Committee;
- Behave ethically and follow, as far as applicable, the Members code of conduct;
- Take an active and informed role in the affairs of the outside body.

Councillors are not on an outside body to: -

- Represent their political party.

There are a number of types of outside bodies in which Councillors may become involved, either independently or, as a representative nominated by the Council to be appointed as:

- Directors;
- Trustee;
- Representative/Member of an unincorporated Association.

Some of the most common examples of outside bodies are:

- Charitable Trusts;
- Company limited by shares;
- Company limited by guarantee;
- Unincorporated association (like a Panel, or Board).

The structure of each type of organisation, the management and the rules that govern them will vary. However, there are a number of duties that will apply to the bodies concerned and these are listed below.

In carrying out their duties as a Director, Trustee or Representative/Member, Councillors must take decisions without being influenced by the fact that they are a Councillor. Their primary duty in acting as a representative making decisions for the outside body is to make these decisions in the interests of the organisation. However, Councillors should always ensure that their fellow Directors /Trustees are aware of the fact that they are Councillors.

3. The Members' Code of Conduct

These guidelines should be read in conjunction with the East Cambridgeshire District Council Member Code of Conduct that was adopted on 26 July 2012. The Code and the ECDC Code of Conduct Guide¹ indicates that when a Member acts as a representative of

¹March 2013

the Authority on any other body, he must, when acting for that other body comply with the Authority's Code of Conduct. That body's Code of Conduct may also bind the Councillor.

A Councillor will have Personal Interest in matters relating to the outside body (if they are a member of that body or in a position of management/ control – eg if a Director) and when engaged on Council business/ meetings must declare this interest. If that applies, the Member can then (where relevant) still vote on an item, unless this relates to a financial or regulatory matter AND the reasonable person would, with knowledge of the relevant facts, regard this interest as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Councillor's judgement (in which case the Councillor will have a Prejudicial Interest, which has to be declared and as a general rule the Councillor will have to leave the meeting for that item – unless they are exercising a Speaking Right under the Code of Conduct). In addition to considering these issues, the Members should ensure that, if they intend to vote (or take advantage of the Speaking Right) – they are not breaching any other duties that they owe to the outside/joint body/ nor be accused of being biased or having pre-determined a matter.

The Council's Code of Conduct requires Councillors to register their involvement in various organisations, and Members should ensure this is listed on their Register of interests form that Members send to the Monitoring Officer.

Registering Interests:

Under the Council's Code of Conduct, Councillors are required to register their financial interests and other interests in the Council's Register of Interests within 28 days of their election or appointment. They must also notify the Council's Monitoring Officer, in writing, of changes to these details within 28 days of any such change.

NOTE: Some outside bodies may require the Councillor to treat the body's business as confidential. This may sometimes create a dilemma for the Councillor and may seem contrary to the idea of assisting public accountability. However, Councillors will have to bear this confidentiality requirement in mind and consider how that fits in with the duties detailed below.

4. The Duties of a Director

Background

Compliance with the Companies Acts/ other legislation:

The Companies Act 2006 introduced a partial codification and framework for Directors' general duties. Most of the duties listed below, however, were applicable before this was enacted (with the exception of "duty to promote the success of the company"). These duties apply to both Executive and Non-Executive Directors. In the main if a Member is a Director, they will be a nominee Director, and must ensure compliance with companies legislation, and acting in the interests of the shareholder, as failure to do so could lead to personal liability (fines, disqualification as a Director or prosecution).

Independent judgement:

The Director is under a duty to exercise independent judgement i.e. they should not fetter their discretion by simply voting in accordance with a Council mandate. It is possible, nevertheless, to take into account the interests of a third party body – so long as this is disclosed and the company's Articles of Association allows the Councillor to do so.

Promote the success of the company:

When acting as a Director, the Councillor owes a "fiduciary" duty to the company (which means loyalty to the company and a duty of care to act in its best interests, having regard to the interests of the members, shareholders, employees and creditors). The Director must consider what would promote the success of the company and have regard to the likely consequences of any decision in the long term. This replaces and expands upon the previous duty of "acting in good faith".

Reasonable care, diligence and skill:

A general duty of care and skill and diligence is imposed. But, when acting in this capacity, a Councillor is expected to act within their own knowledge/skill and seek expert advice when necessary (i.e. due diligence).

Conflicts of Interest/ Declare interests in proposed transactions or arrangements:

There may be actual or potential conflicts between the interests of the Council and the interests of the company. In such circumstances it would be inappropriate for the Councillor to take part in discussions upon such topics both as a Councillor and as a Director. If the conflict is a serious one or repeatedly presents itself then it may be appropriate for the Councillor to resign as a Director of the company. Equally if the Member has an interest in the proposed transactions, a declaration must be made of the nature and extent of such an interest. This will cover both the Councillors own interests as well as those where there is a conflict with the Council.

Directors are not allowed to make a private profit from their position. They must not allow personal interests to conflict with those of the organisation. They must therefore disclose any interests they or their family have in relation to the company's contracts. Whether they are then allowed to vote will depend upon the Articles of Association of the company.

To act within their powers:

Directors are under a duty to see that they do not act beyond the powers of the organisation. They must ensure that they do not exceed the powers conferred on them by the Memorandum or Articles, if they do so, they will be acting illegally.

Financial Responsibility:

Directors have a duty to ensure that the company operates within the limits of its financial resources, actual and expected. Even if a company has limited liability, Directors can incur personal liability for its debts and obligations in certain circumstances. Directors can also be held personally liable if they have allowed a company to operate, or continue to operate, where there was no reasonable prospect that it could pay its debts, and these are left unpaid after the liquidation of the company. It follows that Directors must pay scrupulous attention to their company's present and future liquidity, and ensure that their concerns and actions are minuted.

Guidance on the Companies Act 2006 and responsibilities can be found on the Companies House website (<http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk/companiesAct/publications.shtml>).

5. Charitable Trustees/ Trustees

Those who are responsible for the control and administration of a charity are referred to as Trustees, even where the organisation is a company limited by guarantee and they are not strictly Trustees. If the organisation is a company, then a Councillor will also be bound to act in accordance with the principles in 4 above.

In addition a Trustee must:

- act in accordance with the Trust deed and to protect the charity's assets. They are also responsible for compliance with the Charities Acts¹ and the Trustee Act 2000.
- not make a private profit from their position.
- perform their duty with the standard of care, which an ordinary, prudent business person would show. Higher standards are required of professionals and in relation to investment matters.
- ensure (if they are a Charitable Trustee) that the information relating to the Trust and Trustees is registered with the Charity Commissioners and that annual accounts and returns are completed and sent.
- ensure compliance with all relevant legislation for example in relation to tax and health and safety.

A number of useful publications are available on the Charity Commissioners website: www.charitycommission.gov.uk.

6. Unincorporated Associations

Groups, which are neither limited companies nor charitable trusts, may be “unincorporated associations” which have no separate identity from their members. The rules governing the Members duties and liabilities will (or should) be set out in the organisation’s constitution, which is simply an agreement between members as to how the organisation will operate.

Usually the organisation’s constitution will provide for a management committee to be responsible for the everyday running of the organisation. Management Committee members must act within the organisation’s constitution and must take reasonable care when exercising their powers.

7. Liability issues (Insurance and Indemnity):

In cases where Councillors and Officers act in a decision-making capacity specifically in connection with the business of the outside body, as opposed to merely exercising their role as a representative of the Council, then they will be regarded as serving the particular body rather than the Council. In that case, Members should only actively participate in the business of that body, if insurance is provided.

The Council's insurance cover will extend to Councillors and Council officials assisting outside organisations as advisers or observers, either facilitating exchanges of views or information as an extension of their Council duties or otherwise representing the Council, but the Council's insurance cover does not extend to indemnify Councillors and officials who serve in an executive capacity on an outside body.

For further/ specific guidance, please contact the Council’s Monitoring Officer.

¹ Different sections of the Companies Act have come into force since 2006, most recently the duties detailed above, since 1.10.2007

¹¹ Guidance is available on the Charity Commission website: http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/Charity_requirements_guidance/ccpubs3.aspx#pub

TRAVELLING EXPENSES

It is the Council's policy that elected Member representatives on outside organisations may claim from East Cambridgeshire District Council travelling allowances, where such allowances are not payable by the organisation concerned. The entries for each organisation in this booklet indicate whether or not they will pay expenses.

It is important that, where allowances are payable by the organisations, representatives submit any claims to them accordingly.

Non-Member representatives may only claim expenses where they are payable by the organisation concerned.

PRIORITY CATEGORY OF OFFICER SUPPORT

- (1) Nominated officers to provide Members with regular support on a proactive basis, and attend meetings where appropriate (including those outside bodies where officers attend at present).
- (2) Nominated officers to provide ad hoc support on specific agenda issues and act as a contact for feedback and implementation of action points. The onus will be on the Member to contact the nominated officer to facilitate these arrangements.
- (3) Current arrangements to continue where Members should liaise directly with Democratic Services (Committee) section.

ORGANISATION	REPRESENTATIVES	ECDC CONTACT OFFICER
Cambridgeshire County Council Health Committee	David Ambrose Smith (Lead Member) Julia Huffer (Substitute)	Environmental Services Manager: Liz Knox
Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Panel	Alan Sharp (Lead Member) Julia Huffer (Substitute Member)	Director, Operations: Jo Brooks
Citizens Advice West Suffolk	Amy Starkey	Communities & Partnerships Manager: Lewis Bage
Community Safety Partnership	Lis Every Lead Member Christine Ambrose Smith Jo Webber (Substitute) Alan Sharp (Substitute)	Neighbourhood Support Officer: Shona McKenzie
East of England Local Government Association	Anna Bailey (Leader of the Council)	Chief Executive: John Hill
Health & Wellbeing Board	Julia Huffer	Environmental Services Manager: Liz Knox
Historic England – Heritage Champion	Lis Every	Planning Manager: Rebecca Saunt
Local Government Association	Joshua Schumann	Chief Executive: John Hill
Local Government Association – District Councils' Network	Anna Bailey (Leader of the Council)	Chief Executive: John Hill
Paradise Centre Management Committee, Ely	David Ambrose Smith	Senior Leisure Services Officer: Victor Le Grand
RECAP Board (formerly Waste & Environment Forum, Cambridgeshire Councils Association)	Julia Huffer	Environmental Services Manager: Liz Knox
Sanctuary Housing Services Ltd – East Cambridgeshire Management Committee	Christine Ambrose Smith Jo Webber	Housing & Community Safety Manager: Angela Parmenter
Soham and District Sports Association	Ian Bovingdon Dan Schumann	Senior Leisure Services Officer: Victor Le Grand

INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARDS	REPRESENTATIVES	LEAD OFFICER
Burnt Fen	Julia Huffer Derrick Beckett (lay member)	Finance Manager: Ian Smith
Cawdle Fen	Christine Whelan Michael Rouse Vacancy Vacancy Vacancy Vacancy	Finance Manager: Ian Smith
Haddenham Level	Gareth Wilson Steve Cheetham	Finance Manager: Ian Smith
Littleport and Downham	Christine Ambrose Smith David Ambrose Smith Lorna Dupré Jo Webber Paul Cox (lay member) Mark Taylor	Finance Manager: Ian Smith
Middle Fen and Mere	Ian Bovingdon Victoria Charlesworth Alec Jones Dan Schumann Derrick Beckett (lay member)	Finance Manager: Ian Smith
Padnal and Waterden	David Ambrose Smith Lis Every Alison Whelan Paul Cox (lay member) Edward Carlsson Browne Debra Jordan Sue Kerridge	Finance Manager: Ian Smith
Swaffham	David Brown Lavinia Edwards Alan Sharp John Trapp	Finance Manager: Ian Smith
Waterbeach Level	David Chaplin (lay member)	Finance Manager: Ian Smith

CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH COMMITTEE

Aims & Activities:

- The County Council's public health duty including health improvement, individual and community wellbeing, and reduction of health inequalities;
- To respond as appropriate to central government consultation relating to policy or legislation falling within the remit of the Committee;
- The review and scrutiny of any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health services in Cambridgeshire;
- To report to the Secretary of State for Health on any proposals for substantial change to any part of the NHS's services within Cambridgeshire,

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
One Member(and substitute)	6	No

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
ECDC Representative	No

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representative for 2018/19
1	Environmental Services Manager: Liz Knox	Cllr Carol Sennitt

Cllr Carol Sennitt:

Looks at health matters, trends, etc. of the residents of East Cambridgeshire. This is a non-voting post.

Representative for 2019/20
Cllr David Ambrose Smith (Lead Member) Cllr Julia Huffer (Substitute)

CAMBRIDGESHIRE POLICE & CRIME PANEL

Aims & Activities

- To hold the Police & Crime Commissioner (P&CC) to account on behalf of the public;
- To review the draft Police & Crime Plan;
- To publicly scrutinise the Commissioner's Annual Report;
- To review and scrutinise decisions and actions by the P&CC;
- To review and veto the Commissioner's proposed precept levels.

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
1 Member (plus substitute)	4	£920 per annum (maximum) from a central fund administered by Peterborough City Council

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
ECDC Representative	No

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representative(s) for 2018/19
1	Director, Operations: Jo Brooks	Cllr Alan Sharp (Lead Member) Cllr Julia Huffer (Substitute)

Report from representative(s) for 2018/19

Cllr Alan Sharp (Lead Member):

The work of the Panel is there to ensure that the Police & Crime Commissioner's objectives for policing within Cambridgeshire are being met.

The service that the force provides is important to our residents in protecting them and the values that society holds.

Attended the confirmation meeting that considered the PCC's selection of the new Chief Constable replacing the incumbent, who retired in September 2018.

Attended a budget briefing and the public Panel meeting that ratified the budget submitted by the PCC and Cambridgeshire Police.

Being represented on this body is important for the residents of East Cambridgeshire, so that they have a voice on policing issues affecting the District.

Representative(s) for 2019/20
Cllr Alan Sharp (Lead Member) Cllr Julia Huffer (Substitute)

CITIZENS ADVICE WEST SUFFOLK

Aims & Activities

The CA aims to ensure that individuals do not suffer through ignorance of their rights and responsibilities or of the services available; or through an inability to express their needs effectively. Its main activity is the provision of a centre for advice and guidance, but the CA may also: publish reports, leaflets, etc; arrange exhibitions, meetings, lectures and classes; encourage or undertake research and disseminate results.

The Management Committee (Trustee Board) is responsible for the resource management of the CA i.e. employment of staff, utilisation of funds and compliance with NACAB rules. It prepares the annual budget, grant applications, and formulates a rolling programme for the development of the CA.

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
One Member	Approximately every 6 weeks.	No

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
Non Voting Observer	Yes

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representative for 2018/19
2	Communities & Partnerships Manager: Lewis Bage	Cllr Julia Huffer

Cllr Julia Huffer:

The work of this body fits in with ECDC's Corporate Plan by offering support to local residents in areas closer to Newmarket than Ely.

We contribute funds to this organisation and they are always mindful of reducing/minimising costs wherever possible. The organisation continues to do useful work in this area and provides a lifeline to many low income families who struggle with debt.

Continued representation is worthwhile because it is a vital support for many people who live and work in our District. This is a well-run and efficient organisation which relies on donations to continue to function and it deserves our unqualified support.

With effect from 1st April 2019 the Newmarket branch has been absorbed into the larger West Suffolk branch as far as management is concerned, including financial control. A presence will be maintained in Newmarket for now, but a careful watch needs to be kept on the effect this change will have on this branch.

Representative for 2019/20
Cllr Amy Starkey

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Aims & Activities

- To consider the implications of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998
- To work in partnership with other organisations and groups to implement the Crime and Disorder Strategy
- To monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the strategy
- To act as an Independent Chair for any Domestic Homicide Review (DHR), as agreed with the Chair of the Community Safety Partnership **

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
2 Members (plus deputies)	2	No

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
Representative of ECDC	No

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representatives for 2018/19
1	Neighbourhood Support Officer: Shona McKenzie	Cllr Lis Every (Lead Member) Cllr Christine Ambrose Smith Cllr Neil Hitchin Cllr Mark Hugo

Cllr Lis Every:

It supports under the Crime & Disorder Act provisions. East Cambridgeshire Community Safety Partnership is working to reduce threat, risk and harm to victims of crime and anti-social behaviour. It also supports the Vulnerable Persons Policy and is part of the Action Plan.

There are 3 strategic priorities: 1: Vulnerability and Risk – focus on adult safeguarding; 2: Diversion and Intervention – focus on young people at risk of offending; 3: Community Cohesion and Engagement – intelligence on current status of HMOs/gang master businesses/trafficking/illegal immigrants; to determine whether full scale operations are required based on intelligence and overall indicators of community engagement including feedback from minority communities and community leaders.

The Partnership Board comprises the Prevent Project Board, Neighbouring CSPs, Adult Safeguarding Board, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and an ECDC Scrutiny Board. The Partnership Project Team comprises representatives of Soham Positive Youth, Ely Positive Youth, Community Cohesion and Vulnerable Adults. It works to a 3 year vision statement through an annual Iterative Action Plan. There is a 3 year resource commitment which supports the requirement to meet emerging challenges and we are now in the last year of this. Commitments are received from Cambridgeshire Constabulary, ECDC, Sanctuary Housing, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue, Cambridgeshire County Council (including the Research Group, the Drug and Alcohol Services, Youth Offending Services and locality teams

and works closely with Parish Councils via surveys and key Voluntary Sector contacts from VCAEC and Cambridgeshire Acre. The agreed actions are regularly monitored by the Board.

A new Partnership has been formed now which is working very closely with the County Council Community Safety Partnership Team. This is now managed by a new manager and was well attended at its first meeting. Research has informed the priorities for the next 3 years and these will now inform the new Action Plan.

Councillor Hugo was unable to attend any meetings due to prior commitments.

Cllr Ambrose Smith:

East Cambs and its Partner Agencies work to deal with problems in connection with residents to achieve better outcomes and to make East Cambs a better place to live.

Littleport has recognised problems around antisocial behaviour and a drugs culture, which is being addressed. Other towns are suffering also to a lesser extent; this is ongoing work. As I represent Littleport I can constantly highlight these problems and request help by a variety of means. I attended a day long Problem Solving training session, which was of great help in understanding the approach used by Police and other agencies to overcome problems within our communities.

Shona McKenzie is very supportive, knowledgeable and has an excellent relationship with the Police and other partner agencies.

Representatives for 2019/20
Cllr Lis Every Cllr Christine Ambrose Smith Cllr Jo Webber (Substitute) Cllr Alan Sharp (Substitute)

EAST OF ENGLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Aims & Activities

- To represent the interests of local authorities in the region
- To formulate sound policies for the development of local government in the region
- To promote the policies of the East of England LGA and provide information/advice on local government issues to the public and partner organisations
- To enable Councillors to exercise their democratic accountability and leadership effectively
- To support innovation and excellence that enables local authorities and their partnerships to meet the needs of their communities and meet future challenges.

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
Leader of the Council	Assembly of Council Leaders – twice yearly	No

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
Representative of ECDC	Yes

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representative for 2018/19
1	Chief Executive John Hill	Cllr Charles Roberts

Cllr Charles Roberts:

The East of England LGA is a politically-led, cross party organisation which works on behalf of the 52 local councils in the East of England. It provides expert advice and support to enable Authorities to work on topical challenges and issues.

The Association comprises the Leader (or equivalent, such as Mayor) of each Council and meetings are held on a quarterly basis to tackle the strategic issues facing councils across the East of England.

The EELGA organisation also provides expert technical advice available to member councils in relation to Human Resources, procurement and more specific consultancy services. In 2019 in particular, they are providing information through an active network to support Councils' preparations for the EU exit.

EELGA have undertaken a review of their operations in 2018 designed to address the ongoing deficit in their budget which is being funded from reserves. They are developing proposals to further expand their commercial activities ie talent bank, whilst maintaining core services to their members.

Representative for 2019/20
Cllr Anna Bailey (Leader of the Council)

HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

Aims & Activities

The engagement of parties interested in health, including mental health, and related issues so that they jointly evolve solutions to protect and improve the health and wellbeing of residents in East Cambridgeshire.

Provide local information to the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing board, related to health and wellbeing within East Cambridgeshire and the impact (actual or potential) of any relevant policy changes, service changes, proposals, and/or identified need.

Ensure the delivery and implementation of local health improvement and wellbeing priorities, in partnership, as identified in the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy and in local action plans.

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
One Member	4-6	No

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
Decision Maker	TBC

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representative for 2018/19
1	Environmental Services Manager: Liz Knox	Cllr Joshua Schumann

Cllr Schumann:

The Board continues to inform ECDC's Health & Wellbeing Partnership about the health priorities, actions and strategies which underpin the Board's work in ensuring we have healthy communities.

The main impact on ECDC is the submission of the Better Care Fund (BCF) and the funding which is included for the Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG). The Board is also the forum which brings together the lead members behind the Strategic Transformation Programme (STP) which is looking at how we can change working practices in order to operate in a more efficient way. The STP may have direct effects on how services are delivered in East Cambs and it is important that this is monitored.

Continued representation is worthwhile; the Board is still not effectively used to shape the local health agenda but our membership is important.

Brief description for future representative:

1. Arrangements for the HWB are still in transition to create closer working arrangements with the Peterborough HWB, but subject to the agreement of both Councils it is likely that there will be six meetings a year which District Council representatives would need to attend.

2. Members of the Board are expected to be able to authoritatively represent the views and interests of the organisation which has nominated them and to be able, within reason, to commit their organisation to collective courses of actions. It is understood that for elected members they might sometimes need to take decisions back to their own Council for consideration and agreement, but much of the Board's work is focused on fostering collaborative working arrangements and encouraging best practice which those around the table should be able to take a view on.
3. The Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) is established as a committee of the County Council under section 102 of the Local Government Act 1972. Its remit is to work to promote the health and wellbeing of Cambridgeshire's communities and its focus is on securing the best possible health outcomes for all residents. The Board is chaired by a county councillor and its membership includes elected representatives of county, city and district councils, the CCG, NHS providers, the voluntary sector, Healthwatch, the Executive Director for People and Communities (CCC & PCC), the Director Public Health (CCC & PCC) and a representative of the NHS Commissioning Board.

Representative for 2019/20
Cllr Julia Huffer

HISTORIC ENGLAND – HERITAGE CHAMPION

Aims & Activities

The network of Heritage Champions across the country supports the protection of the historic environment at a local level. At a strategic level, Champions can make sure that local plans and strategies capture the contribution that the local historic environment can make to the success of an area. More specifically they can:

- Help local authorities manage the historic environment of their area;
- Promote heritage within the local community, generating enthusiasm for and awareness of the importance of the local historic environment;
- Help ensure that commitment to the proper care of the historic environment is embedded in all relevant activities and plans of the local authority;
- Support the Authority's local historic environment services (both archaeological and historic buildings conservation officers);
- Influence and communicate with others to ensure benefits for the historic environment.

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
One Member	No formal number of meetings	See 'Insurance Provision' below

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
Representative of ECDC	As Historic England acts as a coordinator and supports Champions within their own local authority, insurance and expenses for a councillor should be covered by the relevant authority.

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representative for 2018/19
1	Planning Manager: Rebecca Saunt	Cllr Lis Every

Cllr Every:

The Heritage Champion entry was added to the Outside Bodies list on 21st November 2018, and there have been no meetings to date.

Representative for 2019/20
Cllr Lis Every

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Aims & Activities

To support, promote and improve local government in England and Wales.

To support Councillors in their role as democratically elected local representatives.

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
One Member	3	Attendance - Yes Travelling - No

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
Representative of ECDC	No

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representative for 2018/19
1	Chief Executive: John Hill	Cllr Joshua Schumann

Cllr Schumann:

Although not directly linked to any specific cooperate objectives the relationship with the LGA could contribute to all of our objectives.

It is important that we have a presence at the LGA as they are continuing to lobby government on issues such as fairer funding. The LGA also offers important networking opportunities, and I can see our presence on the LGA becoming more important in future.

Representative for 2019/20
Cllr Joshua Schumann

LGA – DISTRICT COUNCILS’ NETWORK

Aims & Activities

- To lobby and negotiate directly with senior members of national political parties on district specific needs and issues – the “localism” agenda;
- To inform and influence national agencies, government departments and other local authority agencies on things that matter, such as resources and allocation;
- To get the Network’s unique message across to the audiences that matter – people, Government, partners, regulators;
- Help each other to remain effective and share learning/good practice.

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
Leader of the Council	4	No

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
Representative of ECDC	No

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representative for 2018/19
1	Chief Executive: John Hill	Cllr Charles Roberts

Cllr Charles Roberts:

The District Councils’ Network (DCN) is a cross-party member led network of 200 district councils. It is a Special interest Group of the Local Government Association (LGA) and provides a single voice for district councils within the LGA.

The DCN works to ensure the network is in a position to shape national policy, providing expert evidence and solutions for Government from a district council perspective. It issues regular newsletters, hosts member and multi-stakeholder events, responds to government consultations and undertakes research and produces publications on behalf of the sector.

Recent issues championed by DCN include New Homes Bonus, Local Government Grant Settlement, public sector reform, devolution, and homelessness legislation to name a few. Their work in relation to local government finance is particularly relevant to ECDC given the fair funding review and its impact on the medium term financial strategy.

Representative for 2019/20
Cllr Anna Bailey (Leader of the Council)

PARADISE CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, ELY

Aims & Activities

- The provision of facilities for playing sports;
- The provision of opportunities for recreation, social activities and refreshment, for the benefit of its members and the public;
- The provision and maintenance of a sports and leisure centre at Paradise Ground, Ely; including selection of the centre management.

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
One Member	6	No

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
Non Voting Observer	Yes, for all staff & members

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representative for 2018/19
3	Senior Leisure Services Officer: Victor Le Grand	Cllr Elaine Griffin Singh

Cllr Griffin Singh:

Historically, the Paradise Centre was the main service provider of sports and recreation on behalf of ECDC for Ely, and the immediate villages which did not have their own leisure centres. ECDC representation on the Board to date maintained a link between the Council and its service provider.

As stated in my report last year, it was felt that ECDC's representation on the Board was necessary for the current time to ensure either a working relationship and/or to secure the future of the Paradise Centre when the new swimming pool and Leisure Centre came into existence. Going forward, dependent on the terms of the Paradise Centre Constitution and the opinions of other Board Members, consideration should be given as to whether ECDC representation on this Board in the future is required or valid.

Representative for 2019/20
Cllr David Ambrose Smith

RECAP BOARD

Aims & Activities

- Advise on remedial measures (bi or multi lateral)
- Ensure that each Council is sufficiently informed about and consulted on potential measures.
- Advise on the best use of resources including recycling credits, and on the programme of action.
- Explore whether a more formal Joint Waste Management Committee is desirable (for example, as operates in Devon), since this would almost certainly be necessary for the production of a joint municipal waste strategy.

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
One Member	Quarterly	

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
Representative of ECDC	No

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representative for 2018/19
1	Environmental Services Manager: Liz Knox	Cllr Julia Huffer

Cllr Huffer:

RECAP's work fits in with the ECDC Corporate Plan by making the disposal of waste as cost effective as possible and working with other districts to find more creative ways of increasing recycling rates and effective methods of dealing with fly tipping.

The recently employed RECAP Partnership Manager has helped steer the Board forward and given RECAP more focus. She has guided us through the changes suggested by the consultation being done by Defra.

Continued representation is worthwhile because we feel that we must explore a;; areas of cost saving and this Committee will continue to be of importance.

Representative(s) for 2019/20
Cllr Julia Huffer

SANCTUARY HOUSING SERVICES LTD – EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Aims & Activities

A non-profit-making organisation, to provide affordable homes for rent throughout East Cambridgeshire.

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
Two Members	4	Travelling

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
Limited Decision Making Role	N/A

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representative(s) for 2018/19
1	Housing & Community Safety Manager: Angela Parmenter	Cllr Elaine Griffin Singh Cllr Chris Morris

Cllr Griffin Singh:

The Sanctuary Housing committee meetings are an essential liaison tool between the Council and our largest housing provider. It has been possible in the past for members to really influence issues or policy change via this forum and it is very useful to hear first-hand experiences from the few residents that sit on the Board.

I have commented before, however, that for the representation to have real value, members require more information in the form of statistics and insight so that the Council's perspective can be better represented and so any issues can be raised more directly. Sanctuary Housing provides very useful statistics and detailed information at each meeting against a variety of delivery targets but attending members are currently provided with no useful information with which to respond or report. I strongly suggest that the Council put in place a reporting structure to the representatives; suggest a quarterly report be produced ahead of the meeting showing ie complaints, issues, responses, response times, Council's views etc.

ECDC representatives have been provided with direct email and telephone lines to senior staff members at Sanctuary which has proved very useful and effective in handling complaints or issues which are not being addressed by the usual processes. I strongly suggest that this continues and that the Council/Councillors are more proactive in using this resource.

Cllr Morris:

Everything is covered in an agenda every quarter. Continued representation is worthwhile; discussions include the operational overview, performance reports, community investment and any future developments.

Representative(s) for 2019/20
Cllr Christine Ambrose Smith Cllr Jo Webber

SOHAM AND DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION (ROSS PEERS SPORTS CENTRE)

Aims & Activities

- To establish, maintain, finance and manage an indoor sports hall;
- To act as a central body representing all sports interests in Soham and the surrounding district;
- To maintain and improve the provision of all sports learning and recreational facilities within Soham and the surrounding district.

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
Two Members	6	No

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
Observer	No

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representative(s) for 2018/19
2	Senior Leisure Services Officer: Victor Le Grand	Cllr Joshua Schumann Cllr Mark Goldsack

Cllr Goldsack:

The centre has improved over the last 12 months with some internal investment and attention to key areas. Conversion of a squash court into a further studio continues with hopefully sound proofing and completion during early financial year 2020.

There have been some staff changes but delighted to see the addition of Robin Jones, a highly experienced fitness, and marketing resource. Under the watch of a committed group of committee members and the chairmanship of Paul Day for the foreseeable future, Ross Peers is concentrating on improving footfall and utilisation.

Sharon Hickmott has been supported by ECDC Officers during the last year and the advice and input has had a positive effect.

Cllr Schumann:

The provision of sports and leisure facilities for the local population fits in with our key priority around making East Cambs a 'fantastic place to live' and also accords with 'improving infrastructure'.

The main issue that was raised during the past 12 months were operational concerns and particularly a focus on ensuring HR and Health and Safety elements were being adequately covered. I offered the support from Victor and the officers at ECDC but they had arranged expertise through the chairman of the committee's business connections.

Offering support in both financial terms and expertise is important to ensure we have a district wide leisure offer.

Meetings continue to be moved, cancelled or called at short notice which proves difficult to ensure attendance. Cllr Goldsack has been attending regularly in my absence.

Representative(s) for 2019/20
Cllr Ian Bovingdon Cllr Dan Schumann

SECTION 2

INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARDS

Burnt Fen
Cawdle Fen
Haddenham Level
Littleport and Downham
Middle Fen and Mere
Padnal and Waterden
Swaffham
Waterbeach Level

BURNT FEN INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

Aims & Activities

To maintain the drainage network.

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
Two Members	3	By the Council

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
Board Member	Yes

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representative(s) for 2018/19
3	Finance Manager: Ian Smith	Cllr Derrick Beckett Cllr Julia Huffer

Cllr Huffer:

The Internal drainage Boards ensure the continued management of the water supply to the farming industry in our District.

Items for consideration/discussion have included the continued management of water levels and waterways throughout the District which supply the many farms and related industries in our area.

This body continues to do excellent work in our District. It is extremely well run and managed, and continued support is recommended.

Representative(s) for 2019/20
Cllr Julia Huffer Mr Derrick Beckett (lay member)

CAWDLE FEN INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

Aims & Activities

To maintain the drainage network.

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
Seven Members	3	By the Council

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
Board Member	Yes

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representative(s) for 2018/19
3	Finance Manager: Ian Smith	Cllr Richard Hobbs Cllr Mike Rouse Parish Cllr Ian Lindsay Parish Cllr Alison Arnold Mr J Friend-Smith Mr R Moss-Eccardt Vacancy

Cllr Mike Rouse:

I find the meetings informative and feel it is important that as members we understand the importance of land drainage in our District and see how efficiently it is managed by the IDBs.

Parish Councillor Alison Arnold:

The Internal Drainage Board meetings, with attendance from Council representatives, are important. Having a better understanding of flood risks, water management and maintenance is relevant for existing property, proposed new builds, people, agriculture and wildlife.

If scientific consensus of climate change means more extreme weather of increased flooding and droughts, then it is essential that local elected members are involved with this process.

Mr Jeremy Friend-Smith:

I am very pleased to have rejoined Cawdle Fen IDB, having previously been a Board member while I was a District Councillor.

I attended the IDB presentation on 28th February 2019, which was most helpful in identifying their role in consultation over planning applications. With the proposed expansion of East Anglia's population IDB advice has added importance for councillors to be aware of, and understand.

Mr Rupert Moss-Eccardt:

Water management is essential to support food production, protect property and underpin the local economy. The CPIER report alludes to significant GVA benefit from flood protection

schemes. A recent remodelling exercise for the Great Ouse fens predicts 7-10£bn of damage in the event of a significant flood control failure.

Many planning applications are only successful because, even though they are in Flood Zone 3, the site is protected by flood defences. SUDS only work if there is somewhere for the final outflow to go. IDB's move that water from catchwater drains through to the main river. If the IDB's didn't provide a path for water to be abstracted, the local agricultural economy would fail.

Items considered/discussed have included the adjustment of the rate, and this has an effect on the levy. The expected rainfall for 2019 and levels in aquifers and reservoirs suggest that there may have to be an abstraction ban this year. This will negatively affect local agri-businesses. The Rivers Authorities & Land Drainage Bill is progressing through Parliament. If enacted, it allows the Secretary of State to change the basis for valuation for both agricultural and other land.

The IDB's spend a significant amount of money raised by the District. Appointment of Board Members by 'charging authorities' is required by statute and the number of appointed members is determined by the same Act – The Land Drainage Act 1991.

I am very grateful to have been appointed by the District Council and honoured to have this opportunity to aid with the governance, effectiveness and representation of the Board. I plan to use my experience in Cyber-resilience, fraud prevention and broader engineering knowledge to help the IDB make further progress in the next period, if my appointment continues.

Cllr Ian Lindsay (City of Ely Council Board Member):

I was appointed to the Board in August 2018, and have subsequently attended two meetings: the AGM in November 2018 and the budget meeting in February 2019. At the latter meeting the budget set for 2019/20 was very much the same as last year's, at £54,683. The special levy was set to be the same as last year, but there was a small change to the Assessable Value owing to changes in land ownership following the construction of Ely's southern bypass.

The Board is well run and efficient. New members of the Board are being offered training relevant to their responsibilities, though diary conflicts can be a problem.

Cllr Richard Hobbs:

It is important that we continue to be represented on the Drainage Boards to support this vital service and our financial commitment.

Representative(s) for 2019/20
Cllr Christine Whelan
Parish Cllr Michael Rouse
Vacancy

HADDENHAM LEVEL INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

Aims & Activities

To maintain the drainage network.

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
Two Members	3	By the Council

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
Board Member	To be confirmed

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representatives for 2018/19
3	Finance Manager: Ian Smith	Cllr Steve Cheetham Cllr Stuart Smith

Cllr Steve Cheetham:

ECDC is committed to ensuring that East Cambridgeshire continues to be a district where people want to live, work and visit, and ensuring flood defences are maintained is a critical element of this commitment.

Issues for discussion which had a potential impact on ECDC included non-consented ditch filling in Haddenham and determining restricted access to drains; Ouse Washes Section 10 Middle Level and Level South Barrier bank works. Proposed construction of irrigation reservation reservoirs at Willow Hall Farm, Haddenham.

This is a precepting body with the duty of protecting the Haddenham and Aldreth area from flooding and providing irrigation for agriculture. The meetings give a real insight into issues affecting farming and agriculture.

Cllr Stuart Smith:

Following the Environment Agency's 'Great Ouse Tidal River Baseline Report' it is more important than ever for District Councillors to be appointed to Drainage Boards. In 1947 parts of Haddenham and Aldreth were badly flooded. Measures must be taken to avoid this from happening again.

Biodiversity Action Plan 2018-19 – Haddenham DDC has an extensive network of ditches with high biodiversity value. Their size, form and water quality make them ideal habitats for voles and a range of species. They are well managed with reedy areas in places left to support wildlife throughout the year. An updated Biodiversity Action Plan of the District supplied to the Commissioners indicates areas of environmental interest and management recommendations where appropriate.

Representatives for 2019/20
Cllr Gareth Wilson Parish Cllr Steve Cheetham

LITTLEPORT AND DOWNHAM INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

Aims & Activities

To maintain the drainage network.

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
Six Members	3	By the Council

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
Board Member	Yes

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representatives for 2017/18
3	Finance Manager: Ian Smith	Cllr Christine Ambrose Smith Cllr David Ambrose Smith Cllr Mike Bradley Cllr Paul Cox Cllr Mike Rouse Cllr Jo Webber

Cllr Mike Rouse:

I find the meetings informative and feel it is important that as members we understand the importance of land drainage in our District and see how efficiently it is managed by the IDBs.

Cllr Christine Ambrose Smith:

The Drainage Boards keep residents safe from flooding, enable agriculture to be productive and help to make East Cambs a great place to live and work. They give an understanding of the importance of drainage within our District, and the necessity of keeping drainage infrastructure in good order. Each Drainage Board has an effect on another, and on other partner agencies. At a recent Member Seminar on drainage/water management at East Cambs, the Engineer, Andrew Newton, gave an impressive presentation as a member of a panel of partner agencies.

Continued representation is worthwhile because the District Council relies on the Drainage Boards to control and protect the settlements from flooding. I am happy to represent the District Council on the IDB. It is a consultee in the planning process and their comments are important to decision making by Officers and Members.

Cllr David Ambrose Smith:

An extremely important partner. ECDC planners work closely with the IDB's and value one another's contribution to the planning process. IDB's praiseworthy concerns regarding increasing their charges perhaps constrains them from carrying out more medium to long term planning.

Continued representation is worthwhile because it gives an understanding of the importance of Internal Drainage Boards within our District and the necessity of keeping drainage infrastructure in good order.

I believe that all our local IDB's should be amalgamated into a single board which would bring efficiencies at all levels from governance to the water courses. ECDC councillors/representation on this single board would then give ECDC a better joined up understanding of the whole area, with the councillor becoming the ECDC Service Champion(s) for Internal Drainage.

Cllr Jo Webber:

The Internal Drainage Boards play a vital role in keeping East Cambridgeshire free from flooding, and supporting our agricultural industry by maintaining drainage channels and providing irrigation services throughout the drier months. Additionally the IDB's play an important role in maintaining habitats for wildlife.

The increased risk of flooding is a huge topic of conversation, and there has been considerable discussion and presentations over the last year designed to raise the profile of the issue and highlight the continuing risks to our District as well as sharing the proposals to mitigate the increased risks. As the Local Planning Authority, East Cambs DC plays a key role in the overall plan to address the risks to our area along with the County Council as the Lead Local Flood Authority, Anglian Water, the Environment Agency and the Internal Drainage Boards.

I think it is very important that East Cambs continues to be represented on the IDB's, and for Members to be aware of the issues that face our communities, and the funding required to mitigate those risks.

East Cambridgeshire is flat and low-lying and the Ely IDB's do a fantastic job in maintaining the drainage channels, which supports our agricultural industry. The IDB Engineer plays a key role in considering future risk to our area of flooding, and it is vital that we continue to support their work and collaborate fully to ensure that East Cambridgeshire continues to be free from flooding, an area rich in wildlife and a great place to live for our residents.

Representatives for 2019/20
Cllr Christine Ambrose Smith Cllr David Ambrose Smith Cllr Lorna Dupré Cllr Jo Webber Mr Paul Cox (lay member) Parish Cllr Mark Taylor

MIDDLE FEN AND MERE INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

Aims & Activities

To maintain the drainage network.

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
Five Members	3	By the Council

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
Board Member	Yes

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representatives for 2018/19
3	Finance Manager: Ian Smith	Cllr Derrick Beckett Cllr Ian Bovingdon Cllr Mark Goldsack Cllr Chris Morris Cllr Carol Sennitt

Cllr Carol Sennitt:

This body does vital work for our District. The Drainage Board controls the water levels, ensuing drought conditions are managed as well as flood levels.

Continued representation is essential to support the hard work of the Drainage Board and feedback any needs of the local farmers.

Cllr Ian Bovingdon:

As part of ECDC's commitment to ensuring that the District continues to be an area where people want to live, businesses want to base themselves and grow, and people want to visit, it is essential that the work of the IDB's are maintained and supported in order to ensure flood defences are correctly planned, managed and robust. This protects local agriculture and enforcement of correct drainage rules/procedures upon new home and commercial developments.

Many issues were discussed which had a potential impact on agriculture, ecology and new developments within the area which affects East Camb's 5 year housing supply and general flood risk planning, management, costs and processes were discussed and agreed. This is a very important IDB for the area, affected by many different issues and I consider their work essential.

Continued representation is worthwhile because this is a very important body protecting the local area from the risk of flooding together with managed irrigation for agriculture. The IDB has a real understanding of the complex issues surrounding development and infrastructure impact on flooding and need to be supported in their management efforts.

Cllr Chris Morris:

Cllr Morris had nothing to report.

Cllr Mark Goldsack:

Cllr Goldsack was unable to attend the last meeting and did not have any specific comments to report.

Representatives for 2019/20
Cllr Ian Bovingdon Cllr Victoria Charlesworth Cllr Alec Jones Cllr Dan Schumann Mr Derrick Beckett (lay member)

PADNAL & WATERDEN INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

Aims & Activities

To maintain the drainage network.

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
Seven Members	3	By the Council

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
Board Member	Yes

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representatives for 2018/19
3	Finance Manager: Ian Smith	Cllr David Ambrose Smith Cllr Paul Cox Cllr Lis Every Parish Cllr Clive Webber Parish Cllr Sue Kerridge Parish Cllr Michael Rouse Parish Cllr Richard Hobbs

Cllr Mike Rouse:

I find the meetings informative and feel it is important that as members we understand the importance of land drainage in our District and see how efficiently it is managed by the IDBs.

Cllr David Ambrose Smith:

An extremely important partner. ECDC planners work closely with the IDB's and value one another's contribution to the planning process. IDB's praiseworthy concerns regarding increasing their charges perhaps constrains them from carrying out more medium to long term planning.

Continued representation is worthwhile because it gives an understanding of the importance of Internal Drainage Boards within our District and the necessity of keeping drainage infrastructure in good order.

I believe that all our local IDB's should be amalgamated into a single board which would bring efficiencies at all levels from governance to the water courses. ECDC councillors/representation on this single board would then give ECDC a better joined up understanding of the whole area, with the councillor becoming the ECDC Service Champion(s) for Internal Drainage.

Parish Cllr Clive Webber:

I represent the Littleport Parish Council on the IDB and I think we all need to be aware of the important work being carried out by the IDB's, as they maintain the drainage channels that run through our parishes, and support our farmers.

Topics for consideration/discussion have included keeping drainage channels clean, supplying water for irrigation and increased risk of flooding. It is vital that East Cambs District Council works with all of the agencies that are involved in keeping the District free from flooding. The recent seminar organised by the ECDC Planning department regarding the flood risks to the area, and the plans in place to reduce that risk was extremely well put together and informative. Regular updates to keep this issue at the forefront of everyone's mind would be very beneficial.

I think it is very important that ALL levels of local government continue to be represented on the IDB's, as we need to be aware of the continuing threat of flooding and the costs to reduce the risks.

I have only attended two meetings so far, but it is clear that the Ely Drainage Boards are well organised and efficient, and I look forward to attending further meetings, and learning more about our drainage systems.

Parish Cllr Sue Kerridge:

Cllr Kerridge was only able to attend one meeting. The comments put forward by other representatives encompass what she would have put forward.

Cllr Richard Hobbs:

It is important that we continue to be represented on the Drainage Boards to support this vital service and our financial commitment.

Cllr Lis Every:

The internal drainage board (IDB) is the operating authority which is established in areas of special drainage need in England and Wales, eg the Fens, with permissive powers to undertake work to secure clean water drainage and water level management within drainage districts. It also has the authority to add a levy to the Council Tax. Internal Drainage Boards are a statutory consultee for all planning applications. In this area, which seeks growth, the work of the IDB is a very important organisation which has representatives from local farmers and councillor representatives from ECDC.

As seen above, the work undertaken by the IDB is vital for the area, ensuring that there is no flood activity, that the relevant maintenance is undertaken, the right levels of water for irrigation are maintained and the protection of species, ie eels is undertaken. It is particularly important that there is good representation from members which is currently the case. Extensive work has been undertaken as a result of the Redrow Development at Thistle Corner and arrangements and responsibilities have now been agreed.

Continued representation is absolutely vital, ie as consultee for planning applications and an influence on the ultimate Council Tax Levy.

Representatives for 2019/20
Cllr David Ambrose Smith
Cllr Lis Every
Cllr Alison Whelan
Mr Paul Cox (lay member)
Parish Cllr Edward Carlsson Browne
Debra Jordan
Sue Kerridge

SWAFFHAM INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

Aims & Activities

To maintain the drainage network.

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
*Four Members	3	By Council

*Four Councillors, plus one nominee jointly with South Cambridgeshire District Council (SCDC) makes the joint appointment by reciprocal agreement of June 1990, whereby East Cambridgeshire District Council makes the joint appointment to Waterbeach Level IDB). Appointments are for three years.

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
Board Member	Yes

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representatives for 2018/19
3	Finance Manager: Ian Smith	Cllr Allen Alderson Cllr David Brown Cllr Lavinia Edwards Cllr Alan Sharp

Cllr Brown was unable to attend any meetings as they clashed with other commitments that he was unable to change.

Cllr Lavinia Edwards:

The work of the IDB's is important to ECDC as the area in the District has a large agricultural element with lots of farms and employment opportunities. They are vital in preventing flooding and continued management of water supplies to the various agricultural needs of the District.

Issues for discussion have included setting the levy for the next financial year, land management and flood management.

IDB's are a consultee for planning applications and have an input in the Council tax levy. Continued representation is worthwhile for both protection from flooding and helping to enable growth in the area.

Cllr Alan Sharp:

Living in a District where a large part of the land is fenland, the management of the waterways are an important part of the protection of residents from the potential of flooding.

Various engineering works undertaken by the Board engineer are brought to each meeting that affect the smooth operation of the waterways within the Board drainage area.

Continued representation is worthwhile to represent residents and understand the issues affecting our waterways that could impact on them.

Representatives for 2019/20
Cllr David Brown Cllr Lavinia Edwards Cllr Alan Sharp Cllr John Trapp

WATERBEACH LEVEL INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

Aims & Activities

To maintain the drainage network.

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
*One Member	3	By the Council

*One Councillor, jointly with South Cambridgeshire District Council (East Cambridgeshire makes the appointment by reciprocal agreement of June 1990, whereby South Cambridgeshire District Council makes the joint appointment to Swaffham IDB). IDB appointments are for three years.

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
Board Member	Yes

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representative for 2018/19
3	Finance Manager: Ian Smith	Cllr David Chaplin

Cllr Chaplin:

The Drainage Board controls levels, extraction and discharge through the levels and into the Cam. The Cam is the border of East Cambs District Council and discharges into the Great Ouse just east of Stretham. The management of Wicken Fen as an important managed wetland and the flow of the Great Ouse through Ely are important matters for the District and therefore management of levels and discharge into the Cam are of interest to the District Council.

During the particularly dry summer of 2018, the issue of restraining extraction (by landowners for irrigation purposes) was of great interest to East Cambs as extraction impacts flow in the Cam and Great Ouse rivers. Voluntary restraint was requested and monitored by the IDB and the level of non-compliance monitored with a view to imposing mandatory restrictions if necessary.

Clearly, the Waterbeach Level itself is not within East Cambridgeshire and therefore it might be afforded lower priority than the Boards operating within the District. However, it is immediately upstream and does have an impact on flow levels throughout East Cambridgeshire.

It has been a great pleasure to serve on this Board during the year and insights provided have been informative and most interesting.

Representative for 2019/20
Mr David Chaplin (lay member)

¹ The Charity Commission provide guidance under the following link:
http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/Charity_requirements_guidance/ccpubs3.aspx#pub