

**GREATER CAMBRIDGE, GREATER PETERBOROUGH LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP**

**Aims & Activities**

- The Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnership (GCGP LEP) is focused on helping to drive forward sustainable economic growth.
- Enabling the development and occupation of Alconbury Enterprise Zone in line with partners' vision for the site.
- Advocating and influencing improvements to the area's infrastructure.
- Promoting business-led skills provision and improving the readiness of school leavers.
- Promoting enterprise growth and innovation.
- Improving international promotion, increasing inward investment and exporting.

Representation	Meetings per year	Expenses paid by Organisation
One Member	TBA	?

Status of Member	Insurance Provision
Non-voting Observer	No

Category of Officer Support	Contact Officer	Representative for 2016/17
<b>1</b>	<b>Business Development Manager: Darren Hill</b>	Councillor Lis Every

Report from representative:

Councillor Every: Although not having the opportunity to attend formal meetings, Member input is important working through Darren Hill, Business Development Manager. Regular discussions and feedback sessions are undertaken including knowledge of the bid process and planned outcomes. Changes to working practices may occur with the new Combined Authority arrangements, and this needs to be understood, but on the ground information is regularly received and acted upon locally.

Representative for 2017/18
Councillor Lis Every

**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 2016/17
3	Finance Manager: Ian Smith	Councillor Derrick Beckett Councillor Julia Huffer

Report from representative(s):

Councillor Huffer: The Drainage Board monitors and controls the water levels in the District, ensuring farmers are able to provide produce and also maintain employment on farms etc. Flood levels have been maintained and drought conditions managed. Continued representation is worthwhile because we need to know that ECDC are listening to the needs of local farmers.

This is a well run body doing vital work in our District. I am happy to continue to attend, and I am learning constantly.

<b>Representative(s) for 2017/18</b>
Councillor Derrick Beckett Councillor Julia Huffer

**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 2016/17
3	Finance Manager: Ian Smith	Councillor Coralie Green Councillor Elaine Griffin Singh Councillor Neil Hitchin Councillor Tom Hunt Councillor Andy Pearson Councillor Charles Roberts Councillor Mike Rouse

Report from representative(s):

**Councillor Green:** Councillor representation on Cawdle Fen IDB is particularly valuable at the moment as work on the Ely Southern Bypass has begun. The impact of this project on the drainage of Cawdle Fen needs to be fully assessed and understood and the IDB provides a useful forum for exchange of information on progress. At the February meeting the 'pence in the pound' rate (which is reviewed annually for introduction as from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017) was discussed and it was agreed to keep it at the same level as last year. That is 9p in the pound. The special levy that is paid by ECDC therefore also remains at £20,021.58

**Councillor Rouse:** Attended two of the meetings. They are useful and informative about flood protection, land use and what is happening with our largest industry of agriculture. The IDBs are very well managed and prudent when budget setting. My attendance has helped Andrew Newton, the engineer, to have a much greater involvement in planning and have his views considered.

**Councillor Griffin-Singh:** I have been an advocator for looking at the situation of so many Councillors being on the Drainage Board committees as it seems we often would outnumber the other committee members if we all turned up. Frankly we have no real working knowledge of the work of the Board and rarely contribute to the debate. In that their work is undeniably important and we must liaise due to the financial commitment ECDC has, I am not advocating that there should be no Members on Boards, but I consider our current numbers to be exorbitant and a smaller, trained and more aware number of representatives would be more useful. I believe this is under consideration.

**Councillor Pearson:** There have been three meetings since May 2016 I have not attended, as we have three Councillors for the same meeting and we almost outnumber the other members. We have made sure one of us attends and Councillor Rouse has always been happy to do it. It is important to meet with and understand the work of the Board, however I do

not feel it requires three Councillors. The Board informs on drainage matters and this could relate to planning applications and consideration to any areas that may flood etc. Continued representation is worthwhile, but not three Councillors as previously stated.

Representative(s) for 2017/18
Councillor Coralie Green
Councillor Elaine Griffin Singh
Councillor Neil Hitchin
Councillor Tom Hunt
Councillor Andy Pearson
Councillor Charles Roberts
Councillor Mike Rouse

## 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 2016/17
3	Finance Manager: Ian Smith	Councillor Christine Ambrose Smith Councillor David Ambrose Smith Councillor Mike Bradley Councillor Paul Cox Councillor Mike Rouse Councillor Jo Webber

### Report from representatives:

Councillor Bradley: Each Internal Drainage Board is a local public authority established in areas of special drainage need in England and Wales. They have permissive powers to manage water levels within their respective drainage districts. IDBs undertake works to reduce flood risk to people and property and manage water levels to meet local needs.

The District is bordered to the east by the River Great Ouse and to the west by the tidal New Bedford (Hundred Foot) River. The southern boundary of the District follows the highland contour at an approximate level of 104.0 metres O.D. The District comprises mainly high grade agricultural land, much of which lies 2metres below sea level, (6.0 metres below highest tide levels) and has relied totally upon pumped drainage since the area was first enclosed by Act of Parliament in 1756. The following parishes (or parts of) are included within the Board's District: Welney, Southery, Hilgay, Littleport, Little Downham, Coveney, Witcham, Witchford, Wilburton, Mepal, Stretham and Little Thetford.

Councillor Rouse: Attended one of the meetings. They are useful and informative about flood protection, land use and what is happening with our largest industry of agriculture. The IDBs are very well managed and prudent when budget setting. My attendance has helped Andrew Newton, the engineer, to have a much greater involvement in planning and have his views considered.

Councillors Christine & David Ambrose Smith: These Boards are vital for our area, but perhaps the representation needs to be reconsidered so that Members can play a more meaningful part.

<b>Representatives for 2017/18</b>
<b>Councillor Christine Ambrose Smith</b>
<b>Councillor David Ambrose Smith</b>
<b>Councillor Mike Bradley</b>
<b>Councillor Paul Cox</b>
<b>Councillor Mike Rouse</b>
<b>Councillor Jo Webber</b>

**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 2016/17
3	Finance Manager: Ian Smith	Councillor Derrick Beckett Councillor Ian Bovingdon Councillor James Palmer Councillor Hamish Ross Councillor Dan Schumann

Report from representative(s):

Councillor Bovingdon reports that he has been unable to attend meetings due to work commitments, but he receives the minutes of the meetings.

Councillor Schumann: ECDC is an area that has agriculture as a primary employer and contributor. The Board is a well run, vital cog in the daily lives of the people of our District. Topics for discussion have included efficient finance, management of land drainage and flood drainage, planning applications received, the Engineer's report, and Group plant/labour rates.

The work of the IDB provides essential flood protection for the District and is fundamental to our local agriculture; therefore representation of ECDC on this Body is essential.

Councillor Ross: The plan to bring together other IDB's under one roof directly emulates the corporate plan of ECDC. Topics for discussion have included planning applications received, Engineer's report (Pumping hours & rainfall, plant & stations, drains, abstraction & irrigation, retained water levels, water transfer licences). Group plant/labour rates. ECDC is an area that has agriculture as a primary employer and contributor. The work of the IDB is fundamental to our local agriculture and therefore representation on ECDC on this body is essential.

Representatives for 2017/18
Councillor Derrick Beckett Councillor Ian Bovingdon Councillor Hamish Ross Councillor Dan Schumann Vacancy

**PADNAL & WATERDEN INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD**

**Aims & Activities**

To maintain the drainage network.

<b>Representation</b>	<b>Meetings per year</b>	<b>Expenses paid by Organisation</b>
Seven Members	3	By the Council

<b>Status of Member</b>	<b>Insurance Provision</b>
Board Member	Yes

<b>Category of Officer Support</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>	<b>Representatives for 2016/17</b>
3	Finance Manager: Ian Smith	Councillor David Ambrose Smith Councillor Paul Cox Councillor Lis Every Councillor Tom Hunt Councillor Carol Sennitt Councillor Lisa Stubbs Vacancy

Report from representative(s):

Councillor Stubbs was unable to attend meetings due to other commitments

Councillor David Ambrose Smith: These Boards are vital for our area, but perhaps the representation needs to be reconsidered so that Members can play a more meaningful part.

<b>Representatives for 2017/18</b>
Councillor David Ambrose Smith Councillor Paul Cox Councillor Lis Every Councillor Tom Hunt Councillor Carol Sennitt Councillor Lisa Stubbs Vacancy



**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 2016/17
3	Finance Manager: Ian Smith	Councillor Allen Alderson Councillor Michael Allan Councillor Lavinia Edwards Councillor Mathew Shuter

Report from representative(s):

**Councillor Allan:** believes that representation should be maintained and Members should have an agricultural knowledge, however basic.

**Councillor Edwards:** the work of the Drainage Board fits with the ECDC Corporate plan because it is important when planning growth and development throughout the District. Consideration of the annual budget is important and the levy of the drainage rate. As ECDC is an area that has a vast agricultural industry, the IDB's input is vital.

Representatives for 2017/18
Councillor Allen Alderson Councillor Michael Allan Councillor Lavinia Edwards Councillor Mathew Shuter

## 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 2016/17
3	Finance Manager: Ian Smith	Councillor David Chaplin

### Report from representative:

Councillor Chaplin: This is of marginal interest since the Waterbeach Internal Drainage Board area is mostly in South Cambridgeshire District. However, some issues arise and, of course, drainage is ultimately into common water courses.

The topics for consideration/discussion are nothing that would not be covered by the IDBs within East Cambridgeshire.

It is a pleasure and privilege to sit on Waterbeach IDB and it may be the case that this becomes more relevant to East Cambs in the future as the new settlement at Waterbeach becomes more relevant.

Representative for 2017/18
Councillor David Chaplin