

TITLE: Outside Bodies Update

Committee: Finance & Assets Committee

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1.0 ISSUES

- 1.1. To appoint a representative to the Waterbeach Internal Drainage Board following the resignation of the ECDC representative, Mr David Chaplin.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1. That the appointment of Cllr Lucius Vellacott or Cllr Lee Denney as the new representative for the Waterbeach Internal Drainage Board for the remainder of the current term, May 2027, be noted.

3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1. East Cambridgeshire District Council maintains crucial representation on various IDBs, including the Waterbeach Level IDB, to ensure effective water management and flood prevention within the district.

- 3.2. David Chaplin has served continuously as the ECDC representative for the Waterbeach Level IDB for an extensive period, contributing significant institutional knowledge and expertise.

- He previously held the ECDC representative role in 2022 and was formally re-appointed at the Finance & Assets Committee meeting held on June 23, 2022.
- His most recent appointment was confirmed at the Finance & Assets Committee meeting on January 25, 2024, covering the current term.

- 3.3. David Chaplin has formally notified the Council of his intention to stand down from this representative role effective from 1 January 2026. The Council wishes to express its gratitude for his long-standing service to both the Council and the Waterbeach Level IDB.

- 3.4. This creates a vacancy that requires immediate attention to ensure ECDC maintains its vital representation on the Board.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS / EQUALITY IMPACT STATEMENT / CARBON IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Financial Implications	Legal Implications	Human Resources (HR) Implications
None	None	None
Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)	Carbon Impact Assessment (CIA)	Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)
Not required	Not required	Not required

5.0 APPENDICES

None

6.0 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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