



Council

6 November 2023

Subject: Appointment to New Outside Body – Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board

Revisions requested to an existing Outside Body and Internal Working Groups/ Boards/Panels appointments : -

- **Funding Consultative Panel**
- **Community Grants Panel**
- **Environment and Sustainability Working Group**
- **Lincolnshire Pensions Committee (Outside Body)**

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Purpose / Summary:

This report seeks to appointment a Member to the Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board – a new Outside Body.

The report also deals with making and amending appointments, previously made, to Outside Bodies, Internal Working Groups, Boards and Panels, having received requests from Members.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That:

- (a) Councillor David Dobbie be appointed to the Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board until Annual Council 2027 and the Body be added to the list of approved duties in the Members Allowances Scheme;**

- (b) Councillor Stephen Bunney be appointed to the Funding Consultative Panel until Annual Council May 2027, replacing Councillor Paul Key;**
- (c) Councillor Lynda Mullally be appointed to the Community Grants Panel, until Annual Council 2027 replacing Councillor Mrs Diana Rodgers;**
- (d) Council nominate a Member to replace Councillor Eve Bennett on the Environment and Sustainability Working Group until Annual Council May 2027; and**
- (e) Councillor Paul Key be appointed to the Lincolnshire Pensions Committee, on behalf of West Lindsey District Council, until Annual Council May 2027, replacing Councillor Trevor Young.**

IMPLICATIONS

Legal:

It is the duty of Council to appoint to outside bodies, Working Groups and Boards

Financial : FIN/101/24/SL

Members are entitled to claim allowances for attendance at bodies and groups they have been formally appointed to. This can be met from within the existing budget.

Staffing :

None directly arising from this report

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights :

None directly arising from this report

Data Protection Implications :

None arising from this report.

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities :

There are no climate related risks from this report.

Section 17 Crime and Disorder Considerations :

None arising from this report.

Health Implications:

None arising from this report.

Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

Notification received from Group Whip

Risk Assessment : N/A

Call in and Urgency:

Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)

Yes

No

Key Decision:

A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications

Yes

No

1 Background

- 1.1 Council at its Annual Meeting appoints Members to a number of Boards, Groups and Outside Bodies.
- 1.2 Since Annual Council in May 2023 correspondence have been received from the Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board, offering the District Council, one of its Elected Members a position on the Board, in effect a new Outside Body position (Section 2).
- 1.3 Correspondence have also been received from a number of Members seeking to be removed from some Working Groups, Boards and Panels they were appointed to in May 2023 (section 3)
- 1.4 And Finally the Leader of the Council has requested that his seat on the Lincolnshire Pensions Committee (Outside Body) be transferred to another Member of his choosing (section 4)
- 1.5 This report seeks to deal with making and amending appointments in respect of these Outside Bodies, Working Groups, Boards and Panels.

2. Appointment to New Outside Body – Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board.

- 2.1 Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board (TVIDB) covers an area of low lying land from the west of Gainsborough, straddling the River Trent and its tributaries, down to the south of Nottingham, a total of 44,093ha. The Board maintains 778km of watercourse and operates 18 pumping stations.
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- 2.2 When the Board was formed in 2012 (following amalgamation of smaller drainage Boards) WLDC were given a shared seat with NKDC, the seat has been held by NKDC for some time and both councils were asked to agree which Council would fill the seat in 2023.
- 2.3 Given NKDC have held the seat for at least circa 8 years, it has been agreed that the seat will now be appointed to by West Lindsey, initially for the period up until Annual Council in May 2027.
- 2.4 Further brief information regarding the Board is attached at Appendix 1, with the appointed Member being required to attend meetings on a quarterly basis.
- 2.5 Council have previously agreed that such Outside Body appointments are to be made on the following basis :

- i) In the first instance any Member with a specialist interest or expertise in the particular field of the Outside Body should be appointed (the appointment should not be party political),
 - ii) Failing this, where possible, appointments should be made geographically involving a local Ward Member.
 - iii) Where neither of these criteria can be met, any other Member should be appointed.
- 2.6 Council are asked to appointment Councillor David Dobbie to the Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board until Annual Council 2027 and the Body will be added to the list of approved duties in the Members Allowances Scheme.

3. Amendments to Appointments on Internal Working Groups/ Panels/Boards

3.1 Funding Consultative Panel

- 3.1.1 Council at its Annual Meeting appointed Councillor Paul Key to the Funding Consultative Panel.
- 3.1.2 Councillor Key has asked to be removed from the Panel. There are no restrictions on who may replace Councillor Key
- 3.1.3 Council are asked to appoint Councillor Stephen Bunney to the Funding Consultative Panel until Annual Council May 2027, replacing Councillor Paul Key.

3.2 Community Grants Panel

- 3.2.1 Council at its Annual Meeting appointed Councillor Mrs Diana Rodgers to the Community Grants Panel.
- 3.2.2 Councillor Mrs Rodgers has asked to be removed from the Panel.
- 3.2.3 The Panel is required to be cross-party and those currently appointed are: -

Councillor Stephen Bunney
Councillor Liz Clews
Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan
Councillor Owen Bierley
(Councillor Mrs Diana Rodgers)

- 3.2.4 Council are asked to appoint Councillor Lynda Mullally to the Community Grants Panel until Annual Council May 2027, replacing Councillor Mrs Rodgers.

3.3 Environment and Sustainability Working Group

- 3.3.1 Council at its Annual Meeting appointed Councillor Eve Bennett to the Environment and Sustainability Working Group.
- 3.2.2 Councillor Bennett has asked to be removed from the Working Group.
- 3.2.3 Members appointed to this Working Group must be serving on the Prosperous Communities or Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- 3.2.4 Council are asked to nominate a Member to replace Councillor Eve Bennett on the Environment and Sustainability Working Group until Annual Council May 2027.

4. Lincolnshire Pensions Committee – Outside Body

- 4.1 The Leader of the Council was appointed to the Lincolnshire Pensions Committee in May 2023 and has requested that the position be transferred to a Member of his choosing.
- 4.2 Lincolnshire County Council have confirmed that there is nothing within the Committee's Terms of Reference requiring the position to be filled by the Leader and as such it is a matter for Full Council. Full training, provided by LCC, is required to be undertaken on appointment.
- 4.3 Council are requested to appoint Councillor Paul Key to the Lincolnshire Pensions Committee, on behalf of West Lindsey District Council, until Annual Council May 2027, replacing Councillor Trevor Young.