

Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday 24th September 2025

**Lower Severn IDB Office/Hybrid
10:30am**

LOWER SEVERN (2005) INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Approved 6th November 2024
Minute 3613**

Matters for determination by the Executive Committee

Policy & Guidelines

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Executive Committee is to undertake delegated tasks from the LSIDB Board including for key and immediate decisions from LSIDB's Current Sub Committee's:

The development and implementation of strategy, operational plans, policies, procedures and budgets;

- the monitoring of operating and financial performance of the Revenue Budget;
- the monitoring of operating and financial performance of the Capital Programme;
- the assessment and control of risk;
- the prioritisation and allocation of resources.

2. Membership

The Executive Committee will be made up of 6 members being, the Chair, Vice Chair, Committee Chairs, Programme Board Chair, plus additional member(s) that would be required to make up the full membership. Also, normally the Chief Executive Officer or his/her representative, unless the meeting is deemed part or wholly closed on occasion. Key Officers of the LSIDB will be invited as required. The committee shall appoint a Chair from among its members.

3. Meetings

The Executive Committee should meet on a monthly basis with prepared agendas of items for discussion. A quorum of three Members is required. Officers will be invited as required. The CEO or other LSIDB Officer will act as secretary and take actions of the meetings. The

actions of the meetings will be circulated at the LSIDB's Board Meetings, and the Chief Executive Officer will present a written report after each meeting which will be emailed out to all Board members.

4. Duties

(i) Management

- The successful execution of strategy.
- Recommending objectives and strategy for the LSIDB in the development of the Boards operations.
- Identifying new opportunities, Capital Investment Projects if approved, outside the current core activities.
- Reviewing the organisation structure of the LSIDB and making recommendations for change.
- Implementing policies relating to health and safety, environment, treasury and statutory social responsibility.
- Ensuring the control, co-ordination and monitoring of risk and internal controls.
- Ensuring compliance with relevant legislation and regulations.
- Prosecution, defence or settlement of litigation.
- Ensuring appropriate levels of authority are delegated to LSIDB officers throughout the LSIDB's Annual Planning and delivery of Operations.
- Review of the LSIDB's budgets and five-year plan to the LSIDB's Board and, following their approval, the achievement of the budgets and plans.
- Approval of unbudgeted capital expenditure between £10k and £25k, and the Identification of the necessary funds when making these approvals. Reporting to the Board at the earliest opportunity, per the financial regulations.
- Renewal of banking facilities and arrangements for treasury management per the financial regulations.
- Adherence to other Financial Regulations when authorising procurement, write offs, the sale of assets, appointment of internal auditor, and review/updates.

(iii) Statutory IDB Governance

The Committee shall conduct an annual review of its work and terms of reference and an assessment of its own effectiveness and make recommendations to the LSIDB's Board.

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Executive Committee

Members: Mr M Barnes (Chair), Mr R Godwin, Mr J Hore, Cllr M Riddle (Vice Chair), Mr G Simms

NB The quorum for this meeting is 3 Members

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AGENDA

Committees Terms of Reference are included for Members' information

Item		Page No/Doc.	Lead
1.	Apologies/Welcome		Chair
2.	Declaration of Members' Interest		Chair
3.	Minutes of the last committee meeting for approval	Pages 1-3	Chair
4.	Comments on brought forward Exec Actions	Page 4	GT
5.	Comments on SLT Reports	Pages 5-11	Chair
6.	June & July Board Meeting Actions	Page 12	GT
7.	Pump Program Report/Update	Pages 13-14	GS
8.	Any Other/New/Update Item which the Chair/CEO decide is urgent/be mentioned		MB/GT
9.	Confirmation of new Actions		GT
10.	Date of Next Meeting: 22 nd October 2025		Chair
11.	Close		Chair

- Any other consideration and comments/questions of an urgent nature shall be notified to the office at least 3 working days before the meeting to enable staff to compile the correct information.
- Any Committee Member unable to attend should arrange a deputy and inform the office prior to the relevant Meeting. If the Committee Member chooses, he/she may instead ask the Officers to contact all the other Members, not on the Committee, in order to recruit a deputy for the meeting.

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Draft Minutes from the Executive Committee held on Wednesday 23rd July 2025 at 10.30am at Lower Severn Internal Drainage Board Offices/ Hybrid

Minutes taken by Victoria Bailey

1. Apologies/Welcome Board Members

Present: Chairman Michael Barnes, Vice Chairman Matthew Riddle, Geoff Simms, Roger Godwin.

Officers Present: CEO Glenn Taute, Vicky Bailey and Jim Druett.

Apologies: John Hore.

2. Declaration of Members' Interest

None received.

3. Comments on brought forward Actions

GT listed actions; no comments received

4. Minutes from the last Exec meeting for approval

Minutes proposed as a true and correct record by GS, seconded by RG. All in favour; the minutes accepted.

5. Comments on SLT Reports

SLT reports read aloud; no issues raised.

6. Strategic Planning draft outline for discussion

GT commented that as the current Strategic Plan is very broad it was decided to create a new Strategic Plan focussed on realistic objectives. GT reported that the team had input into the plan during a recent Team Away Day. GT read through the new proposed Strategic Plan; JD requested the removal of the suggestion of a pump at Awre and explained that Frampton

on Severn may need a pump in the future. GT would like to include in-house expertise in the environment and biodiversity, and partnership working with outside organisations. GT invited comments:

GS felt that it was not worth trying to plan for longer than five years, and should integrate a time-scales into the operating plan. GS suggested revisiting the Capital Investment Plan as it created the Pump Programme, and ask the other committees for input.

RG reported that a lot of organisations are thinking about the future of water resource management as the upcoming NFU meeting shows, and we need a united approach.

MB would like the inclusion of de-maining Longdon Brook due to flooding in the area and concern over lack of EA maintenance. MB would like MR to raise this at the upcoming NFU meeting as Chairman of RFCC. GS proposed making a case for de-maining Longdon Brook as he believes the legislation is already in place. JD said that a few years ago a letter was sent to residents of Longdon and Eldersfield asking for support for de-maining but as only 70% responded in favour the EA could not permit de-maining to go ahead. GS queried whether this may be worth trying again as planning laws have changed since then. GS sees de-maining as a way of retaining staff skills and knowledge after the pumping replacement programme is complete; LSIDB could transition into de-maining as a strategic goal. JD confirmed that LSIDB has the machinery and staff capability and resources to complete this work. GT added that the budget and environmental factors need consideration. MR said that there was a strong case for de-maining having a positive environmental benefit, as seen by River Lugg IDB's recent work on de-maining. GS requested de-maining be added to the Strategic Plan, GT will review the Strategic plan at the next Executive Board. RG requested that de-maining discussed at a higher level within the NFU and CLA. MB is a member of the CLA so will try to influence. JD said that a de-maining report had been written a few years ago; GS suggested forming a small working group to manage the approach to de-maining.

7. Activity Log Schedule Update

This was read through; no comments received

8. Pump Program Report/Update, and Outcome re Programme requests

GS said that he had covered most of this in last week's Extraordinary General Meeting, which had a good outcome. PB are in discussions with Marshfield and awaiting to hear back from landowner regarding the

storage/ access area. Similar situation at Lapperditch. Lapperditch will be the centre of operation for Marshfield, Laperditch and Wicks Green. After a consultation at Lapperditch a fencing solution has been found, which is post and rail with a hedge. Work will start in October 2025 at Lapperditch and finish in February 2026. No other issues to report; all is going well. GS reported that he and JT had a positive meeting at Wicks Green with a Planning Officer from Stroud District Council who gave them helpful advice. Surveys are being carried out; no issues expected. Land price has been agreed within budget at Wicks Green with a greater boundary to allow more room for a weed/ screen cleaner and access. Noted this area could be used for storage post-construction.

GT and GS said the 2025/ 2026 spend profile had yet to be agreed upon. RG asked whether the license for a set down area at Lapperditch had been resolved; GS answered that they are waiting for a response for final consideration.

GS said that the initial planning stages had been difficult as the application submitted by the landowners hadn't reflected LSIDB's needs. MR added that as planning officers and Councillors don't always have a lot of interaction it is worth having a site meeting with the District Councillors for that area, too.

9. Any Other/New/Update Item which the Chair/CEO decide is urgent/be mentioned

GT reported that JT and JD are attending this years ADA conference on 25th November. GS and RG expressed an interest in attending; MB and MR are unable to attend this year.

GS suggested postponing August Executive Committee and meeting again, as scheduled in September, due to expected low attendance. All agreed.

10. Confirmation of new Actions

GT read through actions

11. Date of next meeting

Confirmed as Wednesday 24th September 2025

12. Meeting Closed: 12.02pm

Outstanding Actions for Executive Committee:

Executive Committee Actions			Assigned to	Due	Status
69	21/05/25	2 letters from each of the RFCCs to support the Boards application to reduce the numbers	MR	Jun-25	Completed
70	25/06/25	Minutes to be implemented for all committee meetings going forward, limited to 1/2 pages	MR/JM	Jun-25	Completed
71	25/06/25	To recommend the appointment of an additional Operator to support succession planning, through the Business Services Committee. Proposed appointment from November 2025.	JD/GT	Jul-25	Completed
75	25/06/25	Bring the next Business Services meeting forward to August to facilitate confirmation of the appointment of an additional operator to support the succession plan	JM/GT	Jul-25	Completed
76	23/06/25	Add demaining of the Longdon Brook River(10km), develop, and refer to the river Luge case for environment gains. And other rivers in our area to be considered, River Cam and Tirley.	GT/MR/JD/JT	Sep-25	In Progress
77	23/06/25	Invite members to ADA conference of 25/11/25. GS +2. Plus officers TBD.	VB/GT	Aug-25	Completed
78	23/06/25	Next Exec meeting to be September 2025 due to holidays and harvest in August.	GT/JM	Aug-25	Completed

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Date: 12/09/2025

Report by: James Thomas – Civil Engineer

Programme Board Update

Contract update

Works have started on the laydown area at Lapperditch. This has been basic ground preparation in readiness for the delivery of cabins week commencing the 15th September. Works on construction is expected to commence on September 22nd.

Land purchase at Wicks Green has now been agreed and passed to conveyances to complete the purchase. Land is expected to be in the Boards possession by end of October.

The over plating design has been agreed and instructed and the total cost is estimated to be £75k per station against initial estimates of repair/replacement of between £300k-£600k per station.

We will be meeting with Longney Parish Council in October to update on progress. The Parish have agreed to disseminate information of the Boards behalf through their Facebook page and other communication methods.

A CCTV survey of the road culvert upstream of Lapperditch Pumping Station is being organised with DC Merrett. This will coincide with the dewatering operation at lapperditch.

The Programme Board have agreed to allow on of the Wicks Green Pumps to be using in testing for the Environment Agency to produce data for ongoing research. This will not impact our programme.

Eel Regulations Compliance

Confirmation was received on the 5th September that the Eel passage designs are acceptable. We are currently working with Jacksons to assess whether there will be any delays to the programme or any increase in costs.

Variances

We are still compiling an appropriate tabulated way to report variances, however, there are two notable variances so far.

1. Increase of £13,116 for the surveys at Lapperditch and Marshfield. This was caused by delays due to adverse weather.
2. Increase of £25,000 to the land purchase at Wicks Green. This is due to increases in costs surrounding planning and third-party cost increases due to change of use.

Consents

See below the consents that have been issued in the last 3 months

DATE	COMPANY NAME	WORKS CONSENT APPLIED FOR	SITE ADDRESS	ACTION	CONSENT REF. NO.	SIGNED OFF BY ENG
17/06/2025	Solar Sun and Air Ltd	New discharge-stormwater from adopted road/ S278 works to be discharged into the adjacent rhine via a headwall.	Rhine adjacent Severn Road-BS10	Appl Form, Location Plan, Construction Details, Payment of £50	180625	JT
09/07/2025	Opus Land Limited	Install box culvert on rhine at Palmer Avenue, Avonmouth, to facilitate new site access road crossing	Red Rhine, Palmer Avenue, Avonmouth	Appl Form, Location Plan, Construction Details, Payment of £50	290725	JT
24/07/2025	James Smith	Discharge rainwater from a newbuild single dwelling into existing ditch within property boundary.	Prospect House, Bristol Road, Cambridge, GL2 7BG	Appl Form, Location Plan, Construction details, payment of £50	300725	JT
01/09/2025	Pete Andrews	Culvert a 10m section of Lords Rhyne on the boundary of Malt House and Malthouse Orchard adjacent to a collapsing outbuilding.	Malt House, Longney, Gloucestershire, GL2 SN	Appl Form, Location Plan, Construction Details, Payment of £50	30925	JT

Avonmouth Works

National Grid are updating their Development Consent Order (DCO) for the Hinkley C connector Project and are making alterations to a number of existing Land Drainage Consents. It anticipates that 13 consents will need alterations ranging from improvements to simply changing temporary consents to permanent.

Recommendation: That the report be noted.

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Glenn Taute, CEO/RFO

Outcomes to mention – August 2025

August being typically a holiday period saw low activity outside the annual grass cutting programme. The pump replacement project for Lapperditch and Marshfield progressed on site preparation for construction to start on the 8 September, as per the plan to complete the works by the end of March 2026.

Financial summary for the July 2025 period

Income Statement:

The income statement for the year to date highlights the following: -

- Grant money received to date this financial year amounts to £920k+£362k=£1 282k. The next grant payment is due in September
- Interest income is favourable due to increased deposits from grant money received, and maintaining higher interest rates
- The insurance claim regarding the Elmore Back pump breakdown has been received
- Works recharges are mostly iro mowing & cutting for the Canal & Rivers Trust.
- There is a general under spend in the expenditure lines to the budget
- The positive net outcome in the income statement is allocated to reserves

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Income Statement	Year to Date	Year to Date			
Jul-25	Actual	Budget	Variance	Variance	Comment
Income	Jul-25	Jul-25	£	%	
Rates and Levies	683,461	683,553	-91		Land transfers and erosions.
Grant and Fund Income	1,342,377	61,585	1,280,792		Grant 2B; & Foreign Water in - EA, see counter levy cost below
Fees & Recharges	18,523	1,200	17,323		Works recharges
Other Income	83,847	27,859	55,989		Actuals = Interest(£43k), Ins. claims(£40k), Works Recovery(£1k)
Total Income	2,128,209	774,197	1,354,013		
Expenditure					
Payroll	280,780	283,753	2,973	1.0%	Net of programme allocations.
Maintenance	110,472	118,244	7,772	6.6%	
EA Levies	77,174	78,721	1,547	2.0%	Foreign Water out - EA, revenue in Grants above
Travel	8,978	10,300	1,322	12.8%	Timing re meetings, events and conferences
Administration	18,751	19,570	819	4.2%	
Professional Fees	6,474	10,300	3,826	37.1%	
Depreciation	148,530	152,001	3,471	2.3%	
Loan Interest	34,749	34,749	0	0.0%	PWD Loan Interest
Bank Charges	2,222	4,400	2,178	49.5%	
Total Costs	688,130	712,038	23,908	3.4%	
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	1,440,079	62,158			

Balance Sheet:

The balance sheet as at the 31 July 2025 shows the following: -

- The life time investment in the current pump station programme amounts to £2 737k, and a breakdown of this can be seen in the programme report below
- The cash balance stands at £6.7m, mostly for allocation to the pump replacement programme.

Lower Severn IDB				
Balance Sheet	At End	At End	YTD	YTD
Jul-25	March 2025	Jul-25	Change	Comment
Fixed Assets	1,567,854	1,474,670	-93,185	Depreciation and timing capex
Assets under Construction	2,666,592	2,736,554	69,962	Pump programme WIP, see programme cost report
Total Fixed Assets	4,234,446	4,211,224	-23,222	Net of Additions less Depreciation
Stock +WIP	28,363	37,395	9,033	Stock build to prior year levels
Debtors	-1,016,154	470,966	1,487,120	March 2025 balance includes prepaid rates for 2025/26
Prepaid Expenses	53,214	195,711	142,497	Includes EA foreign water prepayment
VAT	262,664	24,544	-238,121	VAT on Programme expenditure included and will fluctuate
Cash at Bank	2,589,773	2,527,802	-61,972	Current Acc balance at month end = £232k, plus deposit reserve
Short Term Deposits	2,676,888	4,207,735	1,530,846	Deposits - pump programme ex grant funding, money mkt, call, treasury
Current Assets	4,594,749	7,464,152	2,869,403	
Creditors	919,726	931,518	11,792	Expenses on account with vendors. Pump programme vendor balances
Accrued Expenses	75,463	152,667	77,204	Includes EA foreign water accrual
Prepaid Revenue Rates	0	1,367,106	1,367,106	Revenue recognition phasing adjustment, will be zero at year end
Current Liabilities	995,189	2,451,291	1,456,102	
Net Current Assets	3,599,560	5,012,861	1,413,301	
Long Term Liabilities	2,000,000	1,950,000	-50,000	Public Works Loan, first repayment made in June 2025
Long Term Assets - Pension	2,616,000	2,616,000	0	LGPF actuarial valuation at 31 March 2025, counter entry below.
	8,450,006	9,890,085	1,440,079	
Capital & Accumulated Reserve	3,219,918	5,641,923		Brought Forward from prior year
Current Year Surplus/(Deficit)	2,422,004	1,440,079		Surplus in the year from grants received.
Pension Reserve	2,616,000	2,616,000		See counter above.
Revaluation Reserve	192,083	192,083		As per property valuation March 2024.
	8,450,006	9,890,085		

Pump Station Investment Programme Cost Report

The following pump replacement programme report to the end of July 2025 illustrates the actual cost breakdown for the life of the programme so far, from its beginning of 2023, and the full programme budget.

Lower Severn IDB						31-Jul-25	
Pump Programme Financial Report						Life	
£						To Date	
Pump Station Allocation	Lapperditch	Marshfield	Wicks Green	Oldbury	Elmore Back	Total	Comment
<u>Actual Cost Life to Date(since January 2023)</u>							
Feasibility Study Report	15,711	15,711	15,711	15,711		62,846	From 01/23 to 07/23
Business Case Report	36,233	36,233	36,233	36,233		144,930	From 08/23 to 03/24
Pre construction Preparation	50,855	50,855				101,711	From 04/24 to 11/24
Project Construction	443,509	443,509				887,017	From December 2024
Contract Supervision	14,223	14,223				28,445	From December 2024
Payroll costs allocated	171,027	171,027	57,585	39,436		439,075	Ongoing
Pumps	95,275	247,295	301,020	428,940		1,072,530	In storage
Actual Cost Life to Date	826,832	978,852	410,549	520,320	0	2,736,554	31-Jul-25
<u>Approved Pgm Budget</u>							
<u>Board Meeting of 16/7/25</u>							
	Lapperditch	Marshfield	Wicks Green	Oldbury	Elmore Back	Forecast	
Pre contract costs	102,799	102,799	106,944	111,944		424,487	
Contractor	1,468,000	1,442,000	2,182,500	1,818,750		6,911,250	
Contract Supervision	33,673	33,673	38,438	39,375		145,159	
Payroll Allocation	230,798	230,798	143,330	91,383		696,310	
Pumps	95,275	247,295	301,020	428,940		1,072,530	
Sheet Piling	76,000	76,000	76,000	76,000		304,000	
Land			90,000			90,000	
Lay Down Site	8,132	8,132				16,265	
Pump Attachment						0	
	2,014,678	2,140,698	2,938,232	2,566,392	250,000	9,910,000	
Budget less Actual Cost to Date	1,187,846	1,161,846	2,527,682	2,046,072	250,000	7,173,446	Budget to be Spent
Percentage Unspent to Budget	59%	54%	86%	80%	100%	72%	% of Budget Unspent
Percentage Actual Cost to Budget	41%	46%	14%	20%	0%	28%	% Spent to date

Recommendation: That the report be noted.

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Date: 12/09/2025

Report by: James Druett, Head of Operational Service.

Health and Safety

No near misses or incidents to report.

Mowing and weed cutting programme 2025

Annual maintenance works continue at many areas across the Boards district and some operators are continuing to take advantage of the additional summer overtime.

- Awkley
- Aust
- Pilning
- Severn Beach
- Lower Almondsbury
- Oldbury meads
- Longney
- Rodley
- Churcham
- Walmore Common
- Longdon Marsh
- Corse
- Hartpury

Additional tasks undertaken August 2025:

- **Elmore pump removal/ rebuild and insurance claim. Complete**
- **Access negotiation/ Land drainage consents at Worlds End Solar Farm. Complete**
- **River Frome and Stroud canal diversion/ land drainage consents. Complete**
- **Consultation on works at Lawrence Weston Nature reserve. Complete**
- **Canals and Rivers trust quotation for annual rechargeable works. Complete**
- **Oldbury pump station control panel repair. Complete**

Additional tasks to undertake September 2025:

- **Continuing working with Jacksons and project board on pump design. Ongoing**
- **Obtain quotation for aggregate bunker concrete slabs. Ongoing**
- **Residential development (2750 homes) at Berkeley outline planning consultation with developer. Ongoing**
- **Dredging notices to affected landowners 2026. Ongoing**

Recommendations: That the report be noted.

June & July Board Meeting Actions:

Number	Created	Action	Assigned to	Due	Status
					In Progress
					Completed
Board					
71	04/06/2025	GT to circulate additional notes for AGAR report to board members	GT	Jun-25	Completed
73	04/06/2025	Board members approved mobile pump purchase and agreed for SLT to create a policy to be created on the usage around this	Board/SLT	Aug-25	Completed
75	04/06/2025	GT to offer finance course to board members	GT	Nov-25	In Progress
76	04/06/2025	Business Service Committee and officers to compile list of what training is essential and what isn't essential for board members	Bus Ser com/officers	Oct-25	Completed
77	04/06/2025	To add additional columns within the risk register to show actions to reduce risks, and targets	GT/JM	Jul-25	Completed
78	04/06/2025	Review climate change item within the risk register	GT/JD/JT/JM	Jul-25	Completed
79	04/06/2025	Board agreed to attend one show per year, and to ensure we attend different shows going forward, and for a budget and schedule to be created to support this.	Board/VB/GT	Nov-25	In Progress
80	04/06/2025	VB to email board members to source information on local shows	VB	Jul-25	Completed
82	04/06/2025	The pump programme finance report which shows progress of the pump programme to be include in board papers going forward	GT	Nov-25	In Progress
83	04/06/2025	Circulate the risk register through the committee for edits and enhancements	GT/JM	Nov-25	Completed
84	16/07/2025	Board approve budget of £9.91 million to cover the cost of Lapperditch, Marshfield, Wicks Green and Oldbury which includes out of scope items and 100k variance limit	Board	Jul-25	Completed
85	16/07/2025	Board approves strategy of how programme board manages variances	Board	Jul-25	Completed
86	16/07/2025	JM/JT to produce variation log-which will be issued monthly along with SLT reports	JM/JT	Sep-25	In Progress
87	16/07/2025	Re-issue the financial statement and report to board members with amended figure along with Board minutes	VB	Jul-25	Completed
88	16/07/2025	Board agreed for the recommended changes to terms of reference for programme board	Board	Jul-25	Completed

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Programme Board- Pumping Station Update

September 2025

Report by: Geoff Simms, Chair of Programme Board

The pumping station programme continues to progress at a pace, with implementing the strategy of progressing the remaining 4 pumping stations simultaneously. Whilst the workload has increased it should result, through the economies of scale and lower risks, a programme that will be completed ahead of the current schedule.

The key deliverables to note are:

- A pre start meeting was concluded on site and as from 8th September the principal contractor, Jacksons, has commenced set up of the Lapperditch 'hub' in preparation for the commencement of work at Lapperditch in the coming weeks. This will provide office and communication facilities for the LSIDB personnel.
- Work is planned to commence, at Lapperditch, on 22nd September with a temporary dam and over pumping set up.
- The negotiations of the site laydown areas of Marshfield and Wicks Green are coming to a conclusion with no obvious issues outstanding. A meeting with the owner of the land, at Wicks Green, was held on 12th September to establish a timescale of activities necessary to obtain ownership by LSIDB. It is expected that the transfer of ownership will occur in mid- November.
- The Wicks Green pumps were the subject of an issue associated with an assumption that had been made by Arup, which was used by the manufacturer to produce pumps which were wrongly orientated. After many meetings involving ourselves, Jacksons and ACE we considered all the viable options and we have agreed an appropriate 'best option' way forward, which will meet our specification for pumping capacity.
- We agreed to allow one of the Wicks Green pumps to be factory tested to assist the Environment Agency in gaining data for wider application.
- The requirement for approvals for design, scope etc continues through a process between Jackson's and ourselves.

- Work has commenced on both Wicks Green and Oldbury which will provide us with the costings of these two pumping stations and confirmation of the overall programme budget in the coming few months. (expected mid-November)
- The 'sheet piling' element of work, which the programme board removed from the scope of work to facilitate better value for money options, have now established an option which provides an appropriate refurbishment at a cost significantly below the budget value.
- Survey work continues, the Wicks Green discharge pipework shows little deterioration but as a precautionary measure will be lined. All pumping stations have had surveys for asbestos and we await a formal report.
- Eel pass designs which we were awaiting approval by the Environment Agency, has now been consented following repeated requests to complete this work. We held a meeting with the EA on 8th September indicating the approval delay was beginning to affect programme delivery.
- Current planned completion date is 26th March 2026.
- The current agreed budget for the programme is £9.91m
- We continue to communicate with the local communities in the areas around our pumping stations and stakeholders.
- The programme board continue to actively meet as a minimum:
 - 1) A weekly internal meeting of the programme board
 - 2) A monthly formal meeting of the programme board including contractors covering a full contract report- For which a summary is made available to the full board members.
 - 3) Update meetings are arranged with the Environment Agency.
 - 4) Consultation meetings are arranged on site and utilising Parish Council meeting to consult with the local community.
 - 5) We intend to use the Lapperditch 'hub' to maintain good relations with residents, full board members and to facilitate staff ongoing awareness of progress and as a meeting place as appropriate.