

BUCKINGHAM AND RIVER OUZEL INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

Board Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2017 at 2pm at Vale House, Stewartby

PRESENT: P Hirons (Chairman), S. Cole (Vice Chairman), P Bowsher, A Dransfield, K Ferguson, A Gurney, V McPake, D Osborn, D Prosser and A Webb.

IN ATTENDANCE: F C Bowler (Clerk/Chief Executive); J J Oldfield (Director of Operations); R C Easom (Committee Clerk).

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Messrs Haynes and Hunt.

2 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

3 MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 1 November 2016

The minutes of the Board meeting held on 1st November 2016 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Apologies

Mr Dransfield gave belated apologies for the meeting on 1 November 2016, explaining that he had been hospitalised.

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The Chairman asked if there had been many enquiries received by the Board in relation to the introduction of the new series of land search questions relating to SuDS, Land Drainage consents and Statutory Notices. The Clerk said there had only been one enquiry across all three Boards in the Group.

Internal Audit – Annual Internal Audit Report 2015-16 – ‘1.5 The level of rate arrears at two Boards are above average although it is acknowledged that there are a large number of accounts.’

The Chairman asked whether there had been any clarification on the above point which had been raised. The Clerk said she had asked the internal auditor and he had responded that he had compared the Boards' arrears to the average amount of the total rate arrears of the Boards he audits. She said she was not sure that this was a suitable comparison. He was due to return in March 2017 and she would ask him if an alternative comparison could be applied.

Milton Keynes Council – Flood and Water Management Group

Mrs McPake said there was another Flood and Water Management Group meeting scheduled for 9th March 2017 and the Board's Director of Operations had been invited to speak. She added that, at present, no one had been appointed to replace Gordon Boote, Flood and Water Manager and Interim LLFA Officer at Milton Keynes Council.

Flooding at Stotfold – Flood Kits

The Clerk said that although Mr Brown had stated that flood kits were being distributed he had recently reported to the Bedfordshire & River Ivel Board, of which he is also a member, that there had been a delay and the kits had not yet been distributed. However, they were now due to be supplied to residents. The Chairman asked whose responsibility this was, the Clerk responded that it was Central Bedfordshire Council's responsibility.

Mr Webb asked what the Flood kits contained. The Director of Operations said it would depend on the scheme but could be such things as sandbags, hi-viz vests, aqua sacs, loud hailers, etc. Stotfold flood kits have been devised as part of a scheme which has involved consultation with the EA Regional Flood and Coastal Committee and the use of their local levy funding, with CBC looking to put the measures in place. Such schemes are not so much about what is being provided, but encouraging the community to join together and get involved in minimising flood risk themselves.

Chemical Weed Control - 'Glyphosate (Roundup) the future?'

The Director of Operations tabled a two page document entitled 'Glyphosate (Roundup) the future?' which was a document produced by the Association of Drainage Authorities' Technical and Environmental Committee and explained the current situation, highlighting paragraphs 3.2 and 2.2.

The Chairman said the situation would need to be monitored as any changes could considerably increase the Board's maintenance budget.

Anglian Water Services – Watercourse M20, North Marston

The Director of Operations said the Board's Site Manager had met with AWS personnel, on-site, and it had been agreed that they would mark the location of the pipe. However, when he spoke to AWS at their offices they are not actively seeking payment of the invoice but will not remove it from their system as they state that the Board should not have hit the pipe. The Director of Operations said AWS should have applied for statutory consent from the Board and put the pipe below the bed of the watercourse. He added that he believed the Board had been reasonable, there would be considerable cost involved if AWS were to have to divert their service crossing. The Clerk said the Board had not paid the invoice.

Mr Dransfield said he had seen a lot of service pipes above the surface of watercourses and asked whether it was permitted, as he imagined it could catch debris. The Director of Operations said it was usually without permission and debris could be caught up in the pipes and cause an obstruction.

Eaton Leys, Milton Keynes

Mr Webb raised the issue of Eaton Leys, Milton Keynes and the Chairman asked if the Board had been involved any further.

Following the Board meeting on 1st November 2016 the Board's officers provided Mr Webb with briefing notes for the Council.

The Director of Operations said there had been an application for Environmental Assessment which it is unusual for the Board to comment on as there is limited information. The Board have not made any further comments and await the outline planning application.

5 UNCONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 16 January 2017

The Chairman presented the minutes which were noted.

Discussion took place:

Investments

Mr Dransfield was concerned about banks asking for details regarding Board members and said he would have thought the approach should be that the Boards would take their business elsewhere. The Clerk said she had taken that approach and because of this had not pursued opening an account with Nationwide. The issue seems to be how individual banks are interpreting the regulations concerning money laundering. She had still not heard back from the Co-op Bank since they had asked for more information on members. Lloyds Bank, which both larger Boards in the Group bank with, have not requested any further information. However, rather than have all of the Boards' funds with Lloyds she had recently been looking into opening accounts with Barclays.

Health and Safety – Site Manager Eastern

The Chairman enquired about Site Manager Eastern following the accident at work when he twisted his knee. The Clerk said he was still working and was awaiting an MRI scan.

Plant – Proposed John Deere 6130 tractor replacement

The Chairman enquired whether the replacement tractor had been purchased. Officers said the order had been placed.

Alconbury & Ellington Board – New Contractor

The Chairman asked what the difference was in the Boards' areas compared to fenland. Officers said there are a lot less trees and hedges along watercourses in fenland areas. The new contractors were competitive and, although they had been asked to return to site to improve the standard of work on a few occasions, there had been no major issues. The Buckingham & Ouzel Board was still using the same contractors as they have previously, although the new contractor was due to carry out some works at Hockliffe.

Internal Audit – Interim Report 2016/17

Mr Dransfield said he thought the internal auditor, Mr Gowing, was going beyond his remit by commenting on the size of the finance team. He thought the issue should only be whether the work was being carried out correctly. The Clerk said the auditor was explaining the reason why the Boards in the Bedford Group could not achieve substantial assurance; this being due to lack of segregation of duties.

The Clerk said Mr Gowing was due to attend the next JMC meeting on 15th May 2017 and he is also willing to attend Board meetings if required.

ADA Conference – Concern over commuted sums not being required from developers and responsibility for SuDS being put in the hands of management companies

The Director of Operations referred members to the SuDS article entitled 'Uncertainty about Maintenance presenting barriers to SuDS adoption, survey finds' from the January-February 2017 edition of Envirotech, which he had tabled.

The Chairman said he agreed with the article but there was not much traction with Government concerning the issue. The Director of Operations said some water companies are willing to adopt assets. The Board had helped Anglian Water do this in the past, and perhaps Anglian Water could adopt the SuDS in the Western Expansion area of Milton Keynes. However, water companies are not allowed to charge commuted sums and so the issue of how to fund the maintenance would remain.

The Chairman said he felt it was becoming increasingly important for the Boards to keep good records. The Clerk agreed and said there was an archive on the upper floor of the Boards' offices and all documentation which comes into the office is scanned to a document retrieval system.

6 REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

The Director of Operations presented the Review of Development Contributions report.

Members approved the report and the following recommendations:

- (i) The general development contribution should be increased to £4.75 per impervious square metre from 1st April 2017;**
- (ii) Where the outfall flows into a Board watercourse the Board take a development contribution and/or where the outfall flows into a tributary, the developer will fully fund any necessary adoption;**
- (iii) The Clerk should be authorized to negotiate appropriate commuted sums from developers when the Board agrees to adopt new works.**

Discussion took place:

General Development Contribution

Mr Dransfield asked whether the contributions for free discharge of small developments were ‘one-off payments’. The Director of Operations said they were. Mr Dransfield asked how officers can ensure they know about all the individual developments. The Director of Operations said most of the development in Milton Keynes was expansion areas and as such had large lakes and significant commuted sums were agreed. As regards infill, the Director of Operations said he keeps raising the issue with Milton Keynes Council, the EA and Anglian Water. He was particularly concerned about central Milton Keynes as surface water goes into the existing system. If water goes into a public storm sewer the Board has no jurisdiction and the relationship of the landowner is only with Anglian Water. If the water discharges to a Board maintained watercourse, the Board charge a commuted sum as a contribution to the additional future maintenance works deemed necessary. If the water discharges indirectly to a Board watercourse the Board can apply their byelaws. Mr Dransfield said he would talk to the Director of Operations outside of the meeting as he had a development site in mind which he would like to discuss.

The Chairman asked whether what the Boards charge for a development contribution was roughly in line with other drainage boards. The Director of Operations said it was similar although other Boards are generally in more agricultural areas and may also charge for increased pumping. He added that the ADA Policy and Finance Committee were currently reviewing development contributions.

Adoption of Works

The Director of Operations said the commuted sum was based on a discounted rate over a 30 or 50 year period. In Milton Keynes this is taken out of the Drainage Tariff element. It is based on an actual maintenance regime when the agreement is signed and discounted in accordance with Defra guidelines. It is a recognised methodology. Mr Dransfield queried the relevance of a site being outside the drainage district. The Director of Operations said the 50 year rate is a larger sum of money in order to protect the drainage district. The facility would be benefitting the proportion of the site outside the drainage district but there would be no contribution towards maintenance of the facility without the 50 year commuted sum.

The Chairman asked what constituted a ‘larger site’. The Director of Operations said it was generally ten houses or more.

7 PROGRESS OF WORK REPORT - APRIL TO DECEMBER 2016 FOR THE WORKS PROGRAMME 2016/17

The Director of Operations presented the Progress of Work report including the A3 plan showing the completed works in black. He said the work was currently on schedule.

Members approved the Progress of Work report April – December 2016.

Discussion took place:

Mr Bowsher asked what the nature of works was which the contractors were carrying out. The Director of Operations said it was various works from weed spraying to full watercourse maintenance.

The Chairman said it appeared that dredging and mechanical clearing were the most behind. The Director of Operations said work was not too far behind as the weather had been drier than in recent winters. In the summer more flailing and spraying is carried out; in winter there is more dredging. Mechanical clearing and dredging have recently been started and there was still January, February and March of the programme remaining. He said operatives will work until the end of March on a 'risk based' approach. If the weather is mild they may need to stop early due to nesting birds.

Mr Osborn said farmers were not allowed to carry out such works after 1st March. The Director of Operations said the Board work under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, under which it is a criminal offence to disturb a nesting bird, so the working window relates to how the weather affects birds nesting rather than a fixed date in a diary.

Mrs McPake said other authorities had found it necessary to carry out additional weed cutting due to exceptional growth of vegetation in 2016 and asked whether the Board had found this necessary. The Director of Operations said no extra work had been carried out, although weed growth can be an issue.

8 REVIEW OF WORKS PROGRAMME 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 COMMENTARY

The Director of Operations presented the review of works programme and an A3 plan was tabled showing the categories of watercourses in the Board's district.

Members approved the Works Programme 2017/18.

Requests for Work

The Director of Operations said the requests for works were not included in the Works Programme for 2017/18 but the Clerk said the works were affordable. It meant bringing forward some works but by the end of year 3 the financial outcome would be the same.

Members discussed the following requests for work:

- Standbridgeford watercourse 63_1. A request has been received from the landowner to maintain this watercourse as it is flooding crops. The watercourse is in the programme for maintenance in 2019/20, so the request would result in the works being moved forward from year 3 to year 1. Cost estimate of works is £25,500 for 2352m of maintenance works.
- Hockliffe to Leighton Buzzard watercourses 42 and 43. Request has been received from the landowner for work to maintain section 42_3, which is an 844m section of watercourse 42. These watercourses are in the maintenance programme for 2019/20, so the request would result in the watercourses being moved forward from year 3 to

year 1. Cost estimate for the works is £41, 900, with £9,100 being attributed to the actual sub-reach being requested.

- Steeple Claydon watercourse S71. Request has been received from the landowner for work to maintain section S71, which is 774m of watercourse. Watercourse section S71_3 is already in the programme for 2017/18, but the request could include sub-sections 1 and 2. Cost estimate for the works is £7,100, which adds £3,000 to the works already included in the works programme.

Members approved all the above requests for works for 2017/18.

Members approved the continued partnership working with the Parks Trust and contributions to watercourse maintenance works which are in line with the Works Programme.

Discussion took place:

Mr Dransfield asked whether the development of the Western Expansion area of Milton Keynes would necessitate extra maintenance. The Director of Operations said legal agreements would be entered into in order to draw down from the tariff money and fund maintenance on the receiving watercourses, which would become a higher priority. Mr Dransfield said there were no red lines showing within the Western Expansion area. The Director of Operations said there would not be as it was outside of the drainage district, however, the Board would secure commuted sums to protect the drainage district.

Mr Dransfield asked whether Calverton Brook required maintenance. The Director of Operations said it did. It was marked as red on the plan and as such received annual maintenance, it will also receive extra maintenance under the Lower Weald Improvement Scheme.

Mr Dransfield asked about Crownhill, as there had been flooding there in the past and he knew that the Board had cleared the screen. The Director of Operations said there was a public storm sewer there and it was the responsibility of Anglian Water; the screen had been cleared by the Board on a goodwill basis.

The Chairman asked why the requests for work were suddenly being made. The Director of Operations said the watercourses had probably deteriorated and it may have been ten or fifteen years since they were last maintained as they were lower risk watercourses.

Mr Osborn said he considered that the watercourses on which requests for works had been made did require maintenance.

Mr Bowsher queried the Hockliffe to Leighton Buzzard request and asked about the works being estimated at £41,900 and the £9,100 cost of maintaining the sub-reach. The Director of Operations said the landowner just requires maintenance works to be carried out on the middle section of the watercourse. But from a practical point of view, it would make sense for the Board to undertake maintenance on the whole section.

9 TO REVIEW ESTIMATES OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE 2017/18 FINANCIAL YEAR

The Clerk presented the estimates of the income and expenditure and reminded members that JMC had agreed the Group Account estimates at their meeting on 16 January 2017 and explained that the Buckingham & River Ouzel Board pay 40% of the joint cost.

Mr Dransfield complained that income figures were shown in red and as negative rather than positive. The Clerk explained that a previous Board Chairman had requested the accounts be shown like that. The Chairman said as there were three other Boards in the joint administration the issue would be taken to the Joint Management Committee for discussion.

PLANT PURCHASES AND FUNDING

The Clerk said the 'Plant Items' shown in italics were those purchased with commuted sum money received due to development in the Bedfordshire & River Ivel Board area.

CAPITAL AND MAINTENANCE DEVELOPMENT FUND

A replacement A3 sheet was tabled showing the figures for the 'Capital replacement/development fund/grant in aid works and Commuted sums for long term maintenance works', as the place names had been missed off the original copy. The Clerk added that the Ridgmont Balancing money had recently been received. Also the Brooklands money was still being held separately; it had been accepted early on the understanding that the signing of the legal agreement had been imminent.

Astral Park, Leighton Buzzard

Mr Ferguson asked what maintenance was planned for Astral Park. The Clerk said nothing was planned. The commuted sum would have been paid by a developer, probably several years ago and the £2,233 could be a residual amount. Mr Bowsher said there was a watercourse and a balancing pond there. The Clerk said she would investigate and report back.

MAINTENANCE ESTIMATES

The Director of Operations presented the maintenance estimates and made the following recommendation:

The Joint Management Committee be authorised to review commuted sum income and the funding of development advice from officers.

The Chairman agreed that all three Boards should discuss the issue of funding development advice from officers. He asked whether officers were envisaging a charge to developers for advice. The Clerk said it should be considered as eventually the Board will not be receiving the commuted sums from which 16% has been allocated to engineering and administration. Mrs McPake said she agreed with the principle and felt that it was overdue. The Director of Operations said free advice had been given in the past as it was in the interest of the drainage district.

Mr Ferguson asked whether Section 106 money was available to the Board. The Director of Operations said whilst Section 106 funds can apply to the Board, generally the Board were not included in S106 agreements by the councils.

OCCUPIERS' RATE FUND/GENERAL ESTIMATES

The Clerk said she was recommending a zero percentage increase in the rate and special levy income for 2017/18. If the rate is kept the same, the Occupiers' rate fund balance brought forward in 2017/18 will be £556,706 and will be higher in 2018/19 at £741,652, due not only to an indicative 1% increase in the rate but also to development funds received and the 16% allocated to engineering, finance and administration. However, in 2019/20 the balance begins to reduce and would be under the external auditor recommendation for balances to be the equivalent of no more than one year's agricultural rate and special levy income.

Mr Dransfield said he was concerned about holding back on increases and preferred small increases earlier. The Clerk said because there was still a lot of development taking place in the Board's area and land passing from agricultural to development more income is being received without increasing the rate. She was also mindful of local authorities' funding shortfalls.

Mr Gurney said there was more development likely in the next five years and he could not see a problem with there being no rate increase. Mr Prosser pointed out the audit requirement not to hold too much in the balances and Mr Ferguson suggested that the rate should only be increased if it was absolutely necessary.

Mrs McPake mentioned the EA's precept charge being agreed to increase by 1.5% for 2017/18. The Clerk said the implications for the Board would mean an approximate increase from £104,000 to £106,000.

Members approved:

- (i) **Joint – Group Account – Engineering, Finance and Administration, Labour on cost and Plant Purchases and Funding**
- (ii) **Capital and Maintenance Development Fund; Capital Works – Grant in Aid Capital Programme Funding.**
- (iii) **Maintenance Estimates and the recommendation that the Joint Management Committee be authorised to review commuted sum income and the funding of development advice from officers.**
- (iv) **Occupiers' Rate Fund/General Estimates**

10 TO SET THE DRAINAGE RATE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2017/18 AND TO AUTHORISE THE CHAIRMAN TO SEAL THE RATE

Members agreed a zero percentage increase in rate and special levy income for 2017/18 resulting in a rate of 4.80p in the pound and rate and special levy income of £639,575 and authorised the Chairman to seal the rate.

11 TECHNICAL REPORT (INC. SCHEDULE OF CONSENTS) – JUNE TO DECEMBER 2016

The Director of Operations presented the Technical Report and a separate two page document entitled Bedford to Milton Keynes Waterway Park.

Members approved the Technical Report and Schedule of Consents – June to December 2016.

Discussion took place:

East West Rail

The Chairman queried the draft agreement for the protective provision for drainage and flood defence issues. The Director of Operations said it was a similar agreement to that being drafted for the Alconbury & Ellington Board to cover the A14 upgrade. It is like a strategic infrastructure planning permission and fees and officer costs should be covered whereas they would not if statutory consents were issued for which the statutory application fee was £50.

Marston Gate

The Director of Operations said that the agreement had been completed that day; the day of the Board meeting.

Lower Weald

Mr Cole asked whether there was environmental screening. The Director of Operation said there was and added that it was non-statutory.

Mr Prosser believed that the works at the Causeway would solve most of the problems.

Mr Dransfield asked if the area would still flood once the improvement works are completed. The Director of Operations said the road would still flood but for a shorter duration. He said it would be a significant improvement and was the best that could be done with the budget available. A scheme to stop flood would be economically unviable under the Treasury/Defra rules. Mr Dransfield asked the Director of Operations to send him an email setting out the expected outcome of the works as he felt it was what residents would want to know.

Bragenham Side, Stoke Hammond

Mr Gurney asked whether the developer's plans for the site were satisfactory. The Director of Operations said officers had been out on site, found it generally satisfactory and the required consent had been applied for.

The Director of Operations added that also in Stoke Hammond, a report of a large tree in the canal had been received. He said the Board needed to get an excavator there in order to remove the tree.

East of Leighton Buzzard – Link Road

Mr Ferguson asked what the issue was in terms of the viability of the link road. The Director of Operations said the southern section goes through the middle of the Board's flood storage reservoir; a flood storage reservoir with a bund across it. The developer had not appreciated that it was a flood storage reservoir or that the asset would need to be re-engineered with the balancing pond made larger to compensate for the road. Cherry Court Way has flooded badly in the past and that is the reason that 15 years ago the Board, with the support of the Local Authority, built the flood storage reservoir.

Bedford to Milton Keynes Waterway Park

The Director of Operations referred to the document enclosed with the Board papers. He explained that the Bedford to Milton Keynes Waterway Park Trust was keen for the Bedford Group of IDBs to be more involved with the initiative. The Beds & River Ivel Board, at its recent meeting, had asked that the Chairman of the Trust be invited to give a presentation in order to find out more about what the Boards' involvement could be.

Members discussed the issue and agreed that, whilst not necessarily supporting further involvement, a joint presentation with the Beds & Ivel Board would enable them to make an informed decision, at Board level, at a later date.

Members agreed that the Bedford to Milton Keynes Waterway Park Trust should be invited to give a presentation to members.

Milton Keynes – Watling Street

Mr Webb mentioned that at the back of Manor Fields, down the side of the River Ouzel, there was Japanese Knotweed. He believed it was land belonging to Milton Keynes Council. The Director of Operations said any invasive weed was the riparian owner's responsibility. He believed that the EA had carried out maintenance on that stretch of watercourse, following a Local Choices request from the Board. Mr Webb said he would bring the matter to the next meeting of Milton Keynes Council.

Planning Applications

Mr Dransfield commented on there being only 18 planning applications received by the Board from Milton Keynes Council, he concluded that the Board was not receiving all of the planning applications. The Director of Operations pointed out that the Board only requests certain applications and they would also only be those within the drainage district or very close to it. Mr Dransfield said he would talk further with the Director of Operations after the meeting.

The Clerk said details of the Board's objections to planning applications are now being provided and officers will endeavour to provide an update to members on the outcome.

12 AUDIT

i) INTERNAL AUDIT

The Clerk presented the internal auditor's interim report for 2016/17. She said the auditor had visited the Boards offices on 6th December 2016 and there were no recommendations arising from the audit. He plans to attend the Joint Management Committee meeting on 15th May 2017 and the Clerk said, given the comments earlier in the meeting, she would ask him to also attend the next Board meeting on 13th June 2017.

Members accepted the Internal Auditor's Interim Report on 2016/17 Audit.

ii) TO RE-APPOINT THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

Members agreed to re-appoint Gowing Internal Audit Services Ltd.

Discussion took place:

Mr Dransfield referred to his previous comments and said he was not happy with the internal auditor. Mr Ferguson said he believed that the approach of auditors was similar as they all had the same financial rules to adhere to.

Regarding the cost of the internal auditor; the Clerk said as a Group the charge is less than £2,000 of which the Buckingham & River Ouzel Board pays its 40% share.

13 FINANCE REPORT TO 31 DECEMBER 2016

The Clerk presented the Finance Report which included:

- Receipts and Payments through the Board's individual bank account with Lloyds from 1 April to 31st December 2016;
- Cheque list;
- Investment and Bank Account Balances as at 31st December 2016;
- Income and Expenditure for the period ending 31st December 2016 and
- Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2016.

Members approved the Finance Report to 31 December 2016.

Discussion took place:

Mr Bowsher asked whether the Milton Keynes Commuted Sum (Brooklands) of £511,560 was that which had been paid in advance. The Clerk said it was; 16% will be deducted to cover for engineering and administration costs.

Investment and bank account balances - the Clerk said she was looking to invest some of the funds with different banks, in order to spread risk, but it was proving difficult due to the personal details required on Board members.

14 TO APPROVE THE RE-REVISED FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Clerk presented the revised Financial Regulations, showing the revisions in red, and said that following the Bedfordshire & River Ivel Board meeting the previous week it had been agreed to add

that purchase orders over £500, signed in the absence of the Responsible Finance Officer or the Director of Operations, should be countersigned on their return.

Mr Dransfield said he would recommend adding the names of those in the various officer roles as an appendix. The Committee Clerk said an Appendix B could be created and officer names added there rather than at the beginning of the document.

Members approved the revised Financial Regulations as presented with the following additions:

- **The following sentence, to be included at the end of the ‘Ordering of Goods and Services’ paragraph:**

‘The RFO or the Director of Operations should countersign all purchase orders, exceeding £500, which have been authorised in their absence.’
- **An Appendix B be created to show the names of officers in the various roles, and officer names be removed from the beginning of the document.**

15 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Ecological Enhancement

Mr Cole asked to be informed via email of any ecological enhancement carried out by the Board associated with the 2016/17 budget.

Lead Local Flood Authority – Flood Risk Assessments

Mrs McPake said the requirement for LLFAs to undertake Flood Risk Assessment was creating an enormous amount of work for LLFA officers. Officers said it is important that Flood Risk Authorities continue to work in partnership.

16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Board meeting - 13 June 2017.

The meeting closed at 4.45pm.

