

North Yorkshire Council

Executive

21 April 2026

Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive Legal and Democratic Services

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To enable the Executive to make appointments to the Ouse and Derwent Internal Drainage Board.

2.0 OUSE AND DERWENT INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

- 2.1 The Executive appoints to the Ouse and Derwent Internal Drainage Board (IDB). The council can appoint 8 members of the IDB. One vacancy exists on the Board. The appointments do not have to be a North Yorkshire Councillor. They can be someone who has relevant qualifications or experience to the running of the IDBs. IDBs tend to have a mixture of local authority appointees, including: councillors; town/parish councillors; and retired professionals.
- 2.2 It is now recommended, following discussions with the Chair of the Board (Councillor John Cattnach), that Catherine Leng, a Barlby Parish Councillor, who is also a member of their 'flood team', be appointed to the vacant seat on the Board.

3.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no equalities, finance, legal or climate change implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 That the Executive appoints Parish Councillor Catherine Leng to the vacant seat on the Ouse and Derwent Internal Drainage Board.

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