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BENEFITS OF PARTNERSHIP WORKING USING THE PUBLIC SECTOR COOPERATION AGREEMENT

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Partnership working



Witham 1st IDB PSCA

- Making the most of **combined resources available**
- Ensuring **efficient use** of combined resources
- Delivering **more work and services**
- Providing **benefits to Local Communities**

Partnership working on Maintenance works - Who and How?

- EA , IDBs, LAs ?
- Legal?
- Procurement ?
- Flexibility ?
- Simplicity ?
- Avoid Red tape ?
- Transparency ?



Broads IDB

Protocol for RMAs to undertake works on main river - Legislation

Lindsey Marsh IDB



- Flood and Water Management Act 2010, Section 13 (4)
-“ a risk management authority may arrange for a flood risk management function to be exercised on its behalf by another risk management authority”.
- An agreement of “co-operation between public bodies”
- The “PUBLIC SECTOR CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT - PSCA”

PSCA Working Group outputs

- “Template PSCA Agreement”
- “User Guide”
- Led by EA working with ADA and pilot IDBs - Trent Valley, Black Sluice, Upper Witham, Witham 1st , Witham 3rd and Lindsey Marsh IDBs
- EA / Trent Valley IDB first signed PSCA , Sep 2013 and operational
- Documents available on EA “Easinet” and ADA website.



Finalising PSCA documents at
ADA Demo July 2013

PSCA for IDBs or other RMA to undertake works on main river - Benefits

- Potential use for any maintenance activity **where jointly agreed**
- Takes advantage of local skills, expertise and resource availability to benefit local communities
- Achieves value for money in delivery , based on actual cost re-imburement where EA funded
- Also allows IDB to work on main river where there is critical need and little or no EA funding e.g. IDB and /or contributor funding
- Secures flexible partnership working arrangements avoiding the need to tender for maintenance works
- Principles also apply to other RMAs e.g. Local Authorities

Potential Scope of PSCA Agreement

- Operational inspection
- Asset condition inspection
- System monitoring
- System operation
- Maintaining structures
- Grass cutting (Hand or mechanical)
- Tree Works
- Defence Repair
- Work on flood storage reservoir
- Obstruction removal / debris clearance
- Environmental management
- De silting and dredging
- Pumping operations
- Bank reprofiling/ reinstatement
- Asset improvement works
- Transportation of plant
- Weed control (mechanical and chemical)
- Pest / vermin control.
- Incident response

PSCA for IDBs or other RMAs to undertake works on main river – User Guide

- “ User Guide” to setting up an agreement tried / tested
 - Includes a number of principles and checks
 - At cost or F.O.C.(not for profit)
 - Resources, experience capabilities
 - H&S
 - Environmental
 - Lines of communication , level of delegation
 - Value for Money

PSCA for IDBs or other RMA to undertake works on main river – Template Agreement

- “Template for agreement” tried / tested
 - standard clauses
 - duration (5years)
- Amend to local needs by adding
 - Scope of activities covered
 - Outline programmes
 - Retain flexibility
 - Commitment to works / activities only undertaken in year

SCHEDULE 2 - SPECIFICATION

1.1 SCOPE OF WORKS AND ACTIVITIES

The Agreement includes but is not limited to the following **types of Works and Activities** (delete or add according to local requirement)

Asset condition inspection	Obstruction removal / debris clearance
Operational inspection	Environmental management
System monitoring	De silting and dredging
System operation	Pumping operations
Maintaining structures	Bank reprofiling/ reinstatement
Grass cutting (Hand or mechanical)	Asset improvement works
Tree Works	Transportation of plant
Defence Repair	Weed control (mechanical and chemical), pest/ vermin control.
Work on flood storage reservoir	

1.2 ANNUAL PROGRAMME OF WORKS AND ACTIVITIES

The Works and Activities of the outline Programme and each Annual Programme will be agreed by the Parties. These will set out the **best information the Parties have at the time as to work undertaken in forthcoming year**, to be agreed in outline form. This will also **include annual rates** as referred to in Clause 6.1 and, as far as it is known, work to be carried out by the Parties without charge in the coming year.

(Outline first year Annual Programme describing anticipated Works and Activities to be added where known).

1.3 SPECIFIC WORKS AND ACTIVITIES

Specific Works and Activities will be agreed and confirmed in writing by the parties before these proceed. This will include setting out who will deliver the Specific Works and Activities, **who will be responsible for the costs of those Specific Works and Activities, the extent of authorised activity (for example use of powers of entry) whether any consents are required, any working practices or protocols to be adopted for the purposes of managing environmental or health and safety risks, and any further detail the Parties deem necessary in the form of a ‘detailed specification’.**

(Requisitions for individual or collective Works and Activities to be raised separately, not included in the Agreement but with reference to the Agreement)

PSCAs current position

- 14 PSCAs with IDBs in place
- Further PSCAs with 26 IDBs and 1 Navigation Authority agreed in principle
- Local Authorities ?

PSCAs in place

Trent Valley IDB
Black Sluice IDB
Witham 1st IDB
Witham 3rd IDB
Upper Witham IDB
Lindsey Marsh IDB
North Level IDB
Welland & Deepings IDB
East of Ouse, Polver & Nar IDB
Downham & Stow Bardolph
Stoke Ferry IDB
Southery & District IDB
Stringside IDB
Northwood IDB

Examples of PSCA Works



North Level IDB



Black Sluice IDB



Future Aspirations for PSCAs

- Secure more opportunities for partnership working arrangements
- EA Agreements with all IDBs
- EA Agreements with more Local Authorities
- More benefits for all – EA, IDBs, LAs and communities we serve

For more PSCA information

ADA Website

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