



87th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HANDBOOK

3 December 2024
Microsoft Teams Webinar

THE 87TH ADA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held online via Microsoft Teams

ON TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER 2024

at 10.30 (opens from 10.20)

HANDBOOK

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WELCOME

by ADA's Chair, Robert Caudwell OBE &
ADA's Chief Executive, Innes Thomson BSc CEng FICE

On behalf of the ADA team, may we wish you a warm welcome to ADA's 2024 AGM. We look forward to telling you about how we are getting on and the future challenges and opportunities we see.

2024 has been an active year for ADA, kick-started by the very wet period of weather. You can read all about ADA's work within our activities report, a digest of the enormous amount of input the team have undertaken for the benefit not only of yourselves as members, but wider society and the environment too. Thank you from us both to them and our members who have made all the good progress possible this year.

We feel that ADA is in a really good place at the moment, but that comes with increased demands on our time and resources. We are delighted that Laura Lamb has joined us recently as ADA's Membership Officer, but that only takes us back to the staffing numbers we had 18 months ago.

Looking purely at ADA business challenges, the biggest one we face is increasing operating costs alongside increasing demands for us to represent your interests even more where it matters – at the heart of government. Staff are our biggest, valuable asset and we are proud of the long-term stability of the team. Staff costs represent almost 70% of our annual costs and issues such as the recent budget-driven changes to National Insurance alongside offering staff the correct levels of pay and working conditions has material effect on our bottom line.

Linked to the above, as a growing number of IDBs are progressing with restructuring and amalgamations to maintain business resilience and governance stability, this actually reduces

the subscriptions they pay overall according to our existing fees scale. Therefore, ADA's current system of membership fees will need a significant overhaul to make sure that ADA is resilient for the future to support your needs. We look forward to looking closely at that over the coming 12 months and we will invite comment and feedback on those proposals before any new structures are brought into operation.

We are acutely aware of the challenges facing the water level and flood risk sector and so it is vitally important that ADA is robustly able to represent your interests going forward.

Enough on the business challenges and let us take an upbeat look at the longer-term opportunities for ADA linked to the economic, social and environmental direction of travel which the country is taking.

Opportunity number one is having a new government looking at things differently and with recognition that we have neglected our national duty in looking after our rivers and flood risk assets. ADA is honoured to have been asked to sit on the national Flood Resilience Taskforce and one of the Taskforce's immediate tasks will be to take a deep-dive into the state of the nation's flood risk assets and drive action to reverse the lamentable decline.

Opportunity number two is creating strategic alliances with others to drive progress and operate more efficiently with a bigger base, offering more to our members. We have now signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Association of Suds Authorities which we hope with your support we can develop into a long and fruitful partnership co-operation.

Opportunity number three lies with legislative

changes, the first being the updated Land Valuation Regulations that could open the doors for IDBs to expand their operations, or for the creation of new water level management boards, where there is local desire and a sound business case for them to do so. Additionally, ADA have started conversations with Defra and others about the potential for IDBs to become formally recognised as water resource managers, many of you already acting as such, but without the ability to raise rates for doing that work. We are pushing at an open door.

Opportunity number four connects to all the above and is about how we as a wider sector promote the value of water level and flood risk management to the public, and generate a willingness to support (and pay for) what is essentially one of the foundation stones of our society. The opportunity for ADA lies in taking forward its involvement with the All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Sustainable Flood & Drought Management, and making the best use of media opportunities, such as the short slot we had on BBC Countryfile last year, to positively promote what our members do.

On a more general note, ADA has a number of actions for the coming year including finalising the next version of the Good Governance Guide for IDB Members, which has been delayed because of other pressing priorities, producing our next ADA Business Plan, and undertaking an overhaul and an upgrade of our membership database and contacts information to help us reconnect to you all.

Forward forecasting and budgeting for ADA is also an increasing priority and we are now starting to look several years ahead to plan and prepare. This year, as we ask for a 6.5% rise from members, we can hold steady with our income and expenditure, supported by the continued earnings from the LAPSIP project. Into 2026, the situation becomes more challenging if we do not identify additional sources of income to supplement membership fees.

For whichever system for subscriptions we continue with or adopt, we will need to hold year-on-year membership fee increases at this level or perhaps higher, but on the understanding that ADA continues to provide you with a return on that investment, as we have done this year.

Work on the LAPSIP project continues into the first quarter of 2025 and it is very much on schedule and within budget, showing the professionalism not only of the ADA team involved (Ian Moodie, David Thomas and David Hoskins), but also the local IDB-led delivery chain for getting the projects conceived and installed. This pilot project has served to enhance ADA's and our members reputations in the eyes of Defra and its agencies.

Finally, we are now actively seeking a Deputy President with the intention that they will take over the ADA Chair in December 2026, and work with the team for 12 months from the next AGM in 2025 to get familiar with the business. As always, your feedback on our activities and our future plans is very welcome and please let us have your thoughts directly or through your local Branch Director.

Our sincere thanks for your continued support of ADA and we wish you a happy festive season and best wishes for 2025.



ROBERT CAUDWELL OBE
CHAIR, ADA



INNES THOMSON BSc CEng FICE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE, ADA

AGENDA

Business and proceedings will be conducted in accordance with the Association of Drainage Authorities Memorandum & Articles of Association (<https://www.ada.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Amended-Articles-of-Association-arts-15b-e-13Nov2019.pdf>).

MOTIONS / AMENDMENTS

Any Associate or Full Member of the Company who desires to submit any motion or amendment, or to place any matter on the Agenda for discussion, shall send written particulars thereof to ADA's Chief Executive not less than 30 clear days before the date of the annual general meeting, together with a certified copy of the appropriate resolution of the Associate or Full Member in support thereof.

1. Microsoft Teams Technical Familiarisation
2. Welcome
3. Report of previous AGM (Wednesday 27 September 2023)
4. Notification of ADA Officers (Chairperson, President, and Vice Presidents)
5. Report on the election of Directors to the Board
6. Report on the activities and proceedings of ADA Board, Committees and Staff in 2023/24
7. Presentation and review of Approved Accounts 2023
8. Appointment of internal auditor and audit arrangements for 2024
9. Notification of subscription rates for 2025
10. Motions/Amendments to be put to the AGM (notice required by 03 November 2024)
11. ADA Business Questions (AOCB)
12. Close

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT

HENRY CATOR OBE FRICS FRAGS DL

VICE-PRESIDENTS

BARONESS MCINTOSH OF PICKERING

DAVID RIDDINGTON OBE DL

JEAN VENABLES CBE

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CHAIRMAN

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DIRECTORS

Each of ADA's ten Branches appoints a single director to ADA's Board. The Environment Agency, and RFCCs each appoint a single director. A director is also appointed from ADA's Local Authority members. ADA's Chairman and the chairs of each of ADA's standing Committees are also Directors.

Defra appoints an advisory representative to attend Board meetings without voting rights. ADA's staff and other contributors may attend Board and Committee meetings by invitation.

BRANCH DIRECTORS

Branch No.	Branch	Name of Representative	End of term
1	Northern	BILL SYMONS	31/03/2026
2	Marches	CHARLES PUDGE	31/03/2027
3	Trent	WILL STAUNTON	31/03/2027
4	Lincolnshire	PETER RICHARDSON	31/12/2027
5	Welland & Nene	DUNCAN WORTH	31/03/2025
6	Great Ouse	VACANT	TBC
7	Eastern	ANGIE FITCH-TILLET	31/03/2025
8	South Eastern	PRISCILLA HASELHURST	31/03/2027
9	South Western	REBECCA HORSINGTON	31/03/2026
10	Cymru (Wales)	JAMES WEST	31/06/2025

CHAIRPERSON

ROBERT CAUDWELL	31/12/2026
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STANDING COMMITTEE DIRECTORS

Advisory Committee	TIM FARR	31/03/2027
Policy Committee	CHARLES MILLS	31/03/2025

NON-BRANCH DIRECTORS

Environment Agency	IAN HODGE	31/12/2024
LLFAs	PAUL AMBROSE	31/06/2025
RFCCs	BRIAN STEWART	31/03/2025

ADVISORY REPRESENTATIVE

Defra	WILL HARRINGTON	N/A
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COMMITTEES

ADA has two committees who each meet three times a year to discuss issues and topics affecting our members and the running of ADA. ADA's Advisory Committee guides ADA's Board of Directors on the management and finances of the association as a corporation and membership body. ADA's Policy Committee directs ADA on all matters related to flood and water level management policy and delivery, and the work of our members.

ADA also has two forums to promote open discussion amongst members on technical and engineering, and environmental matters. Each Forum may recommend actions and outcomes to the ADA Policy Committee.

Each forum is open to any officers with responsibility for relevant environmental or technical matters, from internal drainage boards that are members of ADA.

The members of each committee are listed below. Guests and standing representatives may be invited by each Committee. ADA staff provide technical and administrative support as required.

You can find out more about the work of these committees and forums on the ADA website, including their terms of reference, agendas, minutes, and meeting notes at www.ada.org.uk/committees

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Represents	Name	End of current term
ADA Committee Chair	TIM FARR	31/03/2027
Internal drainage boards	JANE FROGGATT	31/03/2027
Environment Agency	JOSIE BATEMAN	n/a
Local authorities	GLEN WESTMORE	31/03/2027
Associate Members	JIM HUTCHINSON	31/03/2027
Independent advisor	CATHERINE HARRIS	31/03/2025
ADA Company Sec. (Ex-officio)	PETER BATESON	n/a
ADA Vice Chair (Ex-officio)	CHARLES MILLS	n/a
ADA CEO (Ex-officio)	INNES THOMSON	n/a
ADA Chair (Ex-officio)	ROBERT CAUDWELL	n/a

POLICY COMMITTEE

Organisation	Name	End of current term
ADA (Committee Chair)	CHARLES MILLS	31/03/2026
Witham Fourth District IDB (Vice Chair)	ED JOHNSON	31/03/2025
Bedford Groups of IDBs	DIANA WARD	31/03/2025
Water Management Consortium	ANDREW MCGILL	31/03/2027
Yorkshire & Humber Drainage Boards	ANDREW MCLACHLAN	31/03/2025
Upper Medway IDB	OLIVER PANTREY	31/03/2025
Selby Area IDB	NIGEL EVERARD	31/03/2025
Somerset Drainage Boards' Consortium	IAIN STURDY	31/03/2026
Witham & Humber Drainage Boards	STEVE LARTER	31/03/2026
Middle Level Commissioners	NICOLA OLDFIELD	31/03/2027
Environment Agency	JAMES ADDICOT	n/a
Natural Resources Wales	DAVID LETELLIER	31/04/2027
Anglian (Eastern) RFCC	RICHARD POWELL	31/04/2025
West Sussex County Council	MATT JACKSON	31/03/2025
Lincolnshire County Council	MATTHEW HARRISON	31/03/2025
Natural England	MICHAEL SMITH	n/a
Defra	CAROL TIDMARSH	n/a
ADA CEO (ex-officio)	INNESTHOMSON	n/a
ADA Chair (ex-officio)	ROBERT CAUDWELL	n/a
ADA Tech. Manager (ex-officio)	IAN MOODIE	n/a

BRANCHES

ADA currently has ten regional branches across England and Wales where those involved in water level management can come together and share ideas with ADA and each other.

Branch	Role	Name of Representative	Contact
CYMRU (WALES)	Chair	HUBERT JONES	james.west@ naturalresourceswales. gov.uk
	Secretary	JAMES WEST	
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	Secretary	RICHARD JONES	
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	Secretary	ANDREW MCLACHLAN	
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	Secretary	MARGARET HAMMOND	
TRENT	Chair	WILL STAUNTON	andrew.mcgill@ lmdb.co.uk
	Secretary	ANDREW MCGILL	
WELLAND AND NENE	Chair	TREVOR PURLLANT	karen@ wellandidb.org.uk
	Secretary	KAREN DAFT	

Further details and minutes of branch meetings are available from the ADA website,

WWW.ADA.ORG.UK/BRANCHES

MEETING DATES 2025

ANNUAL WATER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY 05 NOVEMBER	One Great George Street, London (TBC)
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 02 DECEMBER	Online (Microsoft Teams)
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ADA ENVIRONMENT DAY

WEDNESDAY 05 FEBRUARY	Park Farm, Thorney, Cambridgeshire
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BOARD

TUESDAY 04 MARCH	Westminster Kingsway College, London
TUESDAY 01 JULY	Westminster Kingsway College, London
TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER	Westminster Kingsway College, London

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY	Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire
TUESDAY 10 JUNE	Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire
TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER	Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire

POLICY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 22 JANUARY	Westminster Kingsway College, London
TUESDAY 20 MAY	Westminster Kingsway College, London
TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER	Westminster Kingsway College, London

ENVIRONMENT FORUM

MONDAY 13 JANUARY	Online (Microsoft Teams)
MONDAY 28 APRIL	Online (Microsoft Teams)
MONDAY 08 SEPTEMBER	Online (Microsoft Teams)

FLOOD & COAST CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

03-05 JUNE	Telford International Centre
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Future key dates are available from the ADA website,
WWW.ADA.ORG.UK/EVENTS-CALENDAR

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Association of Drainage Authorities

Company Limited by Guarantee

Officers and Professional Advisers

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

T H Farr
D R Worth
K C Casswell
R H Caudwell
W J Staunton
P Haselhurst
W R A Symons
B W Stewart
J R West
P Ambrose
Cllr A M Fitch-Tillett
R Horsington
C J Pudge
C E Mills
I Hodge

COMPANY SECRETARY

P J Bateson

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Association of Drainage Authorities

Company Limited by Guarantee

Directors' Report

Year ended 31 December 2023

The directors present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the company during the year was that of an association for water level management organisations in the United Kingdom.

ADA Branches

The board of directors of ADA includes representatives from regional branches. The regional branches are separate legal entities which report to, but are not controlled by, the board of directors of ADA.

Directors

The directors who served the company during the year were as follows:

T H Farr	
D R Worth	
K C Casswell	
R H Caudwell	
W J Staunton	
P Haselhurst	
W R A Symons	
B W Stewart	
J R West	
P Ambrose	
Cllr A M Fitch-Tillett	
I Hodge	
R Horsington	(Appointed 18 May 2023)
C E Mills	(Appointed 11 October 2023)
J E Heading	(Resigned 18 July 2023)
A E D Bradford	(Resigned 18 May 2023)
T C Purlant	(Resigned 18 July 2023)
J N Hereford	(Resigned 18 July 2023)

C J Pudge was appointed as a director on 28 February 2024.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

This report was approved by the board of directors on 12 July 2024 and signed on behalf of the board by:



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Statement of Income and Retained Earnings

Year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Turnover		594,079	342,985
Cost of sales		<u>247,542</u>	<u>29,784</u>
Gross profit		346,537	313,201
Administrative expenses		<u>352,928</u>	<u>354,941</u>
Operating loss		(6,391)	(41,740)
Other interest receivable and similar income		<u>3,775</u>	<u>586</u>
Loss before taxation		(2,616)	(41,154)
Tax on loss		<u>–</u>	<u>159</u>
Loss for the financial year and total comprehensive income		(2,616)	(41,313)
Retained earnings at the start of the year		224,077	265,390
Retained earnings at the end of the year		221,461	224,077

All the activities of the company are from continuing operations.

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Company Limited by Guarantee

Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	2,161	4,040
Current assets			
Debtors	7	88,838	57,566
Cash at bank and in hand		182,035	204,103
		<u>270,873</u>	<u>261,669</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	<u>51,573</u>	<u>41,632</u>
Net current assets		<u>219,300</u>	<u>220,037</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>221,461</u>	<u>224,077</u>
Net assets		<u>221,461</u>	<u>224,077</u>
Capital and reserves			
Profit and loss account		<u>221,461</u>	<u>224,077</u>
Members funds		<u>221,461</u>	<u>224,077</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with Section 1A of FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

For the year ending 31 December 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

Association of Drainage Authorities

Company Limited by Guarantee

Statement of Financial Position *(continued)*

31 December 2023

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 12 July 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



R H Caudwell
Director

Company registration number: 08948603

Association of Drainage Authorities

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2023

1. General information

The company is a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Rural Innovation Centre, Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 2LG.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with Section 1A of FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland'.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis and are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the entity.

Revenue recognition

The turnover comprises subscriptions and other income which are recognised on an accruals basis in the period to which they relate. All amounts are stated exclusive of value added tax.

Taxation

The company is not trading with a view to profit, but only to meet its expenses for the mutual benefit of its member organisations. As such the company's only liability to corporation tax arises on investment income received in bank deposits and on activities for non-member organisations.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Plant and machinery - 25% straight line

4. Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company such amounts as may be required, with a maximum contribution of £1 per member.

Association of Drainage Authorities

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 December 2023

5. Employee numbers

The average number of persons employed by the company during the year amounted to 6 (2022: 7).

6. Tangible assets

	Plant and machinery £
Cost	
At 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023	<u>17,527</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2023	13,487
Charge for the year	1,879
At 31 December 2023	<u>15,366</u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2023	<u>2,161</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>4,040</u>

7. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	76,855	22,262
Other debtors	11,983	35,304
	<u>88,838</u>	<u>57,566</u>

8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	7,979	9,471
Corporation tax	–	52
Social security and other taxes	20,646	11,566
Other creditors	<u>22,948</u>	<u>20,543</u>
	<u>51,573</u>	<u>41,632</u>

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Company Limited by Guarantee

Management Information

Year ended 31 December 2023

The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.

Association of Drainage Authorities

Company Limited by Guarantee

Chartered Accountants Report to the Board of Directors on the Preparation of the Unaudited Statutory Financial Statements of Association of Drainage Authorities

Year ended 31 December 2023

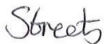
In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the financial statements of Association of Drainage Authorities for the year ended 31 December 2023, which comprise the statement of income and retained earnings, statement of financial position and the related notes from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at www.icaew.com/en/membership/regulations-standards-and-guidance.

This report is made solely to the Board of Directors of Association of Drainage Authorities, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 31 March 2020. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial statements of Association of Drainage Authorities and state those matters that we have agreed to state to you, as a body, in this report in accordance with ICAEW Technical Release 07/16 AAF as detailed at www.icaew.com/compilation. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Association of Drainage Authorities and its Board of Directors, as a body, for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that Association of Drainage Authorities has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory financial statements that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and loss of Association of Drainage Authorities. You consider that Association of Drainage Authorities is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the financial statements of Association of Drainage Authorities. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory financial statements.



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Association of Drainage Authorities

Detailed Income Statement

Year ended 31 December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Turnover		
Subscriptions	299,821	284,060
Gazette advertising	44,863	43,500
Conference fees and sponsorship	20,677	3,822
Consultancy and sundry income	11,280	8,387
Event income	169,424	3,216
LAPSIP income	48,014	–
	<u>594,079</u>	<u>342,985</u>
Cost of sales		
Conference fees	18,584	2,757
Gazette direct costs	20,395	18,380
Other direct costs	2,451	5,344
Event costs	165,703	3,303
LAPSIP costs	40,409	–
	<u>247,542</u>	<u>29,784</u>
Gross profit	<u>346,537</u>	<u>313,201</u>
Overheads		
Administrative expenses	352,928	354,941
Operating loss	<u>(6,391)</u>	<u>(41,740)</u>
Other interest receivable and similar income	3,775	586
Loss before taxation	<u>(2,616)</u>	<u>(41,154)</u>

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Notes to the Detailed Income Statement

Year ended 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Administrative expenses		
Directors' salaries	21,346	20,259
Directors' employer's national insurance contributions	1,691	1,632
Wages and salaries	223,517	228,948
Employer's national insurance contributions	20,394	20,574
Employer's staff pension contributions	16,933	16,194
Rent, rates and office costs	14,732	15,644
Insurance	2,533	2,347
Travel and subsistence	15,598	12,729
Telephone	3,530	2,140
Printing postage and stationery	4,871	5,481
Staff training	60	1,604
Software and computing costs	7,464	7,655
Committee meeting expenses	11,235	4,123
General expenses	2,045	3,913
External meeting expenses	327	1,301
EUWMA meeting expenses	–	1,018
Marketing costs	–	415
Legal and professional fees	445	2,836
Accountancy fees	3,763	3,267
Depreciation of tangible assets	1,879	2,310
Bad debt cost / (recovered)	–	(13)
Bank charges	565	564
	<u>352,928</u>	<u>354,941</u>
Other interest receivable and similar income		
Interest on cash and cash equivalents	<u>3,775</u>	<u>586</u>



SUBSCRIPTIONS 2025

INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARDS

Subscription Area - Value Factor*	Subscription 2024	Subscription 2025
0 – 999	£636	£678
1,000 – 1,999	£724	£772
2,000 – 2,999	£805	£858
3,000 – 3,999	£889	£947
4,000 – 4,999	£975	£1,039
5,000 – 5,999	£1,074	£1,144
6,000 – 6,999	£1,159	£1,235
7,000 – 7,999	£1,250	£1,332
8,000 – 8,999	£1,353	£1,441
9,000 – 9,999	£1,446	£1,540
10,000 – 19,999	£1,702	£1,813
20,000 – 29,999	£1,942	£2,069
30,000 – 39,999	£2,170	£2,312
40,000 – 49,999	£2,414	£2,571
50,000 – 59,999	£2,646	£2,818
60,000 – 69,999	£2,891	£3,079
70,000 – 79,999	£3,128	£3,332
80,000 – 89,999	£3,357	£3,576
90,000 – 99,999	£3,621	£3,857
100,000 – 133,333	£3,860	£4,111
133,334 – 166,666	£4,099	£4,366
166,667 – 199,999	£4,336	£4,618
200,000 – 299,999	£4,574	£4,872

Subscription Area - Value Factor*	Subscription 2024	Subscription 2025
300,000 – 399,999	£4,772	£5,083
400,000 – 499,999	£4,970	£5,294
500,000 – 599,999	£5,169	£5,505
600,000 – 699,999	£5,369	£5,718
700,000 – 799,999	£5,568	£5,930
800,000 – 899,999	£5,765	£6,140
900,000 – 999,999	£5,963	£6,351
1,000,000 – 1,099,999	£6,163	£6,564
1,100,000 – 1,199,999	£6,360	£6,774
1,200,000 – 1,299,999	£6,561	£6,988
1,300,000 – 1,399,999	£6,759	£7,199
1,400,000 – 1,499,999	£6,956	£7,409
*Area-Value Factor = Area of IDB in Hectares x Annual Value / 1,000,000		

WELSH INTERNAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT ADVISORY GROUPS		Rates as for IDBs less 20%
REGIONAL FLOOD AND COASTAL COMMITTEES	£2,840	£3,025
NATIONAL AGENCIES: ENVIRONMENT AGENCY, NATURAL RESOURCES WALES, RIVERS AGENCY, WATER COMPANIES AND ANY OTHER SIMILAR AGENCY/AUTHORITY	£765	£815
LOCAL AUTHORITIES	£383	£408
ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP	£466	£496
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP	£43	£46

All Plus VAT @ 20%

MEMBERSHIP 2024

As at 07 November 2024

INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARDS AND DISTRICTS

Ainsty IDB	Hundred Foot Washes IDB
Airedale DC	Hundred of Wisbech IDB
Alconbury & Ellington IDB	Isle of Axholme & North Nottinghamshire WLMB
Ancholme IDB	Kings Lynn IDB
Axe Brue IDB	Kyle & Upper Ouse IDB
Bedfordshire & River Ivel IDB	Lakenheath IDB
Benwick IDB	Lindsey Marsh DB
Beverly & North Holderness IDB	Littleport & Downham IDB
Black Drain DB	Lower Medway IDB
Black Sluice IDB	Lower Severn IDB
Bluntisham IDB	Manea & Welney District DC
Braunton Marsh DB	March East IDB
Broads IDB	March Fifth District DC
Buckingham & River Ouzel IDB	March Sixth District DC
Burnt Fen IDB	March Third District DC
Cawdle Fen IDB	March West & White Fen IDB
Churchfield & Plawfield IDB	Melverley IDB
Conington & Holme IDB	Middle Fen & Mere IDB
Cowick & Snaith IDB	Middle Level Commissioners
Curf & Wimblington Combined IDB	Mildenhall IDB
Danvm DC	Needham & Laddus IDB
Dempster IDB	Nightlayers IDB
Doncaster East IDB	Nordelph IDB
Downham & Stow Bardolph IDB	Norfolk Rivers IDB
Earby & Salterforth IDB	Northwold IDB
East Harling IDB	North East Lindsey IDB
East of Ouse Polver & Nar IDB	North Kent Marshes IDB
East Suffolk IDB	North Level District IDB
Euximoor IDB	North Somerset Levels IDB
Feldale IDB	Old West IDB
Foss IDB	Ouse & Derwent IDB
Goole & Airmyn IDB	Ouse & Humber DB
Goole Fields District DB	Over & Willingham IDB
Haddenham Level DC	Padnal & Waterden IDB
Holmewood & District IDB	

Parrett IDB	Strine IDB
Pevensey & Cuckmere WLMB	Stringside IDB
^ Pow of Inchaffray Drainage Commission	Sutton & Mepal IDB
Ramsey First (Hollow) District IDB	Swaffham IDB
Ramsey Fourth (Middlemoor) District IDB	Swale & Ure DB
Ramsey IDB	Swavesey IDB
Ramsey Upwood & Great Raveley IDB	Thorntree IDB
Ransonmoor District DC	Trent Valley IDB
Rawcliffe IDB	Upper Medway IDB
Rea IDB	Upper Witham IDB
Reedness & Swinefleet DB	Upwell IDB
* River Arun IDD	Vale of Pickering IDB
River Lugg IDB	Waldersey IDB
River Stour (Kent) IDB	Warboys, Somersham and Pidley IDB
Romney Marshes Area IDB	Waterbeach Level IDB
Sawtry IDB	Waveney Lower Yare & Lothingland IDB
Scunthorpe & Gainsborough WMB	Welland & Deepings IDB
Selby Area IDB	Whittlesey & District IDB
South Holderness IDB	Witham First District IDB
South Holland IDB	Witham Fourth District IDB
Southery & District IDB	Witham Third District IDB
Sow & Penk IDB	Woodwalton IDB
Stoke Ferry IDB	

KEY TO LIST

* = Administered by the Environment Agency

^ = The only local body in Scotland with a specific purpose to manage water levels.

~~Example IDB~~ = not currently ADA members

DB = Drainage Board

DC = Drainage Commissioners

IDB = Internal Drainage Board

IDD = Internal Drainage District

WLMB = Water Level Management Board

WMB = Water Management Board

INTERNAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT ADVISORY GROUPS

Administered by Natural Resources Wales

Bangor & Maltraeth Marsh IDD's Advisory Group
 Caldicot & Wentlooge Levels IDD Advisory Group
 Dolgellau & Borth IDD's Advisory Group
 Powysland IDD Advisory Group
 Lower Wye IDD Advisory Group
 Meirionnydd IDD's Advisory Group

REGIONAL FLOOD AND COASTAL COMMITTEES

Anglian (Northern) RFCC	North West RFCC	Thames RFCC
Anglian (Great Ouse) RFCC	Severn & Wye RFCC	Trent RFCC
Anglian (Eastern) RFCC	Southern RFCC	Wessex RFCC
Northumbria RFCC	South West RFCC	Yorkshire RFCC

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

BCP Council	Lincolnshire County Council
Bedford Borough Council	Medway Council
Boston Borough Council	Norfolk County Council
Bury Council	North Devon District Council
Cambridgeshire County Council	North East Lincolnshire Council
Central Bedfordshire Council	Nottinghamshire County Council
East Lindsey District Council	Somerset Rivers Authority
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	South Cambridgeshire District Council
Fenland District Council	Suffolk County Council
Isle of Man Dept. of Infrastructure	West Sussex County Council
Leeds City Council	

NATIONAL AGENCIES AND WATER COMPANIES

Environment Agency	Network Rail
DfI Rivers	Coal Authority
Natural Resources Wales	

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

ADC (East Anglia) Ltd	Linlar Limited (HL Plastics)
Ainsty Timber Marketing Ltd	Martin Childs Limited
Aquaspira Ltd	Mastenbroek Environmental Ltd
Aquatic Control Engineering Ltd	McConnel Limited
Arnold Drainage & Environmental	Meteor Communications (Europe) Ltd
Atkins Water	MGF Excavation Support Systems
AxFlow	Miles Water Engineering Ltd
Balfour Beatty	Onsite Central Limited
Bedford Pumps Ltd	Ovivo UK Ltd
Bomford Turner Ltd	Paktronic Engineering Company
Bosman Watermanagement	Pulsar Measurement
Brehehy Civil Engineering	Pumpflow
Butyl Products Ltd	Radio Data Networks Ltd
Colwill Contracting	Roythornes
Coulstock & Place Engineering	SDS Ltd
Coxon Brothers	Smals Dredging UK Ltd
Cumbria River Authority Governance Group	SoluForm (Hoben International Ltd)
Cutler IT Ltd	Spearhead Machinery Ltd
DXB Pump & Power Ltd	SPP Pumps Ltd
ECS Engineering Services Ltd	Stantec UK Ltd
Engineering and Hire Ltd	Sulzer Pumps Wastewater UK Ltd
Essex Coast Organisation	Sweeting Bros Ltd
Fen Group	TDL Equipment
FenFlow Engineering (formally Shoebridge)	TMS Maritime
Fernco Ltd	Tony Gee & Partners LLP
Flood Management Support Services Ltd	Towergate Risk Solutions/Ardonagh
Glover Group Ltd	TrapBag
Goodlad Contracting	Van Heck
GreenBlue Urban	VEGA Controls
Haskoning DHV UK Limited	W M Plant Hire
Hayley Group	Water Resources East
Inter-Lec Ltd	Waterfront Fluid Controls Ltd
Intralox Ltd	Waterman Aspen Limited
J N Bentley	Watsons Workboats
Land & Water Group Ltd	Wilkin Chapman
Lattenbury Services Ltd	WM R&A Contractors
Lee Dickens	Xylem Water Solutions Ltd

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

ADA's AGM took place at 10.30 on Wednesday 27 September 2023 via an online Microsoft Teams webinar, attended by 44 connections for all or part of the meeting. Some online connections may have involved multiple people making use of a single connection from, for example, an office meeting room.

TECHNICAL FAMILIARISATION

Ian Moodie (Technical Manager, ADA) provided a short technical familiarisation with Microsoft Teams and Slido, an online app used to enable attendees to ask questions during the AGM and conduct polls as required.

WELCOME

Robert Caudwell (Chairperson, ADA) welcomed members to ADA's Annual General Meeting for 2023.

REPORT OF PREVIOUS AGM

Innes Thomson (Chief Executive, ADA) presented the report of the previous AGM, held on Wednesday 28 September 2022.

NOTIFICATION OF ADA OFFICERS

Innes Thomson presented the report on ADA's Chairperson, President, and Vice Presidents. Henry Cator remains ADA's President and there had not been any changes to ADA's Vice Presidents since the previous AGM.

Innes reported that His Royal Highness, The Duke of Gloucester had accepted an invitation to become ADA's Patron for a period of six years through to August 2029. ADA had the pleasure of receiving His Royal Highness as guest of honour at the Flood & Water Live 2023 event held

on 5 July 2023 at Carrington, Lincolnshire.

REPORT ON THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS TO THE BOARD

Innes Thomson thanked ADA's Directors for their support and guidance through the year and presented the names of the directors of ADA, noting that four long serving directors had stepped down in 2023:

- Tony Bradford (South West Branch),
- John Heading (Great Ouse Branch),
- James Hereford (Marches Branch),
- Trevor Purllant (Technical & Environment Committee).

New directors were in the process of appointment, and ADA welcomed:

- Charles Mills (Technical & Environment Committee),
- Rebecca Horsington (South West Branch).

REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES AND PROCEEDINGS OF ADA BOARD, COMMITTEES AND STAFF IN 2022/23

Innes Thomson reported on the key initiatives that ADA was currently working on. He offered his sincere thanks to ADA's staff, and all ADA's members for their assistance, support and advice.

Innes Thomson highlighted:

- closer future working with the Association of SuDS Authorities (ASA)
- hosting Flood & Water Live 2023, the first working demonstration event by ADA in a decade,
- the All Party Parliamentary Group on Sustainable Flood and Drought Management, and
- ADA Flood & Water Conference 2023 returning to Westminster, London on Tuesday 21 November 2023.

Regarding ADA's Committees, Ian Moodie highlighted ADA's work:

- at the start of 2023 to understand the increases in drainage rates and special levy by every IDB in England triggered by rising inflation driven by energy and construction costs,
- assisting Defra with the development and administration of the Lowland Agricultural Peat Small Infrastructure Pilot (LAPSIP) grant scheme that will award ~£5 million of funding to IDBs to deliver small scale infrastructure to better manage water levels that will assist with the preservation of peat soils,
- running the first ever ADA Environment Day on 02 February 2023 at Park Farm, Thorney to coincide with the annual World Wetlands Day. The event will be repeated on Friday 02 February 2024 at the same venue.

Ian Moodie concluded by noting that changes to ADA's Committee structures will occur in 2024 with a Policy Committee focused on overseeing the work ADA

undertake with and on behalf of member authorities, and a smaller Advisory Committee focused on the running and governance of ADA as a business.

PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF APPROVED ACCOUNTS 2022

The Company's Audited Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2022 were presented, as adopted by ADA's Board of Directors on 18 July 2023.

APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR AND AUDIT ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2023

Streets Chartered Accountants were formally appointed as the company's internal auditor and external accountant for the period ending 31 December 2023 following a poll of attendees (17 votes for, 0 votes against).

NOTIFICATION OF SUBSCRIPTION RATES FOR 2024

The AGM was notified that ADA's membership subscription fees for 2024 will increase by 6.5% from fees in 2023, as had been approved by ADA Board of Directors.

ADA's membership in 2023 was reported in the AGM Handbook as: 107 IDBs, 5 national agencies, 1 water company, 6 Welsh internal drainage district advisory groups, 12 RFCCs, 26 Local Authorities, and 82 Associate Members.

MOTIONS/AMENDMENTS TO BE PUT TO THE AGM

No motions or amendments were tabled before the 27 August 2023 notice deadline, nor at the AGM.

BUSINESS QUESTIONS (AOCB)

The AGM concluded with a discussion session on ADA as a business. Items discussed included:

- Implementation of Schedule 3 of the Flood & Water Management Act 2010 - Innes Thomson replied that the government still intended to consult on implementation and the role of Lead Local Flood Authorities as SuDS Approval Bodies. The Government had stated that implementation would be in 2025.
- The proportion of local authorities paying special levy that are members of ADA - Ian Moodie reported that there were 12 local authority members of ADA in 2023 that paid special levies out of ~90 special levy paying authorities in England.
- Drainage Rating System (DRS) for IDBs - Innes Thomson reported that ADA was looking at transferring the existing system onto a new software platform, with ADA possibly providing the system to members in the future.
- Timetable for updating ADA Good Governance Guide for IDBs - Innes Thomson confirmed that the Good Governance Guide had been reviewed by a group of IDB officers during 2023 and Wilkin Chapman LLP were drafting revisions with the aim of ADA publishing a new version of the guide before the end of 2023.

- Diversity of topics to be discussed at the new ADA Policy Committee - Ian Moodie highlighted that the structure of the new Policy Committee would aim to draw on senior officers that could support and oversee ADA's policy work for members, much of which would be delivered through task and finish groups that could draw on the expertise of ADA's wider membership. Furthermore, the changes would allow for input from ADA's existing IDB Environment Forum that was established in 2021, and a new ADA IDB Engineering Forum to be formed in 2024 from the existing ADA Lincolnshire Branch Engineering Committee. Both Forums would meet two to three times per year.

The AGM Handbook can be downloaded from: www.ada.org.uk/events/ada-agm.



ADA ACTIVITIES REPORT 2024

2024 has been a particularly busy year for ADA but most importantly, one which has delivered significant benefits to its members. ADA has, however, been confronted with choices needing to be made about prioritising a wider range of work, which has resulted in some tasks being deferred and postponed until time and resources become available to undertake them. Given the small resources ADA has available and limited funding to outsource work, the list of tasks which the team has dealt with and the results obtained for our members is thanks to staff going above and beyond what is normally expected of them.

In no particular order, the following report gives details of those activities;

WINTER STORMS 2023/24

ADA worked closely with Defra, the EA, and IDBs in the aftermath of the 2023/24 winter storms to highlight to the public and government the work of our members and the considerable stresses put on the country's flood defences. ADA helped collate data on the impacts from across our members to enable strategic decisions to be made around recovery funding.

GENERAL ELECTION

In the run-up to the General Election, ADA actively provided information across all political parties, with briefings on ADA's six key manifesto asks for better flood and drought risk management. Since the election, ADA has communicated with all relevant new MPs, Defra and MHCLG Ministers to continue these messages.

STANDING CHARGES

ADA has continued to seek a fairer system of standing charges for sites such as IDB and EA flood defence pumping stations that have a 'peaky' intermittent demand for electricity. OFGEM has recognised the inequality of the current pricing and are looking at possible options to try and resolve the issue, with ADA responding to

a DCUSA consultation on a possible way forwards in July.

FLOODS RESILIENCE TASKFORCE

ADA attended the first meeting of the new government's taskforce chaired by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Steve Reed MP on 12 September. The Taskforce is intended to scrutinise the state of England's flood defences and bolster the nation's resilience to extreme weather. ADA looks forward to playing an active role in this work.

LOWLAND PEAT

Having developed the basis for the LAPSIP grant scheme, ADA has guided and supported Defra and IDBs with the delivery of this series of small infrastructure pilot projects to retain water levels safely for the preservation of lowland peat soils. The 21 IDB-led projects, with a total value of £3.8 million, are progressing well, largely on schedule and to budget. ADA will be reporting to Defra by 31 March 2025 on the learning from this important project to support future work in this area.

IDB STORM RECOVERY & ASSET IMPROVEMENT GRANT

ADA provided regular support to Defra

and the EA throughout the development, application, and assessment phases of the grant scheme for investment to repair, modernise, and upgrade IDB assets/waterways for the future. Of the £75 million pledged by then Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, £25 million for recovery has been committed to date and, as we heard at the ADA Conference, ADA was very pleased that the remaining £50m has also been committed by the present Government after considerable discussion, supported by the EA.

NEW COMMITTEES AND FORUMS

ADA formed two new Committees in 2024. The Policy Committee focuses on topics and issues impacting upon ADA's members, setting the priorities for ADA's work streams. The Advisory Committee is dedicated to the running of ADA as a corporation and membership body, focusing on the scrutiny of ADA's governance and finances. Additionally, ADA's Environment and Engineering Forums are open to all relevant IDB officers.

SPECIAL LEVIES

ADA has engaged with a Special Interest Group established by the Local Government Association to examine how councils can address the effects of increasing special levy payments from IDBs. ADA has also continued to provide forecasting on these levies to Defra and MHCLG in 2024 and has participated in briefings to MPs and Ministers on the subject.

NEW MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

ADA is pleased to have recruited Laura Lamb as a new member of staff, who started work with us in October. Laura will

strengthen our engagement with members, helping to coordinate meetings, work streams, and manage members data. Laura will welcome getting to know you.

ENVIRONMENT DAY 2024

A capacity audience heard from leading speakers across a range of topics relevant to the management of the lowland freshwater environment. Our second annual event at Park Farm, Thorney included presentations on peatland soils, local nature recovery strategies, floating pennywort, and biodiversity net gain. The next edition will take place on 5 February 2025.

LAND VALUATIONS SI

With the support of ADA and key IDB staff, good progress has been made towards the laying of the English Drainage Boards (Alternative Valuation Calculation) Regulations before Parliament. This statutory instrument will help accurately levy drainage rates and special levy and pave the way for possible extensions to drainage districts where there is local support. ADA responded to the public consultation back in the spring, and is currently working with Defra on a guidance document to explain the proposed provisions.

IDB AUDITS

ADA has been actively supporting the SAAA in calling for the £6.5 million threshold for limited assurance audit for smaller local authorities (inc. IDBs) to be changed to remove the risk of larger IDBs having to pass through a full audit process. Engagement has taken place at Ministerial level with Defra and MHCLG undertaking that the situation will be reviewed.

RURAL FLOOD RESILIENCE

ADA has played a formative role alongside the EA, NFU, CLA, NE, and ACRE in establishing an important new Partnership to improve collaboration, deepen understanding of rural vulnerabilities, and support agricultural businesses and rural communities in building their resilience to present and future flood risks and coastal erosion. The group meets regularly and is commencing work on actions from its first Work Plan published in September.

INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

ADA continues to exchange learning and experience with the European Union of Water Management Associations (EUWMA). As well as annual technical and strategic meetings, this has included helping Defra's lowland peat team learn from the Friesland Water Board in the Netherlands, a technical meeting with Dutch colleagues in connection with the Fens 2100+ project, and a delegation from the Spanish FENACORE irrigation association visiting Lower Medway IDB.

FENS 2100+

This Environment Agency led programme is working with partners to develop a long-term plan for managing future flood risk in the Fens. ADA has an important seat on the Programme Board and has actively encouraged IDBs to be fully involved in the governance and evolution of the project as it builds the strategic case for future investment in the Fens flood defence assets and systems.

IN THE MEDIA

ADA and Middle Level Commissioners appeared in an edition of BBC's Countryfile

on 10 March, highlighting the importance of their work in the aftermath of the winter storms. ADA has supported and contributed to a number of press releases and media coverage throughout the year.

WORKING WITH ASA

ADA continues to grow our relationship with the Association of SuDS Authorities (ASA), extending the existing service level agreement to provide administrative support to ASA. Under a Memorandum of Understanding now agreed between ADA and ASA, we are working towards creating a joint membership body.

STAFF PAY & CONDITIONS

Through the Advisory Committee, a small group has been set up to more formally review and manage staff pay and conditions. ADA's staff are their primary asset and ADA's Board have given their full support to this initiative.

BEAVERS

ADA is playing an active role in both the National Beaver Management Forum that has been brought together by Natural England and an infrastructure sub-group led by the Environment Agency. A meeting to understand the challenges and benefits of beavers living in east Kent in June has led to ADA organising a training event for IDB environment officers in November.

SCHOOLS CHALLENGE

For a second year ADA sponsored the Power of Water challenge as part of the Lincolnshire Agricultural Society's Schools Challenge 2024. ADA challenged pupils to design and build a catchment model considering the man-made and natural

changes that can store, convey, and control water for agriculture, communities, and the environment. Well done to pupils from Boston Grammar School, Charles Baines Community Primary School, and Norwell C of E Primary School who displayed their work at the Lincolnshire Show in June.

IDB RATINGS GROUP

ADA has re-established a group of experienced IDB officers to provide oversight and support to IDB ratings. Their initial work has focused on scrutinising the new system/s to be introduced in light of the ending of support for the current Drainage Rating System (DRS) operating platform.

ROBERT CAUDWELL AWARDED OBE

ADA was delighted that Robert was awarded his OBE as part of the King's Birthday Honours in June in recognition of his work with the Lowland Agricultural Peatland Taskforce and wider contributions to public life. If you know of other ADA members worthy of a national award, ADA would be happy to advise and help.

IN PARLIAMENT

ADA has worked with CIWEM to re-establish the All Party Parliamentary Group for Sustainable Flood & Drought Management with a new cohort of MPs. Lee Pitcher MP was appointed to chair the APPG at their meeting on 9 October. Just under 30 MPs and Peers have expressed their interest in being members of the new group.

ADVISORY GROUPS IN WALES

ADA is very pleased to have refreshed contact with Natural Resources Wales,

assisting them with their increased interest in work of the Advisory Groups for Welsh Internal Drainage Districts and NRW's desire to review their operations.

TO KEEP THE WATER FLOWING

ADA assisted this short film to highlight the role of IDBs across the country. The production led by Professor Greg Bankoff involved interview clips with a number of IDB staff and board members across the country, as well as ADA and the Environment Agency. The film is freely available for use by IDBs and can be found on YouTube.

ADA COMPUTER SYSTEM UPGRADES

ADA has given the green light to its suppliers to proceed with an upgrade of its computer servers and primary software. This follows on from a tightening of security measures to using two-step verification sign-in arrangements. The upgrades also pave the way for additional capacity required for closer working with ASA.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ACRONYMS

ABI	Association of British Insurers
ADEPT	Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport
AIMS	Asset Information Management System is an inventory of assets relevant for flood risk management from main rivers, and the coast. Developed by the EA.
AINA	Association of Inland Navigation Authorities
APPG	All Party Parliamentary Group. These consist of Members of both Houses of Parliament who join together to pursue a particular topic or interest. They provide an opportunity for parliamentarians to engage with individuals and organisations outside Parliament who share an interest in the subject matter of their group. ADA provides the secretariat to the APPG for Sustainable Flood and Drought Management.
ASA	Association of SuDS Authorities. Formerly LASOO (Local Authority SuDS Officer Organisation).
ASC	Adaptation Sub-Committee of the CCC. It provides independent scrutiny and advice on the Government's approach to climate change adaptation.
AWB	Artificial Water Body (As determined under the Water Framework Directive.)
BAP	Biodiversity Action Plan is an internationally recognised program addressing threatened species and habitats. Designed to protect and restore biological systems (BAPs can be specific to an organisation e.g. IDB BAPs, or regions/countries e.g. UKBAP).
CAP	Common Agricultural Policy of the European Union
CCC	Committee on Climate Change is an independent body established under the Climate Change Act to advise the UK Government on reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
CDM 2015	Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015

CFMP	Catchment Flood Management Plan The plans are led by the EA and aim to encourage an integrated, sustainable and strategic approach to the management of flood risk in river catchments.
CIWEM	Chartered Institution of Water & Environmental Management
CLA	Country Land & Business Association
CRT	Canal and River Trust
DCN	District Councils' Network
DESNZ	Department for Energy Security and Net Zero.
DfI Rivers	The flood defence and drainage authority for Northern Ireland.
Defra	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Government department, formerly MAFF).
EA	Environment Agency is a Defra sponsored public body with responsibilities relating to the protection and enhancement of the environment in England. It has a strategic overview role for all FCERM in England and has powers to manage flood risk from designated main rivers and the sea.
EFRA	Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee is appointed by the House of Commons to examine the expenditure, administration and policy of Defra and its associated public bodies.
ELM	Environmental Land Management, typically referred to in relation to the ELM scheme that will replace existing agri-environment funding from government when it is rollout from 2024-2027.
EPR	Environmental Permitting Regulations set out environmental permitting and compliance regime, in England and Wales, that applies to various industries and activities, including flood risk activities. Formerly known as a flood defence consent.
EUWMA	European Union of Water Management Associations (Of which ADA is a member).

FCERM	Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (Sometimes used to refer to the Defra department responsible for these functions).
FDGiA	Flood Defence Grant in Aid The funding from central government for managing flood risk in England. Since 2011 this is often referred to simply as 'Partnership Funding' following the implementation of a revised approach to the assessment criteria for capital funding allocation.
FRA	Flood Risk Assessment
FRMP	Flood Risk Management Plan may refer specifically to regional plans under the European Floods Directive highlighting the risk of flooding from rivers, the sea, surface water; groundwater & reservoirs.
FWMA 2010	Floods and Water Management Act 2010
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulation is a European Union regulation that forms part of the data protection regime in the United Kingdom, together with the Data Protection Act 2018.
GEP	Good Ecological Potential (As defined by the WFD)
GES	Good Ecological Status (As defined by the WFD)
GIS	Geographic information system is a system designed to capture, store, manipulate, analyse, manage, and present all types of spatial or geographical data
HMWB	Heavily Modified Water Body (As determined under the WFD)
HS&W	Health, safety and welfare
ICE	Institution of Civil Engineers
ICO	Information Commissioner's Office
IDB	Internal Drainage Board
IDD	Internal Drainage District
JPAG	Joint Practice Advisory Group is a standing group providing guidance on Governance and Accountability for local councils and IDBs. ADA is represented on JPAG.

LAPSIP	Lowland Agricultural Peatlands Small Infrastructure Projects
LDA 1991	Land Drainage Act 1991
LEAF	Linking Environment And Farming, registered charity
LEP	Local Enterprise Partnership are voluntary partnerships between local authorities and businesses set up in England to help determine local economic priorities and lead economic growth and job creation within the local area.
LGA	Local Government Association
LGO	Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman, which can investigate certain actions of IDBs, local authorities, RFCCs and the EA.
LLFA	Lead Local Flood Authority County councils and unitary authorities with flood risk management functions specified under the FWMA.
MHCLG	Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.
NALC	National Association of Local Councils
NAO	National Audit Office Audits most public-sector bodies in the UK and produces value for money reports into the implementation of Government policies.
NE	Natural England is a Defra sponsored public body responsible for ensuring that England's natural environment is protected and improved.
NFU	National Farmers' Union of England and Wales
NIC	National Infrastructure Commission
NRW	Natural Resources Wales is a Welsh Government sponsored public body responsible for the management of the natural resources of Wales including flood and water management.
OEP	Office for Environmental Protection
Ofwat	Office of Water Services Regulates water and sewerage providers in England and Wales.

PSCA	Public Sector Cooperation Agreement An agreement in relation to the flood risk management functions of two risk management authorities made pursuant to Section 13 of the FWMA.
RBMP	River Basin Management Plan Strategic plans for the regional implementation of the Water Framework Directive which requires standards be met in regards to water quality and biodiversity.
RFCC	Regional Flood and Coastal Committee is a statutory committee established under the FWMA that brings together members appointed by LLFAs and independent members with relevant experience to ensure the EA has coherent plans and funding arrangements for FCERM within a given region.
RFRP	Rural Flood Resilience Partnership. A partnership of organisations and government bodies that have prepared a work plan of actions that aim to support rural communities to build resilience against the threat of flooding.
RMA	Risk Management Authority as named under the Flood & Water Management Act 2010. These are: EA, NRW, LLFAs, district councils, IDBs, water companies, and highway authorities.
SAAA	Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd is the independent company created to procure external audit services for smaller authorities, including IDBs, following the closure of the Audit Commission. ADA is represented on the SAAA.
SAC	Special Area of Conservation is a conservation designation under the European Habitats Directive.
SEPA	Scottish Environmental Protection Agency
SIG	Special Interest Group. May be referring specifically to the Local Government Association's Special Interest Group on Internal Drainage Board Levies.
SMP	Shoreline Management Plan is a non-statutory, policy document that describes how a given stretch of shoreline is most likely to be managed to address flood and/or erosion.
SPA	Special Protected Area is a conservation designation under the European Birds Directive.

SRA	Somerset Rivers Authority
SSSI	Site of Special Scientific Interest is a conservation designation denoting a protected area.
SuDS	Sustainable Drainage Systems are designed to reduce the impact of surface water drainage discharges from developments by mimicking natural drainage patterns and features.
SWMP	Surface Water Management Plan outlines the preferred surface water management strategy in a given location, which helps local partners work together to understand the causes of surface water flooding, and agree the optimum way of managing the flood risk in their area.
UKIA	United Kingdom Irrigation Association
WFD	Water Framework Directive is an European Union directive which commits member states to achieve good qualitative and quantitative status of all water bodies by enhancing and reducing the deterioration of aquatic ecosystems and reducing aquatic and groundwater pollution.
WLMP	Water Level Management Plan Plans produced for areas where water levels are managed, particularly some SSSIs.
WRE	Water Resources East a membership body, originally formed by Anglin Water, to study and collaboratively plan for the long-term water resources needs of Eastern England.



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