

WITHAM FOURTH DISTRICT INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

Part 1

General provisions

1. Introduction and interpretation

- 1) This Code applies to **you** as a member of an Internal Drainage Board.
- 2) You should read this Code together with the general principles prescribed by the Board (see Appendix 1 to this Code).
- 3) It is your responsibility to comply with the provisions of this Code.
- 4) In this Code 'meeting' means any meeting of:
 - (a) the Internal Drainage Board;
 - (b) any of the Internal Drainage Board's committees or sub-committees, joint committees or joint sub-committees.

The term 'member' includes a co-opted member together with an appointed member.

2. Scope

- 1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) to (5), you must comply with this Code whenever you:
 - (a) conduct the business of your Internal Drainage Board (which, in this Code, includes the business of the office to which you are elected or appointed); or
 - (b) act, claim to act or give the impression you are acting as a representative of your Internal Drainage Board, and references to your official capacity are construed accordingly.
- 2) Subject to sub-paragraphs (3) and (4), this Code does not have effect in relation to your conduct other than where it is in your official capacity.
- 3) In addition to having effect in relation to conduct in your official capacity, paragraphs (2)(a), (2)(b) and (5)(a) also have effect, at any other time, where that conduct constitutes a criminal offence for which you have been convicted.
- 4) Conduct to which this Code applies (whether that is conduct in your official capacity or conduct mentioned in sub-paragraph (3)) includes a criminal offence for which you are convicted (including an offence you committed before the date you took office, but for which you are convicted after that date).
- 5) Where you act as a representative of your Internal Drainage Board:
 - (a) on another relevant Internal Drainage Board, you must, when acting for that other Internal Drainage Board, comply with that other Internal Drainage Board's code of conduct; or
 - (b) on any other body, you must, when acting for that other body, comply with your Internal Drainage Board's code of conduct, except and insofar as it conflicts with any other lawful obligations to which that other body may be subject.