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# EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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## REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES – ANNUAL REPORT FORM FOR 2023-24

**Title of Organisation: Swaffham Internal Drainage Board**

**Name of Representative: Alan Sharp**

**Are you aware of any changes to your status with the Outside Body (e.g. Member / Trustee / Director)?**

**How many meetings have there been since 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023? How many of them have you attended?**

**Total: 3**

**Attended: 2**

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**Please provide a short report addressing the following points and any other issues that you wish to raise:**

- i) How does the work of this Outside Body fit in with ECDC's Corporate Objectives?
- ii) Do you think that continued representation on this Outside Body is worthwhile? (Please give reasons.)
- iii) What specific items of relevance to ECDC have been considered/discussed by the Outside Body?

The work of the Drainage Board totally fits in with the corporate objectives of the Council, as the issue of flooding and water management is a crucial factor in resolving the challenges that Climate Change presents to us.

I have attended one meeting during the year out of the three arranged, the other two meetings clashing with other commitments.

The Board meetings take place at the Drainage Board offices in Prickwillow.

Contributing to the management of The Fens is an important role of the Council and the involvement of Council representatives with this body is totally necessary.

I find the meeting of the Board very interesting and worthwhile, listening to the comments of farming colleagues.

I have taken on a role for the Council this year as representative on the Special Interest Group of Councils who are lobbying Government for a better system of settlement and funding for Drainage Boards. This involvement has increased my knowledge substantially.