

## **Anglian Water Services Limited**

### **Statement of Assurance for 2025/26 Customer Charges relating to Woods Meadow and Northstowe Ph. 1**

#### **I Requirements for this Assurance Statement**

In its charging rules for 2025/26 Ofwat sets out that it requires in relation to new appointments a statement from the Board:

- of compliance with legal obligations in relation to charging;
- of the impact assessment and handling strategies considered;
- as to the accuracy of the Company's charges scheme;
- on the process that the Company has followed in engaging with stakeholders;
- that the levels of service are at least comparable to the previous appointee's charges scheme;
- that prices do not exceed those in the previous appointee's charges scheme for similar services; and
- that prices are equivalent to those specified in the new appointee's application for each individual appointment or variation area.

#### **II How the Requirements have been met**

In line with the prior year's charges scheme for our new appointments and as specified in our application for each appointment, we have reflected in our 2025/26 Charges Scheme the levels of charge and service for each respective customer group that have been set out in the previous appointees charges scheme as published for 2025/26.

Management has reviewed the Essex & Suffolk Water and the Cambridge Water Charges Schemes for 2025/26.

It has also reviewed the Statement of Significant Change and Board Assurance Statement for Northumbrian Water Limited (for Essex & Suffolk Water) and South Staffordshire Water PLC (for Cambridge Water).

Therefore in relation to the Woods Meadow, Wolseley and M S Oakes Business Parks, Oulton, Suffolk ("Woods Meadow") and Northstowe Phase 1, the Board can confirm that, to the best of its knowledge, the following statements are true:

- a) The Charges Scheme has been prepared in accordance with the Company's legal obligations relating to customer charging;
- b) The effect of the charges on our customers' bills is reasonable;
- c) The information contained in the Charges Scheme is accurate;

- d) **The Consumer Council for Water (“CC Water”) has been consulted on our approach to charging customers respectively according to the appropriate Essex & Suffolk and Cambridge Water tariff applicable at the time;**
- e) **The Charges Scheme offers level of service at least comparable to those set out in the Charges Scheme of Essex & Suffolk Water and Cambridge Water respectively;**
- f) **The Charges Scheme offers prices that do not exceed those set out in the Charges Scheme for Essex & Suffolk Water and Cambridge Water respectively; and**
- g) **The Charges Scheme offers prices equivalent to those specified in our inset appointment applications.**

## **II Board Approval**

**The Board acknowledges its responsibilities in relation to the development of the Customer Charges Scheme.**

**The Board delegated authority to the Regulation Director to approve the charges for Woods Meadow and Northstowe, and this statement of assurance, at the meeting held on 5 June 2024.**

**Darren Rice, Regulation Director**