



Pevensey and Cuckmere

Water Level Management Board

**RATE ESTIMATES
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR
2017/2018**

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Income and Expenditure Account	Pevensey.....				Cuckmere				Total		Note 1	Note 2	Note 3	Notes 4 to 10
	Actual 2015/16	Budget 2016/17	Projected 2016/17	Estimated 2017/18	Actual 2015/16	Budget 2016/17	Projected 2016/17	Estimated 2017/18	Actual 2015/16	Budget 2016/17	Projected 2016/17	Estimated 2017/18		
Income														
4 Drainage Rates	10,659	11,104	11,104	11,104	5,720	6,065	6,065	6,065	16,379	17,169	17,169	17,169		
4 Eastbourne Borough Council	215,725	215,288	215,288	215,288	0	0	0	0	215,725	215,288	215,288	215,288		
Hastings Borough Council	10,919	10,897	10,897	10,897	0	0	0	0	10,919	10,897	10,897	10,897		
Rother District Council	4,002	3,994	3,994	3,994	0	0	0	0	4,002	3,994	3,994	3,994		
Wealden District Council	42,919	42,832	42,832	42,832	4,969	4,924	4,924	4,924	47,888	47,756	47,756	47,756		
	<u>273,565</u>	<u>273,011</u>	<u>273,011</u>	<u>273,011</u>	<u>4,969</u>	<u>4,924</u>	<u>4,924</u>	<u>4,924</u>	<u>278,534</u>	<u>277,935</u>	<u>277,935</u>	<u>277,935</u>		
5 Highland Water Contribution from the EA	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	63,000	63,000	63,000	63,000		
	<u>344,224</u>	<u>344,115</u>	<u>344,115</u>	<u>344,115</u>	<u>13,689</u>	<u>13,989</u>	<u>13,989</u>	<u>13,989</u>	<u>357,913</u>	<u>358,104</u>	<u>358,104</u>	<u>358,104</u>		
Less Expenditure														
6 Precept payable to the EA	109,370	109,370	109,370	109,370	1,578	1,578	1,578	1,578	110,948	110,948	110,948	110,948		
7 Maintenance work	196,269	160,000	150,000	180,000	10,843	10,000	10,000	10,000	207,112	170,000	160,000	190,000		
8 Transfer/setup costs	0	20,000	20,000	10,000	0	2,000	2,000	1,000	0	22,000	22,000	11,000		
Audit Fees	800	1,600	1,600	1,600	200	200	200	200	1,000	1,800	1,800	1,800		
9 Aministration and Technical Support Costs	21,563	30,188	30,188	43,145	1,594	1,992	1,992	1,211	23,157	32,180	32,180	44,356		
7 Operational costs	20,000	20,000	18,750	0	1,000	1,000	1,250	0	21,000	21,000	20,000	0		
10 Cost of collecting Drainage Rates	2,958	2,958	2,958	0	1,219	1,219	1,219	0	4,177	4,177	4,177	0		
	<u>350,960</u>	<u>344,116</u>	<u>332,866</u>	<u>344,115</u>	<u>16,434</u>	<u>17,989</u>	<u>18,239</u>	<u>13,989</u>	<u>367,394</u>	<u>362,105</u>	<u>351,105</u>	<u>358,104</u>		
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	<u>-6,736</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>11,249</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-2,745</u>	<u>-4,000</u>	<u>-4,250</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-9,481</u>	<u>-4,001</u>	<u>6,999</u>	<u>0</u>		
Balances														
Reserves b/fwd	52,669	75,738	45,933	57,182	15,101	2,769	12,356	8,106	67,770	78,507	58,289	65,288		
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	-6,736	-1	11,249	0	-2,745	-4,000	-4,250	0	-9,481	-4,001	6,999	0		
Reserves c/fwd	<u>45,933</u>	<u>75,737</u>	<u>57,182</u>	<u>57,182</u>	<u>12,356</u>	<u>-1,231</u>	<u>8,106</u>	<u>8,106</u>	<u>58,289</u>	<u>74,506</u>	<u>65,288</u>	<u>65,288</u>		
11 Annual Values, as at 31 December 2016														
Agricultural Land and Buildings				349,340				36,670						
<u>Non-Agricultural Land:</u>														
Eastbourne Borough Council				6,773,087				0						
Hastings Borough Council				342,833				0						
Rother District Council				125,646				0						
Wealden District Council				<u>1,347,532</u>				<u>29,769</u>						
				<u>8,589,098</u>				<u>29,769</u>						
Total Annual Value				<u>£8,938,438</u>				<u>£66,439</u>						
Rate in the pound (p)				3.18 p				16.54 p						

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	2015/16	2016/17	2016/17	2017/18	2015/16	2016/17	2016/17	2017/18	2015/16	Budget	Projected	Estimated

Notes:

- 1 The Final Accounts for 2015/16 requested by the former Shadow Board on 26 May 2016 were kindly provided by the EA on 8 September 2016. These figures have now been audited by the external auditor, Littlejohn LLP. The value of Fixed Assets had been overstated (£8 as opposed to £6), but otherwise there are no issues to report - each of the Board's 6 pumping stations have a net book value of £1, which make up the value of Fixed Assets.
- 2 The budget for 2016/17 that was set in January 2016 and requested by the former Shadow Board on 26 May 2016 was kindly provided by the EA on 8 September 2016. Drainage Rates were Invoiced late this year; in September 2016 as opposed to April 2016 and the EA have been processing the queries and receiving the payments since then. The list of land parcels for each occupier requested by the former Shadow Board on 26 May 2016 to support the drainage rates levied for 2016/17 has not been received yet.
- 3 The projected out-turn and closing balances for 2016/17 have been taken from the figures kindly provided by the EA on 23 January 2017. The new Board is unlikely to know for certain how much of the budget for 2016/17 they will be left with until we receive the Final Accounts for both the Pevensey Levels IDD and the Cuckmere IDD (for the period from 1 April 2016 to 30 September 2016). We were expecting to receive these Accounts in December 2016, but nothing has yet been received.
- 4 Drainage Rates and Special Levies for 2017/18 are shown to be exactly the same as they were for last year (i.e. no increases for 2017/18), given the current level of uncertainty.
- 5 The Board has received its highland water contribution of £63k for 2016/17 from the EA (Pevensey Levels £60k and Cuckmere £3k) and it has been assumed that this figure will remain the same for 2017/18. However members will recall that the former Shadow Board requested more information from the EA on how this payment was calculated, to give greater certainty for the future. No further information has been received and this risk has therefore been included in the Board's Risk Register.
- 6 The EA have confirmed that the precept payment will stay the same for 2017/18 as it was last year and will be spent on work that the Board derives benefit from. It is important that the precept work programme remains flexible and that the Board has some input into where and how this money is spent. The EA have suggested this approach, which seems an entirely sensible way forward.
- 7 The maintenance work and operational costs are shown together for 2017/18 and include the gross cost of employing an Operations Manager and providing them with a 4x4 truck, as requested by the former Steering Group and agreed by the Board in principle at the last meeting on 3 October 2016. The maintenance budget has been put together using information previously provided by the EA and Industry standard unit costs for delivering the work specified in the tender document:

Pumping Stations:

M & E Contract (6 x £3k)	18,000	0	18,000
Maintenance costs provided by the EA in the specification (including electricity)	16,000	0	16,000
Insurances	6,000	0	6,000
Contingency/Unknowns (say 25%, given current level of uncertainty)	10,000	0	10,000
	50,000	0	50,000

Watercourses:

Vegetation control/unblocking culverts (on 70% of total length of channel: 72.1 km)			
Pre-flailing with tractor mounted weedbasket (£30/km)	3,826	500	4,326
360 tracked excavator with weedbucket (£500/km)	32,800	3,250	36,050
Hand clearance on 20% to 25% of maintained length (£1200/km)	14,470	2,160	16,630
Biodiversity Actions: Non Native Invasives Initiative	5,000	0	5,000
Contingency/Unknowns (say 25%, given current level of uncertainty)	14,024	1,478	15,502
	70,120	7,388	77,508

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<u>Water Level Control Structures:</u>													
Repairs and Maintenance (say £100/ key structure)				18,700				1,300					20,000
Contingency/Unknowns (say 25%, given current level of uncertainty)				4,675				325					5,000
				23,375				1,625					25,000
<u>Managing water levels, as per the Pevensey Levels WLMP (remaining gross cost of employing an Operations Manager):</u>				31,492				0					31,492
<u>Emergency reponse contingency (6 operatives for 5 days at £26/hour):</u>				5,013				987					6,000
				180,000				10,000					190,000

8 Given the current level of uncertainty, it is prudent to budget for some further Board setup costs. This amounts to half of what was budgeted for in the previous year.

9 These charges represent the cost of providing administration and technical support services to the Board, together with the other costs that were specified in the WMAs offer, which was approved by the Board at the last meeting on 3 October 2016.

10 The cost of collecting drainage rates has been included within the WMAs administration charges, as shown above.

11 The EA have not yet provided us with the Agricultural Annual Values as at 31 December 2016, so we have had to use the values for the previous year.

**P J CAMAMILE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE
20 JANUARY 2017**

**PEVENSEY AND CUCKMERE WATER LEVEL MANAGEMENT BOARD ("the Board")
 LAND DRAINAGE ACT 1991 ("the Act") AND THE INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARDS (FINANCE) REGULATIONS 1992
 DRAINAGE RATES AND SPECIAL LEVIES FOR 2017/18: FROM 1 APRIL 2017 TO 31 MARCH 2018**

On the 31st day of January 2017 the Board resolved as follows:-

1. That in respect of the financial year ending 31st March 2018 the proportions of expenditure to be raised by drainage rates with regard to agricultural land and/or buildings and by special levies on local billing authorities are 3.91% and 96.09% respectively.
2. That the proportions between the local billing authorities of the amount to be raised by special levies are as set out below, against the special levy for each local billing authority.
3. To make the drainage rates and special levies set out below and that the seal of the Board be affixed to those drainage rates and special levies.

PEVENSEY LEVELS SUB DISTRICT	DRAINAGE RATE		PEVENSEY LEVELS SUB DISTRICT	SPECIAL LEVIES	
	£	p		£	%
New Works and Improvement Works	0.000		Eastbourne Borough Council	£215,288	75.775%
Contributions to the Environment Agency	1.224		Hastings Borough Council	£10,897	3.835%
Maintenance Works	2.015		Rother District Council	£3,994	1.406%
Administration and Other Expenses	0.613	3.852	Wealden District Council	£42,832	15.076%
LESS:-					
Government Grants	0.000				
Contributions from the Environment Agency	0.672				
Other Income	0.000	0.672			
		3.180			
Add/(deduct) for adjustment of balances		0.000			
		3.180		£273,011	96.09%

THE COMMON SEAL of the Board is affixed in the presence of:-

W GOWER
CHAIRMAN

P J CAMAMILE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CERTIFICATE

I certify as follows:-

1. That the drainage rate has been made before 15th February, as required by section 40(4) of the Act and in the manner prescribed by regulation 2 of The Drainage Rate (Forms) Regulations 1993.
2. That notice of the drainage rates and special levies has been given on the 7th February 2017 as required by section 48(2) of the Act, by publishing the notice on the Board's website and affixing it to the front window of the Board's local office: c/o the Environment Agency Depot, 74 Coast Road, Pevensey, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN24 6ND, in accordance with section 48(3) of the Act as amended by section 87 (Schedule 9(6)(2)) of the Water Act 2014.
3. That the special levies have been issued to the billing authorities on the 7th day of February 2017 and are payable in two equal instalments on 1 May and on 1 November next.
4. That a register containing the individual drainage hereditaments has been prepared and maintained in the prescribed form, together with a map showing the wherabouts of those hereditaments, in accordance with section 52(1) of the Act and the Registers of Drainage Boards Regulations 1968.
5. That drainage rates and special levies are beyond the scope of Vat, in accordance with the rules specified from time to time by HMRC.

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1. That in respect of the financial year ending 31st March 2018 the proportions of expenditure to be raised by drainage rates with regard to agricultural land and/or buildings and by special levies on local billing authorities are 55.19% and 44.81% respectively.
2. That the proportions between the local billing authorities of the amount to be raised by special levies are as set out below, against the special levy for each local billing authority.
3. To make the drainage rates and special levies set out below and that the seal of the Board be affixed to those drainage rates and special levies.

RIVER CUCKMERE SUB DISTRICT		DRAINAGE RATE		RIVER CUCKMERE SUB DISTRICT		SPECIAL LEVIES	
	p	p		£	%		
New Works and Improvement Works	0.000			Eastbourne Borough Council	£0	0.000%	
Contributions to the Environment Agency	2.375			Hastings Borough Council	£0	0.000%	
Maintenance Works	15.051			Rother District Council	£0	0.000%	
Administration and Other Expenses	3.629	21.055		Wealden District Council	£4,924	44.808%	
LESS:-							
Government Grants	0.000						
Contributions from the Environment Agency	4.515						
Other Income	0.000	4.515					
		16.540					
Add/(deduct) for adjustment of balances		0.000					
		16.540					
					£4,924	44.81%	

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DRAINAGE RATES AND SPECIAL LEVIES FOR 2017/18

AS REQUIRED by Section 48(2) of the Land Drainage Act 1991, the Board gives notice as follows:-

1. On 31st January 2017 the Board made the following Drainage Rates:-

Sub District	Rate
Pevensy Levels	3.18 p
River Cuckmere	16.54 p

in respect of agricultural land and/or agricultural buildings in their district to raise £17,169 of their expenditure for the financial year ending on the 31st March 2018.

2. Also on the 31st January 2017 the Board made a special levy of £277,935 on:-

Eastbourne Borough Council	£215,288
Hastings Borough Council	£10,897
Rother District Council	£3,994
Wealden District Council	£47,756
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	£277,935

to raise the balance of their expenditure for the same year.

Dated 7th Day of February 2017.

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