



Pevensey and Cuckmere

Water Level Management Board

**RATE ESTIMATES
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR
2019/2020**

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PEVENSEY AND CUCKMERE WATER LEVEL MANAGEMENT BOARD
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	PEVENSEY				CUCKMERE				TOTAL			
	ACTUAL 2017/18	BUDGET 2018/19	PROJECTED 2018/19	ESTIMATED 2019/20	ACTUAL 2017/18	BUDGET 2018/19	PROJECTED 2018/19	ESTIMATED 2019/20	NOTE 1 ACTUAL 2017/18	NOTE 2 BUDGET 2018/19	NOTE 3 PROJECTED 2018/19	NOTES 4 TO 14 ESTIMATED 2019/20
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE												
INCOME												
Drainage Rates	10,937	11,285	11,285	13,357	6,023	10,256	10,256	15,013	16,960	21,541	21,541	28,370
<u>Special Levies:</u>												
Eastbourne Borough Council	215,288	222,302	222,302	229,617	0	0	0	0	215,288	222,302	222,302	229,617
Hastings Borough Council	10,897	11,252	11,252	11,622	0	0	0	0	10,897	11,252	11,252	11,622
Rother District Council	3,994	4,124	4,124	4,260	0	0	0	0	3,994	4,124	4,124	4,260
Wealden District Council	42,832	44,228	44,228	45,683	4,924	8,411	8,411	8,688	47,756	52,639	52,639	54,371
	273,011	281,906	281,906	291,182	4,924	8,411	8,411	8,688	277,935	290,317	290,317	299,870
<u>Other Income:</u>												
Net Cash Transfer from the EA	14,430	0	0	0	7,935	0	0	0	22,365	0	0	0
4 Highland Water Contributions from the EA	60,000	73,429	73,429	89,441	3,000	2,466	2,466	2,066	63,000	75,895	75,895	91,507
5 Development Contributions and Commuted Sums	51,068	65,000	61,207	78,500	0	0	0	0	51,068	65,000	61,207	78,500
Bank and Investment Interest	56	75	225	225	7	25	56	56	63	100	281	281
Consent Fees and Sundry Income	1,448	250	3,598	250	0	50	2,455	200	1,448	300	6,053	450
	127,002	138,754	138,459	168,416	10,942	2,541	4,977	2,322	137,944	141,295	143,436	170,738
	410,950	431,945	431,650	472,955	21,889	21,208	23,644	26,023	432,839	453,153	455,294	498,978
(-) EXPENDITURE												
6 New Works and Improvement Works	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 Contributions to the Environment Agency	104,492	110,465	69,004	69,004	1,508	1,595	996	996	106,000	112,060	70,000	70,000
8 Maintenance Work	129,098	155,426	176,426	178,522	4,619	8,165	8,165	8,169	133,717	163,591	184,591	186,691
9 Operations Delivery Staff Costs	52,620	44,221	45,000	77,067	532	4,914	5,250	8,563	53,152	49,135	50,250	85,629
10 Technical Support Staff Costs	25,319	87,793	91,540	105,339	253	2,533	4,060	3,297	25,572	90,326	95,600	108,636
11 Depreciation	5,412	5,037	5,037	9,402	55	559	559	1,044	5,467	5,596	5,596	10,446
12 Administration Staff Costs	34,006	20,898	23,400	21,996	344	2,322	2,600	2,444	34,350	23,220	26,000	24,440
Audit Fees	495	1,000	1,000	1,000	5	200	200	200	500	1,200	1,200	1,200
Insurances	0	1,575	1,845	2,925	0	105	19	325	0	1,680	1,864	3,250
Accommodation and Meeting Room Hire	2,770	2,000	2,000	2,000	28	200	200	200	2,798	2,200	2,200	2,200
Postages and Stationery	54	525	500	525	1	210	200	210	55	735	700	735
Advertising and Public Notices	1,101	500	1,100	900	11	200	200	100	1,112	700	1,300	1,000
ADA Subscriptions and Other Expenses	3,892	2,505	4,275	4,275	39	205	475	475	3,931	2,710	4,750	4,750
	359,257	431,945	421,127	472,955	7,395	21,208	22,924	26,023	366,652	453,153	444,051	498,978
(=) Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	£51,693	£0	£10,523	£0	£14,494	£0	£720	£0	£66,187	£0	£11,243	£0
RESERVES												
General Reserve b/fwd	19,618	38,455	20,243	19,559	2,591	8,231	17,085	17,805	22,209	46,686	37,328	37,364
(+) Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	51,693	0	10,523	0	14,494	0	720	0	66,187	0	11,243	0
13 (-) Transfer (to)/from Development Reserve	-51,068	0	-11,207	-1,445	0	0	0	0	-51,068	0	-11,207	-1,445
(=) General Reserve c/fwd	£20,243	£38,455	£19,559	£18,114	£17,085	£8,231	£17,805	£17,805	£37,328	£46,686	£37,364	£35,919
Development Reserve b/fwd	0	51,068	51,068	62,275	0	0	0	0	0	51,068	51,068	62,275
13 (+) Transfer (to)/from General Reserve	51,068	0	11,207	1,445	0	0	0	0	51,068	0	11,207	1,445
(=) Development Reserve c/fwd	£51,068	£51,068	£62,275	£63,720	£0	£0	£0	£0	£51,068	£51,068	£62,275	£63,720

PEVENSEY AND CUCKMERE WATER LEVEL MANAGEMENT BOARD
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	PEVENSEY				CUCKMERE				NOTE 1	NOTE 2	NOTE 3	NOTES 4 TO 14
	ACTUAL 2017/18	BUDGET 2018/19	PROJECTED 2018/19	ESTIMATED 2019/20	ACTUAL 2017/18	BUDGET 2018/19	PROJECTED 2018/19	ESTIMATED 2019/20	TOTAL ACTUAL 2017/18	TOTAL BUDGET 2018/19	TOTAL PROJECTED 2018/19	TOTAL ESTIMATED 2019/20

SECTION 37, LAND DRAINAGE ACT 1991
DETERMINATION OF ANNUAL VALUES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2018

The values at 31 December 2018 used for determining the proportion of expenses to be raised from drainage rates and special levies are as follows:-

	£	%	£	%	£	%
14 Agricultural Land and/or Buildings	393,999	4.39%	51,448	63.34%	445,447	4.91%
<u>Non-Agricultural Land:</u>						
Eastbourne Borough Council	6,773,087	75.40%	0	0.00%	6,773,087	74.72%
Hastings Borough Council	342,832	3.82%	0	0.00%	342,832	3.78%
Rother District Council	125,645	1.40%	0	0.00%	125,645	1.39%
Wealden District Council	1,347,531	15.00%	29,771	36.66%	1,377,302	15.19%
	<u>8,589,095</u>	<u>95.61%</u>	<u>29,771</u>	<u>36.66%</u>	<u>8,618,866</u>	<u>95.09%</u>
Total Annual Value	<u>£8,983,094</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>£81,219</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>£9,064,313</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

RATE/LEVY OPTIONS FOR 2019/20

OPTION 1: REQUIREMENT

	Last Year	This Year	Last Year	This Year
Rate in the pound (p)	3.282 p	3.390 p	28.253 p	29.182 p
Increase (%)	3.21 %	3.29 %	70.82 %	3.29 %

OPTION 2: INFLATIONARY ONLY

	Last Year	This Year	Last Year	This Year
Rate in the pound (p)	3.282 p	3.390 p	28.253 p	29.185 p
Increase (%)	3.21 %	3.30 %	70.82 %	3.30 %

OPTION 3: OPTION 1, PLUS SURVEYING/HYROLOGICAL MODELLING PROGRAMME

	Last Year	This Year	Last Year	This Year
Rate in the pound (p)	3.282 p	3.724 p	28.253 p	29.182 p
Increase (%)	3.21 %	13.47 %	70.82 %	3.29 %

- Option 1 allows for an additional operative (and 4x4) to be employed with effect from 1 April 2019, which will add robustness and resilience to both Sub Districts. This option reflects a fair allocation and apportionment of the estimated net requirement for 2019/20 between the 2 Sub Districts. The Board have also asked the EA to do their bit by either delivering the prioritised work we've asked them to do themselves, or paying us to deal with some of the legacy issues (please also see the notes below).
- Option 2 reflects an inflationary increase of 3.3%, as shown by the Office for National Statistics for the month of October 2018 (RPI).
- Option 3 also enables the Pevensey Levels Sub District to start a 2 year programme of surveying and hydrological modelling of constituent catchments to build up an evidence base for the purposes of planning and byelaw control, on the assumption that ESCC's WEG bid could fail. This option was requested at the last Board meeting. To start this process as detailed at the last Board meeting we would need to carryout a scoping study, which would cost approx. £60k to deliver (amount taken from ESCC's WEG bid). £30k could come from the Board's Development Reserve with an additional £30k being required from rates and special levies (leading to an increase of 13.47% for the Pevensey Levels Sub District).

RECOMMENDATION

Option 1 is recommended. If ESCC's WEG bid is unsuccessful, the Board might wish to consider Option 3 (the outcome of the WEG bids should be known before the Board sets the rate on 29 January 2019).

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE	PEVENSEY				CUCKMERE				NOTE 1	NOTE 2	NOTE 3	NOTES 4 TO 14
	ACTUAL 2017/18	BUDGET 2018/19	PROJECTED 2018/19	ESTIMATED 2019/20	ACTUAL 2017/18	BUDGET 2018/19	PROJECTED 2018/19	ESTIMATED 2019/20	TOTAL ACTUAL 2017/18	TOTAL BUDGET 2018/19	TOTAL PROJECTED 2018/19	TOTAL ESTIMATED 2019/20

- NOTES:**
- The actual figures shown for 2017/18 are for a the full 12 month period; from 1 April 2017, to the financial year end 31 March 2018. This is the first year where we can produce and review a comparative for the Board for a full 12 Month period.
 - The budget for 2018/19 was set by the Board in January 2018, based on what was known at that time. We have now refined the works programme and have a better understanding of what needs to be done on the Board's infrastructure and of the necessary resources required to do so.
 - The projected out-turn and closing balances for 2018/19 are forecast to be slightly better than was budgeted for. This is largely due to the reduction in the EAs precept charge, which has benefited both Sub Districts.
 - During the course of the current financial year we have identified the highland carriers within the Board's district and more accurately estimated the highland water contributions due for 2019/20, based on a procedure that has now been agreed with the EA. The total estimated claim for 2019/20 has increased from £75k to c£91k.
 - We have assumed that the Board will receive an increase in Surface Water Development Contributions during 2019/20. We expect to receive a significant increase in 2018/19 as compared to 2017/18, due to the employment of the Flood & Water Officer in August 2018 and the work we are now carrying out in this area.
 - We have not estimated to carry out any improvement works during 2019/20, however if our WEG bids are successful we will be installing a windpump to convey water from the Wallers Haven at an estimated cost of £76k and replacing a number of structures on the Pevensey Levels at an estimated cost of £211k over the next 2 years. Both projects will only proceed if they are fully grant funded.
 - It has been assumed that the precept charge will not increase by for 2019/20, which has been confirmed by EA officers. It is important that the precept works programme remains flexible and that the Board has input into where and how this money is spent. The EA have been provided with a prioritised schedule of work from which the Board would derive benefit. Most of this work has not yet been done. The EA have also been requested to either deal with many of the legacy issues themselves, reduce their precept charge for next year or pay us to do some of the work, to help the Board put right many of these issues which would otherwise prevent us from fulfilling our statutory function.

8 (a) Maintenance work is made up as follows:

Pumping Stations:

MEICA servicing	5,705	5,705	5,705	5,705	0	0	0	0	5,705	5,705	5,705	5,705
MEICA additional work needed & in year work	1,109	6,000	6,000	6,000	0	0	0	0	1,109	6,000	6,000	6,000
Electricity charges	24,729	15,000	36,000	36,000	0	0	0	0	24,729	15,000	36,000	36,000
Insurances	0	2,667	2,667	2,667	0	0	0	0	0	2,667	2,667	2,667
Risk contingency	0	1,469	1,469	2,519	0	0	0	0	0	1,469	1,469	2,519
	31,543	30,841	51,841	52,891	0	0	0	0	31,543	30,841	51,841	52,891

Watercourses:

Desilting and Weed cutting	83,170	92,014	92,014	92,014	4,419	6,926	6,926	6,926	87,589	98,940	98,940	98,940
Telemetry	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,700	0	0	0	0	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,700
Machine Moves	1,840	1,836	1,836	1,836	0	0	0	0	1,840	1,836	1,836	1,836
Spraying	3,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0	0	0	3,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Biodiversity Action Plan	2,045	3,000	3,000	4,000	0	0	0	0	2,045	3,000	3,000	4,000
Hand work	3,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0	0	0	3,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Water Level Control Structure Maintenance	1,800	4,550	4,550	4,550	200	450	450	450	2,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Risk contingency	0	5,649	5,649	5,695	0	425	425	429	0	6,074	6,074	6,124
	97,555	119,749	119,749	120,795	4,619	7,801	7,801	7,805	102,174	127,550	127,550	128,600

Emergency reponse contingency (external assistance):

5 EA operatives for 5 days @ £26/hour	0	4,836	4,836	4,836	0	364	364	364	0	5,200	5,200	5,200
	129,098	155,426	176,426	178,522	4,619	8,165	8,165	8,169	133,717	163,591	184,591	186,691

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE	PEVENSEY				CUCKMERE				NOTE 1	NOTE 2	NOTE 3	NOTES 4 TO 14
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROJECTED	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROJECTED	ESTIMATED	TOTAL			
	2017/18	2018/19	2018/19	2019/20	2017/18	2018/19	2018/19	2019/20	2017/18	2018/19	2018/19	2019/20

8(b) We may also undertake a comprehensive programme of Floating Pennywort Control on riparian watercourses valued at £190k over the next 2 years, if our WEG bid is successful. This project will only proceed if it is fully grant funded.

9 Operations Delivery Staff Costs is the gross cost of employing the Board's Operations Manager and a new Operative to assist with Maintenance Work and Water Level Management in both Sub Districts, which includes the running of two 4 x 4 vehicles (although depreciation is budgeted for separately): 90% of these costs are attributable to the Pevensey Levels Sub District and 10% are attributable to the Cuckmere River Sub District.

10 These charges represent the cost of providing technical support services, including the employment of a full time Flood & Water Officer by the Board directly, and 3 months of Maternity Cover by a consultant (Arden) from April 2019 to June 2019. 90% of these costs are attributable to the Pevensey Levels Sub District and 10% are attributable to the Cuckmere River Sub District (excluding the cost of employment for the Flood & Water Officer & maternity cover). All of the costs of employing the Flood & Water Officer and her maternity cover has been allocated to the Pevensey Levels Sub District, as has all the Income we expect to receive from surface water development contributions.

11 Depreciation charges are made up as follows:

Lockup Container	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Truck (Operations Manager)	4,850	4,365	4,365	4,365	0	485	485	485	4,850	4,850	4,850	4,850
Truck (Operative - to be employed)	0	0	0	4,365	0	0	0	485	0	0	0	4,850
Trailer	562	672	672	672	55	74	74	74	617	746	746	746
	5,412	5,037	5,037	9,402	55	559	559	1,044	5,467	5,596	5,596	10,446

12 These charges represent the cost of providing administrative services to the Board for a full year. 90% of these costs are attributable to the Pevensey Levels Sub District and 10% are attributable to the Cuckmere River Sub District.

13 Movements on the Development Reserve:

Development Reserve b/fwd	0	51,068	51,068	62,275	0	0	0	0	0	51,068	51,068	62,275
(+) Development Contributions and Commuted Sums	51,068	65,000	61,207	78,500	0	0	0	0	51,068	65,000	61,207	78,500
(-) Development Expenditure approved by the Board	0	-65,000	-50,000	-77,055	0	0	0	0	0	-65,000	-50,000	-77,055
(=) Development Reserve c/fwd	51,068	51,068	62,275	63,720	0	0	0	0	51,068	51,068	62,275	63,720

14 We have secured a digital copy of the Board's land records from the Rural Payments Agency (RPA) identifying who occupies most of the agricultural land in the district, so have produced in year up-to-date digital maps for ratepayers showing what they are paying for, should they request this. However, the Annual Values used to determine the proportion of net spend that is paid for by agricultural ratepayers and constituent billing authorities dates back to 1991 and need updating. The Board has requested Defra (through ADA and the NFU) to change the legislation to facilitate this. ADA is hoping that a new Bill may be the opportunity to do this in future. The net result is that agricultural ratepayers may need to pay a greater proportion of the Board's net expenditure, moving forward.

P J CAMAMILE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

2 JANUARY 2019

**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 2019/20: FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020**

On the 29th day of January 2019 the Board resolved as follows:-

1. That in respect of the financial year ending 31st March 2020 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 4.39% and 95.61% 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	p			£	%
New Works and Improvement Works		0.000		Eastbourne Borough Council		£229,617	75.398%
Contributions to the Environment Agency		0.768		Hastings Borough Council		£11,622	3.816%
Maintenance Works		4.123		Rother District Council		£4,260	1.399%
Administration and Other Expenses		0.374	5.265	Wealden District Council		£45,683	15.001%
LESS:-							
Government Grants		0.000					
Contributions from the Environment Agency		0.996					
Other Income		0.879	1.875				
			3.390				
Add/(deduct) for adjustment of balances			0.000				
			3.390			£291,182	95.61%

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 29th January 2019 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 29th day of January 2019 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.

P J CAMAMILE
 CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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 DRAINAGE RATES AND SPECIAL LEVIES FOR 2019/20: FROM 1 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020**

On the 29th day of January 2019 the Board resolved as follows:-

1. That in respect of the financial year ending 31st March 2020 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 63.34% and 36.66% 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.

CUCKMERE RIVER SUB DISTRICT		DRAINAGE RATE		CUCKMERE RIVER SUB DISTRICT		SPECIAL LEVIES	
	p	p			£	%	
New Works and Improvement Works	0.000			Eastbourne Borough Council	£0	0.000%	
Contributions to the Environment Agency	1.226			Hastings Borough Council	£0	0.000%	
Maintenance Works	25.946			Rother District Council	£0	0.000%	
Administration and Other Expenses	4.868	32.040		Wealden District Council	£8,688	36.657%	
LESS:-							
Government Grants	0.000						
Contributions from the Environment Agency	2.543						
Other Income	0.315	2.859					
		29.181					
Add/(deduct) for adjustment of balances		0.001					
		29.182			£8,688	36.66%	

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 29th January 2019 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 29th day of January 2019 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.

P J CAMAMILE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE



DRAINAGE RATES AND SPECIAL LEVIES FOR 2019/20

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

1. On 29th January 2019 the Board made the following Drainage Rates:-

Sub District	Rate
Pevensy Levels	3.39 p
Cuckmere River	29.182 p

in respect of agricultural land and/or agricultural buildings in their district to raise £28,370 of their expenditure for the financial year ending on the 31st March 2020.

2. Also on the 29th January 2019 the Board made a special levy of £299,870 on:-

Eastbourne Borough Council	£229,617
Hastings Borough Council	£11,622
Rother District Council	£4,260
Wealden District Council	£54,371
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	£299,870

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

Dated 29th Day of January 2019.

P J CAMAMILE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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