



# Pevensey and Cuckmere

Water Level Management Board

**RATE ESTIMATES  
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR  
2025/2026**

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## **BUDGETS (ESTIMATES) 2025/26: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**The Board is asked to approve the following recommendations:**

1. Increase the rate in Pevensy Levels Sub-District by 6.48% to 4.406p in the pound for next year as shown in Option 1, which will minimise flood risk and deliver a balanced budget.
2. Increase the rate in the Cuckmere Sub-District by 25.36% to 70.749p in the pound for next year as shown in Option 1 below, which will minimise flood risk and allow the works to continue for the Cuckmere Desilting in the future.

1. The increase for the Pevensy Levels Sub-District is recommended to be 6.48% to produce a balanced budget for 2025/26. This increase is largely driven by the additional maintenance works included within the programme, as detailed. Electricity costs continue to be a significant variable factor dependent on the weather conditions and amount of rainfall in the period.
2. The Cuckmere Sub-District has a recommendation for a rate increase of 25.36% in 2025/26. The budget allows for an additional £5k of income (increasing the budget from £20k to £25k) to be raised in relation to the Cuckmere Desilting Project, should the Board wish for this to be continued in the future. As detailed in the operations report, the estimated costs to date are £286.6k. The Cuckmere Sub-District began rating for these works in 2020/21 at £20k per year, 2024/25 will be the 5<sup>th</sup> year of doing so, which means a total of £100k raised by Drainage Rates and Special Levies, in addition Friends of The Cuckmere contributed £1.7k in 2023/24, and Officers were successful in their bid for £119k of grant within the Tranche Funding made available to all IDBs. The Board had previously agreed for the remaining costs, estimated to be £66k to be funded from the Cuckmere Development reserve, as agreed by the Board in minute 36/24/04. There has been a rate freeze in the Cuckmere Sub-District since 2022/23.
3. The Cuckmere Sub-District maintenance programme also includes an additional £5.5k in 2025/26 for the removal of Parrots Feather (a non-native invasive species) within the District.
4. The Board's Auditor recommends that a balanced budget should be delivered.

**S JEFFREY**  
**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER/RFO**

**PEVENSEY AND CUCKMERE WATER LEVEL MANAGEMENT BOARD  
DRAINAGE RATES AND SPECIAL LEVIES: BUDGET FOR 2025/26**

	PEVENSEY .....			CUCKMERE .....				TOTAL .....			NOTE 1	NOTE 2	NOTE 3	NOTES 4 TO 10
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE	ACTUAL 2023/24	BUDGET 2024/25	PROJECTED 2024/25	BUDGET 2025/26	ACTUAL 2023/24	BUDGET 2024/25	PROJECTED 2024/25	BUDGET 2025/26	ACTUAL 2023/24	BUDGET 2024/25	PROJECTED 2024/25	BUDGET 2025/26		
<b>INCOME</b>														
Drainage Rates	15,403	16,303	16,303	17,359	25,501	25,586	25,586	31,969	40,904	41,888	41,888	49,328		
<u>Special Levies:</u>														
Eastbourne Borough Council	264,661	280,258	280,258	298,412	0	0	0	0	264,661	280,258	280,258	298,412		
Hastings Borough Council	13,396	14,186	14,186	15,105	0	0	0	0	13,396	14,186	14,186	15,105		
Rother District Council	4,910	5,199	5,199	5,536	0	0	0	0	4,910	5,199	5,199	5,536		
Wealden District Council	52,655	56,307	56,307	59,954	16,802	16,802	16,802	21,063	69,457	73,109	73,109	81,017		
	335,622	355,950	355,950	379,006	16,802	16,802	16,802	21,063	352,424	372,752	372,752	400,069		
<u>Other Income:</u>														
Income From Rechargeable Works	11,166	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11,166	0	0	0		
4 Highland Water Contributions from the EA	84,809	84,809	84,809	84,809	1,521	1,521	1,521	1,521	86,330	86,330	86,330	86,330		
Grants Applied	90,221	0	152,876	350,000	0	0	0	0	90,221	0	152,876	350,000		
Tranche 1 + 2 Grant Income Applied	0	0	1,249,659	0	0	0	203,722	0	0	0	1,453,381	0		
Consent Fees and Sundry Income	1,050	800	1,400	0	400	500	100	0	1,450	1,300	1,500	0		
Bank and Investment Interest	27,688	37,451	57,848	59,556	6,622	4,161	10,774	6,910	34,310	41,613	68,621	66,466		
Other Income (Incl Consortium)	2	2	2,743	3,826	1,797	0	1	425	1,799	2	2,743	4,251		
Surface Water Development Contributions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
	214,936	123,062	1,549,334	498,191	10,340	6,182	216,118	8,856	225,275	129,245	1,765,451	507,047		
	565,961	495,315	1,921,587	894,557	52,643	48,570	258,505	61,887	618,603	543,885	2,180,092	956,443		
<b>(-) EXPENDITURE</b>														
<b>Directly Allocated Expenditure</b>														
New Works and Improvement Works	0	0	152,876	350,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	152,876	350,000		
Tranche 1 + 2 Expenditure	0	0	1,191,987	0	0	0	203,722	0	0	0	1,395,709	0		
New & Improvement Works (Water Level Mgmt Proj)	90,221	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90,221	0	0	0		
Cost of Rechargeable Works	10,016	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,016	0	0	0		
5 Cuckmere De-shingle and targeted De-silting Ops	0	0	0	0	50,128	20,000	82,736	25,000	50,128	20,000	82,736	25,000		
6 Contributions to the Environment Agency	9,858	9,858	9,858	9,858	142	142	142	142	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000		
7(a) Maintenance Work	272,668	313,242	310,676	337,820	14,351	9,258	15,550	14,700	287,019	322,500	326,226	352,520		
	382,762	323,100	1,665,396	697,678	64,621	29,400	302,150	39,842	447,384	352,500	1,967,546	737,520		
<b>Apportioned Expenditure</b>														
9 Plant and Machinery Charges	8,521	11,446	13,025	14,851	947	1,272	1,447	1,775	9,468	12,718	14,472	16,626		
WMA Technical Services Consortium	0	0	0	109,494	0	0	0	12,166	0	0	0	121,660		
WMA Admin Costs Consortium	0	0	0	72,483	0	0	0	8,054	0	0	0	80,537		
8 Operations Delivery Staff Costs	68,541	61,444	60,270	0	7,616	6,827	6,697	0	76,157	68,271	66,967	0		
10 WMA Technical Support Staff Costs	15,156	10,800	10,800	0	1,684	1,200	1,200	0	16,840	12,000	12,000	0		
Other Technical Support Staff Costs	41,896	43,269	43,376	0	0	0	0	0	41,896	43,269	43,376	0		
10 WMA Administration Staff Costs	30,281	29,700	31,050	0	3,364	3,300	3,450	0	33,645	33,000	34,500	0		
Internal and External Audit Fees	2,260	2,421	1,921	0	251	269	213	0	2,512	2,690	2,134	0		
General Insurances	4,950	5,940	5,940	0	550	660	660	0	5,500	6,600	6,600	0		
Accommodation and Meeting Room Hire	1,497	1,980	1,350	0	166	220	150	0	1,664	2,200	1,500	0		
Postages and Stationery	719	675	720	0	80	75	80	0	799	750	800	0		
Advertising and Public Notices	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
ADA Subscriptions and Other Expenses	13,959	4,541	4,931	50	1,551	549	592	50	15,509	5,090	5,523	100		
	187,781	172,216	173,382	196,879	16,209	14,372	14,490	22,045	203,989	186,588	187,872	218,923		
<b>Profit/(Loss) on Disposal of Fixed Assets</b>	14,408	0	13,955	0	1,601	0	1,551	0	16,009	0	15,505	0		
<b>(=) Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year</b>	<b>£9,826</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£96,762</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>-£26,587</b>	<b>£4,797</b>	<b>-£56,583</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>-£16,760</b>	<b>£4,797</b>	<b>£40,179</b>	<b>£0</b>		

PEVENSEY AND CUCKMERE WATER LEVEL MANAGEMENT BOARD  
DRAINAGE RATES AND SPECIAL LEVIES: BUDGET FOR 2025/26

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE	PEVENSEY .....			CUCKMERE .....				TOTAL .....				
	ACTUAL 2023/24	BUDGET 2024/25	PROJECTED 2024/25	BUDGET 2025/26	ACTUAL 2023/24	BUDGET 2024/25	PROJECTED 2024/25	BUDGET 2025/26	NOTE 1 ACTUAL 2023/24	NOTE 2 BUDGET 2024/25	NOTE 3 PROJECTED 2024/25	NOTES 4 TO 10 BUDGET 2025/26
<b>RESERVES</b>												
General Reserve b/fwd	168,258	257,983	178,085	274,847	77,498	74,924	75,510	82,262	245,757	332,908	253,595	357,109
(+) Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	9,826	0	96,762	0	-26,587	4,797	-56,583	0	-16,760	4,797	40,179	0
(-) Transfer (to)/from Cuckmere T.I. Reserve	0	0	0	0	24,599	0	0	0	24,599	0	0	0
(-) Transfer (to)/from Development Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	0	63,336	0	0	0	0	0
(=) General Reserve c/fwd	£178,085	£257,983	£274,847	£274,847	£75,510	£79,721	£82,262	£82,262	£253,595	£337,705	£293,774	£357,109

**SECTION 37, LAND DRAINAGE ACT 1991**  
**DETERMINATION OF ANNUAL VALUES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

The values at 31 December 2024 used for determining the proportion of expenses to be raised from drainage rates and special levies are as follows:-

	£	%	£	%	£	%
Agricultural Land and/or Buildings	393,998	4.38%	45,186	60.28%	439,184	4.84%
<u>Non-Agricultural Land:</u>						
Eastbourne Borough Council	6,773,087	75.29%	0	0.00%	6,773,087	74.66%
Hastings Borough Council	342,832	3.81%	0	0.00%	342,832	3.78%
Rother District Council	125,645	1.40%	0	0.00%	125,645	1.39%
Wealden District Council	1,360,792	15.13%	29,771	39.72%	1,390,563	15.33%
	8,602,356	95.62%	29,771	39.72%	8,632,127	95.16%
<b>Total Annual Value</b>	<b>£8,996,354</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>£74,957</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>£9,071,311</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

**RATE/LEVY OPTIONS FOR 2025/26**

	Last Year	This Year	Last Year	This Year
<b>OPTION 1: REQUIREMENT</b>				
Rate in the pound (p)	4.138 p	4.406 p	56.438 p	70.749 p
Increase (%)	5.89 %	6.48 %	0.00 %	25.36 %
<b>OPTION 2: INFLATIONARY INCREASE</b>				
Rate in the pound (p)	4.138 p	4.279 p	56.438 p	58.356 p
Increase (%)	5.89 %	3.40 %	0.00 %	3.40 %
<b>OPTION 3: CUCKMERE WORKS REMAIN AT £20,000</b>				
Rate in the pound (p)			56.438 p	64.078 p
Increase (%)			0.00 %	13.54 %
<b>OPTION 4: CUCKMERE WORKS REMOVED ENTIRELY</b>				
Rate in the pound (p)			56.438 p	37.396 p
Increase (%)			0.00 %	-33.74 %

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DRAINAGE RATES AND SPECIAL LEVIES: BUDGET FOR 2025/26**

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE	PEVENSEY .....			CUCKMERE .....				TOTAL .....				
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROJECTED	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	PROJECTED	BUDGET	NOTE 1	NOTE 2	NOTE 3	NOTES 4 TO 10
	2023/24	2024/25	2024/25	2025/26	2023/24	2024/25	2024/25	2025/26	2023/24	2024/25	2024/25	2025/26

- Option 1 reflects a required increase of 6.48% in the Pevensey Sub District, and an increase of 25.36% in the Cuckmere Sub District. These increases are required if the Board wants to present a balanced budget.
- Option 2 allows for the inflationary increase of 3.4% in both Sub Districts, as shown by the Office of National Statistics for the month of October 2024 (RPI).
- Option 3 reflects a required increase for the Cuckmere Sub District of 13.54% should the Cuckmere Desilt & Deshingle works budgeted expenditure remain at £20,000, and not £25,000 as recommended.
- Option 4 reflects the Rate in the Pound (p) within the Cuckmere Sub District if the Cuckmere Desilt & Deshingle works (which are not the Board's statutory responsibility and remains the responsibility of the Environment Agency) were no longer included in the budgeted expenditure and was reduced to £0 for 2025/26.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Option 1 is recommended.

The Pevensey Levels requires a 6.48% increase to present a balanced budget. £59k of tree works have been included within the maintenance programme as detailed below.

The Cuckmere Sub-District requires a 25.36% increase to present a balanced budget for 2025/26. There has been a rate freeze in 2022/23, 2023/24 & 2024/25 while the works for Cuckmere Subdistrict were uncertain. This 25.36% equates to an increase of £6,383 to Wealden District Council and £4,261 to Agricultural Drainage Rate Payers, a total of £10,644. It is important to note that as seen in note 5 below, and approved by the Board, the Cuckmere Desilting works have cost £286.6k approximately to date, funded by £100k of Drainage Rates and Special Levy between 2020/21 - 2024/25, £119k from Tranche 1 Funding, and the remaining £68k from the Cuckmere Development reserve, as approved by the Board. This reduces the Cuckmere reserve to an estimated balance of £68k, a 48% reduction in 2024/25. Annual desilting costs for the Cuckmere River have been estimated at between £25,000-£40,000 per year. We propose to increase the annual budgeted amount for these works by £5,000 to £25,000 in 2025/26, and will continue to do so each year until the amount of £40,000 is being including within rating for each year, if the Board approve for these works to be continued. It should be noted that desilting of the Cuckmere River remains the responsibility of the Environment Agency. This £5,000 increase equates to 11.82% of the 25.36% increase, with £6,000 of Parrot Feather removal in the freshwater stream equating to the remaining increase.

**NOTES:**

- The actual figures shown for 2023/24 are for a the full 12 month period; from 1 April 2023, to the financial year end 31 March 2024.
- The budget for 2024/25 was set by the Board in February 2024, 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 for 2024-25 is forecast to be in a surplus position for both Pevensey and Cuckmere Levels. The Pevensey Levels benefitted from £57.7k of Tranche 1 grant, to help offset the additional pumping costs experienced during Storm Babet between October 2023 - April 2024. Both Sub-Districts have also benefitted from higher interest on investments than originally estimates, £20.5k in Pevensey and £6.5k in Cuckmere.
- During 2017 we identified the highland carriers within the Board's district and more accurately estimated the highland water contributions due for 2025/26. This procedure was agreed with the EA in 2017.
- The projected outturn for the Cuckmere Desilt is higher than anticipated. These are estimated final costs for works complete in 2024/25, and now include the time of the Area Manager, Flood Risk Engineer and Operations Manager. The Board was successful in obtaining £119.3k of Tranche 1 funding relating to the Cuckmere River Desilt Works. Since this initial bid was made and approved, the impact of the weather has meant these works have taken longer than anticipated, meaning costs have again since increased. Once the works are complete these costs will be finalised and a below the line transfer from the Cuckmere Development Reserve to the Pevensey General Reserve will be made to compensate for the time taken on this. The additional spend in excess of the £20k annual budget, and Tranche 1 grant received, will be funded by the Cuckmere Development reserve as agreed by the Board in minute 36/24/04.
- The precept charge has been set at £10k for 2025/26, which has been sent to EA officers for confirmation, however we have yet to receive a response. 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. The EA have also been requested to either deal with many of the legacy issues themselves or pay us to do some of this work, to help the Board put right many of these issues which would otherwise prevent us from fulfilling our statutory function.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE	PEVENSEY .....			CUCKMERE .....				TOTAL .....				
	ACTUAL 2023/24	BUDGET 2024/25	PROJECTED 2024/25	BUDGET 2025/26	ACTUAL 2023/24	BUDGET 2024/25	PROJECTED 2024/25	BUDGET 2025/26	NOTE 1 ACTUAL 2023/24	NOTE 2 BUDGET 2024/25	NOTE 3 PROJECTED 2024/25	NOTES 4 TO 10 BUDGET 2025/26
7 (a) Maintenance work is made up as follows:												
<u>Pumping Stations:</u>												
MEICA servicing	5,802	6,600	5,802	6,600	0	0	0	0	5,802	6,600	5,802	6,600
MEICA additional work needed & in year work	30,546	64,850	60,709	32,000	0	0	0	0	30,546	64,850	60,709	32,000
Electricity charges	100,277	80,750	91,350	95,700	0	0	0	0	100,277	80,750	91,350	95,700
Insurances	7,481	8,700	9,398	10,350	0	0	0	0	7,481	8,700	9,398	10,350
Materials	2,254	0	900	1,500	0	0	0	0	2,254	0	900	1,500
	146,360	160,900	168,160	146,150	0	0	0	0	146,360	160,900	168,160	146,150
<u>Watercourses:</u>												
Desilting and Weed cutting	104,932	114,296	112,500	104,146	14,160	7,404	7,719	7,404	119,092	121,700	120,219	111,550
Telemetry	2,325	6,000	4,000	6,000	0	0	0	0	2,325	6,000	4,000	6,000
Plant	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Materials	66	4,545	4,545	4,545	0	455	455	455	66	5,000	5,000	5,000
Machine Moves	0	6,728	6,728	8,409	0	672	672	841	0	7,400	7,400	9,250
Biodiversity Action Plan	1,711	4,545	4,243	4,500	190	455	6,704	6,000	1,901	5,000	10,947	10,500
Water Level Control Structure Maintenance	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0	0	0	0	5,000	5,000	5,000
	109,034	141,115	137,016	132,600	14,351	8,985	15,550	14,700	123,385	150,100	152,566	147,300
<u>Additional Maintenance Works</u>												
Tree Works	17,274	5,500	5,500	59,070	0	0	0	0	17,274	5,500	5,500	59,070
<u>Emergency response contingency (external assistance):</u>												
Overtime for Emergency Response	0	5,727	0	0	0	273	0	0	0	6,000	0	0
	272,668	313,242	310,676	337,820	14,351	9,258	15,550	14,700	287,019	322,500	326,226	352,520

8 Operations Delivery Staff Costs is the gross cost of employing the Board's Operations Manager to assist with Maintenance Work and Water Level Management in both Sub Districts, which includes the running of one 4 x 4 vehicles (although Plant and Machinery charges are 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. The Operations Manager's costs will be included within the WMA Consortium Charge for 2025/26, in the same proportions

9 Plant and Machinery charges are made up as follows:

Small Tools	0	1,800	900	1,800	0	200	100	200	0	2,000	1,000	2,000
Truck (Ops Manager Fuel, Ins, RFL & Depn)	5,368	5,369	8,177	8,999	596	597	909	1,000	5,965	5,965	9,085	9,999
Honda Foreman (Fuel, Ins, RFL & Depn)	3,152	3,152	3,948	4,052	350	350	439	450	3,503	3,503	4,387	4,503
Trailer	0	1,125	0	0	0	125	0	125	0	1,250	0	125
	8,521	11,446	13,025	14,851	947	1,272	1,447	1,775	9,468	12,718	14,472	16,626

10 These charges represent the cost of the WMA providing administrative and technical support 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. The previous years budget had been prepared on the assumption that the PCWLMB would not choose to join the WMA Group, however the costs are now included with the WMA Consortium Charge and will include all administration charges (as detailed to the Board last year).

**S JEFFREY BSc (Hons) FCCA CPFA  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

**12 JANUARY 2025**

**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 2025/26: FROM 1 APRIL 2025 TO 31 MARCH 2026**

On the 21st day of January 2025 the Board resolved as follows:-

1. That in respect of the financial year ending 31st March 2026 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 4.38% and 95.62% 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.

<b>PEVENSEY LEVELS SUB DISTRICT</b>		<b>DRAINAGE RATE</b>		<b>PEVENSEY LEVELS SUB DISTRICT</b>		<b>SPECIAL LEVIES</b>	
	<b>p</b>	<b>p</b>			<b>£</b>	<b>%</b>	
New Works and Improvement Works	3.890			Eastbourne Borough Council	£298,412	75.287%	
Contributions to the Environment Agency	0.110			Hastings Borough Council	£15,105	3.811%	
Maintenance Works	5.137			Rother District Council	£5,536	1.397%	
Administration and Other Expenses	0.806	9.944		Wealden District Council	£59,954	15.126%	
LESS:-							
Government Grants	3.890						
Contributions from the Environment Agency	0.943						
Other Income	0.705	5.538					
		4.406					
Add/(deduct) for adjustment of balances		0.000					
		4.406					
					£379,006	95.62%	

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 28th January 2025 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 28th day of January 2025 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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On the 21st day of January 2025 the Board resolved as follows:-

1. That in respect of the financial year ending 31st March 2026 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 60.28% and 39.72% 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.

<b>CUCKMERE RIVER SUB DISTRICT</b>		<b>DRAINAGE RATE</b>		<b>CUCKMERE RIVER SUB DISTRICT</b>		<b>SPECIAL LEVIES</b>	
	<b>p</b>	<b>p</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>%</b>		
Cuckmere River De-shingle and targeted Operations	33.352			Eastbourne Borough Council	£0	0.000%	
Contributions to the Environment Agency	0.190			Hastings Borough Council	£0	0.000%	
Maintenance Works	38.210			Rother District Council	£0	0.000%	
Administration and Other Expenses	10.811	82.563		Wealden District Council	£21,063	39.717%	
<b>LESS:-</b>							
Government Grants	0.000						
Contributions from the Environment Agency	2.029						
Other Income	9.785	11.814					
		70.749					
Add/(deduct) for adjustment of balances		0.000					
		70.749					
					£21,063	39.72%	

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 28th January 2025 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 28th day of January 2025 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 2025/26**

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

1. On 21st January 2025 the Board made the following Drainage Rates:-

<b>Sub District</b>	<b>Rate</b>
Pevensy Levels	4.406 p
Cuckmere River	70.749 p

in respect of agricultural land and/or agricultural buildings in their district to raise £49,328 of their expenditure for the financial year ending on the 31st March 2026.

2. Also on the 21st January 2025 the Board made a special levy of £400,069 on:-

Eastbourne Borough Council	£298,412
Hastings Borough Council	£15,105
Rother District Council	£5,536
Wealden District Council	£81,017
	<u>£400,069</u>

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

Dated 28th Day of January 2025.

P J CAMAMILE  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Pierpoint House, 28 Horsley's Fields,  
KINGS LYNN, Norfolk, PE30 5DD.

**Rate Book Movements Reconciliation by Property Type (without Personal Info.) DRS V23: Rates Management**

**For: Pevensey and Cuckmere Water Level Management Board: <80>**

**From: <20 December 2023> To: <10 January 2025>**

**Rating District: Pevensey Levels: <01>**

**Property Type: Agricultural Land and/or Buildings**

<b>Account ID</b>	<b>Occupier/Assessment ID</b>	<b>Effective Date/Short Description</b>	<b>Rated Ha</b>	<b>Annual Value</b>	<b>Proportion</b>	<b>AV/Ha</b>
<b>Rate Book, as at 20 December 2023</b>			<b>5,405.790</b>	<b>£393,998</b>	<b>4.380%</b>	<b>£72.884</b>
80-0034-1	Registered Occupier	E04003849 01/04/2024 Agricultural Holding	-15.068	-£1,130		
80-0307-1	Registered Occupier	NCPOCEB 01/04/2024 Agricultural Holding	-2.413	-£181		
80-0327-8	Registered Occupier	E04003867 01/04/2023 Agricultural Holding	-4.746	-£356		
80-0342-2	Registered Occupier	E04003849 01/04/2024 Agricultural Holding	15.068	£1,130		
80-0343-9	Registered Occupier	NCPOCEB 01/04/2024 Agricultural Holding	2.413	£181		
80-0346-9	Registered Occupier	ESX91865 01/04/2023 Agricultural Holding	4.746	£356		
<b>6</b>	<b>(+/-) Land/Value Movements from 20 December 2023 to 10 January 2025</b>		<b>0.000</b>	<b>£0</b>		
<b>219</b>	<b>(=) Agricultural Land and/or Buildings in Pevensey Levels, as at 10 January 2025</b>		<b>5,405.790</b>	<b>£393,998</b>	<b>4.380%</b>	<b>£72.884</b>

**Rate Book Movements Reconciliation by Property Type (without Personal Info.) DRS V23: Rates Management****For: Pevensey and Cuckmere Water Level Management Board: <80>****From: <20 December 2023> To: <10 January 2025>****Rating District: Pevensey Levels: <01>****Property Type: Other Land**

<b>Account ID</b>	<b>Occupier/Assessment ID</b>	<b>Effective Date/Short Description</b>	<b>Rated Ha</b>	<b>Annual Value</b>	<b>Proportion</b>	<b>AV/Ha</b>
<b>Rate Book, as at 20 December 2023</b>			<b>1,582.584</b>	<b>£8,602,356</b>	<b>95.620%</b>	<b>£5,435.639</b>
<b>80-9996-1 Eastbourne Borough Council</b>						
<b>Opening Balances as at 20 December 2023</b>			<b>1,246.048</b>	<b>£6,773,087</b>	<b>75.287%</b>	<b>£5,435.655</b>
<b>(+/-) Land/Value Movements from 20 December 2023 to 10 January 2025</b>						
80-9996-1	Eastbourne Borough Council	SPLVY1 01/04/2017 Half due on 01 May, half due on 01 November	0.000	£0		
<b>(=) Eastbourne Borough Council, as at 10 January 2025</b>			<b>1,246.048</b>	<b>£6,773,087</b>	<b>75.287%</b>	<b>£5,435.655</b>
<b>80-9997-9 Hastings Borough Council</b>						
<b>Opening Balances as at 20 December 2023</b>			<b>63.071</b>	<b>£342,832</b>	<b>3.811%</b>	<b>£5,435.652</b>
<b>(+/-) Land/Value Movements from 20 December 2023 to 10 January 2025</b>						
80-9997-9	Hastings Borough Council	SPLVY1 01/04/2017 Half due on 01 May, half due on 01 November	0.000	£0		
<b>(=) Hastings Borough Council, as at 10 January 2025</b>			<b>63.071</b>	<b>£342,832</b>	<b>3.811%</b>	<b>£5,435.652</b>
<b>80-9998-8 Rother District Council</b>						
<b>Opening Balances as at 20 December 2023</b>			<b>23.115</b>	<b>£125,645</b>	<b>1.397%</b>	<b>£5,435.648</b>
<b>(+/-) Land/Value Movements from 20 December 2023 to 10 January 2025</b>						
80-9998-8	Rother District Council	SPLVY1 01/04/2017 Half due on 01 May, half due on 01 November	0.000	£0		
<b>(=) Rother District Council, as at 10 January 2025</b>			<b>23.115</b>	<b>£125,645</b>	<b>1.397%</b>	<b>£5,435.648</b>
<b>80-9999-0 Wealden District Council</b>						
<b>Opening Balances as at 20 December 2023</b>			<b>250.350</b>	<b>£1,360,792</b>	<b>15.126%</b>	<b>£5,435.558</b>
<b>(+/-) Land/Value Movements from 20 December 2023 to 10 January 2025</b>						
80-9999-0	Wealden District Council	SPLVY1 01/04/2024 Half due on 01 May, half due on 01 November	0.000	£0		
<b>(=) Wealden District Council, as at 10 January 2025</b>			<b>250.350</b>	<b>£1,360,792</b>	<b>15.126%</b>	<b>£5,435.558</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>(+/-) Land/Value Movements from 20 December 2023 to 10 January 2025</b>		<b>0.000</b>	<b>£0</b>		
<b>4</b>	<b>(=) Other Land in Pevensey Levels, as at 10 January 2025</b>		<b>1,582.584</b>	<b>£8,602,356</b>	<b>95.620%</b>	<b>£5,435.639</b>
<b>223</b>	<b>Rate Book for Pevensey Levels, as at 10 January 2025</b>		<b>6,988.374</b>	<b>£8,996,354</b>	<b>100.000%</b>	

**Rate Book Movements Reconciliation by Property Type (without Personal Info.) DRS V23: Rates Management**

**For: Pevensey and Cuckmere Water Level Management Board: <80>**

**From: <20 December 2023> To: <10 January 2025>**

**Rating District: Cuckmere River: <02>**

**Property Type: Agricultural Land and/or Buildings**

<b>Account ID</b>	<b>Occupier/Assessment ID</b>	<b>Effective Date/Short Description</b>	<b>Rated Ha</b>	<b>Annual Value</b>	<b>Proportion</b>	<b>AV/Ha</b>
<b>Rate Book, as at 20 December 2023</b>			<b>769.669</b>	<b>£45,334</b>	<b>60.361%</b>	<b>£58.901</b>
80-0110-6	Registered Occupier	E04003831 01/04/2025 Agricultural Holding	0.368	£28		
		E04003855 01/04/2023 Agricultural Holding	-9.030	-£677		
80-0259-8	Registered Occupier	E04003830 01/04/2024 Agricultural Holding	-0.784	-£59		
80-0268-9	Registered Occupier	E0400385 01/04/2023 Agricultural Holding	5.128	£385		
80-0283-8	Registered Occupier	E04003830 16/04/2024 Agricultural Holding	-0.351	-£26		
80-0306-9	Registered Occupier	E04003845 01/04/2024 Agricultural Holding	0.000	-£149		
80-0344-7	Registered Occupier	E04003830 16/04/2024 Agricultural Holding	0.351	£26		
80-0345-1	Registered Occupier	E04003830 01/04/2024 Agricultural Holding	0.784	£59		
80-0347-8	Registered Occupier	E04003855 01/04/2023 Agricultural Holding	3.534	£265		
<b>8</b>	<b>(+/-) Land/Value Movements from 20 December 2023 to 10 January 2025</b>		<b>0.000</b>	<b>-£148</b>		
<b>90</b>	<b>(=) Agricultural Land and/or Buildings in Cuckmere River, as at 10 January 2025</b>		<b>769.669</b>	<b>£45,186</b>	<b>60.283%</b>	<b>£58.708</b>

**Rate Book Movements Reconciliation by Property Type (without Personal Info.) DRS V23: Rates Management**

**For: Pevensey and Cuckmere Water Level Management Board: <80>**

**From: <20 December 2023> To: <10 January 2025>**

**Rating District: Cuckmere River: <02>**

**Property Type: Other Land**

<b>Account ID</b>	<b>Occupier/Assessment ID</b>	<b>Effective Date/Short Description</b>	<b>Rated Ha</b>	<b>Annual Value</b>	<b>Proportion</b>	<b>AV/Ha</b>
<b>Rate Book, as at 20 December 2023</b>			<b>5.477</b>	<b>£29,771</b>	<b>39.639%</b>	<b>£5,435.640</b>
<b>80-9999-0 Wealden District Council</b>						
<b>Opening Balances as at 20 December 2023</b>			<b>5.477</b>	<b>£29,771</b>	<b>39.639%</b>	<b>£5,435.640</b>
<b>(+/-) Land/Value Movements from 20 December 2023 to 10 January 2025</b>						
80-9999-0	Wealden District Council	SPLVY2 01/04/2024 Half due on 01 May, half due on 01 November	0.000	£0		
<b>(=) Wealden District Council, as at 10 January 2025</b>			<b>5.477</b>	<b>£29,771</b>	<b>39.717%</b>	<b>£5,435.640</b>
<b>0</b>	<b>(+/-) Land/Value Movements from 20 December 2023 to 10 January 2025</b>		<b>0.000</b>	<b>£0</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>(=) Other Land in Cuckmere River, as at 10 January 2025</b>		<b>5.477</b>	<b>£29,771</b>	<b>39.717%</b>	<b>£5,435.640</b>
<b>91</b>	<b>Rate Book for Cuckmere River, as at 10 January 2025</b>		<b>775.146</b>	<b>£74,957</b>	<b>100.000%</b>	
<b>314</b>	<b>Rate Book for all Rating Districts, as at 10 January 2025</b>		<b>7,763.520</b>	<b>£9,071,311</b>		