



Annual Report for the year ended

31 March 2014

The Law – the following annual report is provided in accordance with Paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 to the Land Drainage Act 1991.

No later than 31 August 2014 a copy must be provided to:

- Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Flood Management Division, Area 3C, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR
- The Regional Director of the relevant Regional Office of the Environment Agency
- Head of Flood Risk Management, The Environment Agency, Horizon House, Deanery Road, Bristol BS1 5AH
- The Chief Executives of:
 - all local authorities that pay special levies to the Board;
 - all County Councils or London Boroughs within which the Board is situated.

Please complete the form electronically. If you are unable to complete the form electronically, please complete in BLOCK LETTERS using **black ink**.

Please round all cash figures down to nearest whole £.

Lower Medway ENTER INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD NAME HERE	Internal Drainage Board
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Section A – Financial information

Preliminary information on special levies issued by the Board for 2014-15

Information requested below is essential in calculating future formula spending share. It is not covered elsewhere on this form or by the external auditor's certificate.

Special levies information for financial year 2014-15 (forecast)	
Name of local authority	2014-15 forecast £
1. Canterbury City Council	9,018
2. Medway Council	328,837
3. Swale Borough Council	320,040
4. Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council	175,849
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6.	
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8.	
Total	833,744

Section A – Financial information (continued)

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31 March 2014

All Internal Drainage Boards must ensure that the Income and Expenditure information provided below is consistent with the Board's annual accounting statements which have been prepared in accordance with proper practices found in *Governance and Accountability in Internal Drainage Boards in England – A Practitioners' Guide 2006 (Revised November 2007)*

	Notes	Year ending 31 March 2014 £
INCOME		
Drainage Rates		X 818,101
Special Levies		X 25,614
Contributions from the Environment Agency		X 38,880
Contributions applied from developers/other beneficiaries		X
Government Grants		X
Rechargeable Works		X 30,366
Interest and Investment Income		X 1,820
Rents and Acknowledgements		X
Other Income	1	X 550
Total income		X 915,331
EXPENDITURE		
New Works and Improvement Works	2	Y
Contributions to the Environment Agency	3	Y 410,518
Drains Maintenance	4	Y 229,383
Pumping Stations, Sluices and Water level control structures	5	Y 26,436
Administration	6	Y 129,547
Rechargeable Works	7	Y 29,612
Finance Charges	8	Y
SSSIs	9	Y
IDB Biodiversity Action Plan actions or other biodiversity activities	10	Y
Other Expenditure	11	Y 24,254
Total expenditure		Y 849,750
EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS		
Profits/(losses) arising from the disposal of fixed assets		Z 1,374,583
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		X-Y+Z 1,440,164

Notes:

1. Include all other Income, such as absorption account surpluses (for example plant and labour absorption accounts).
2. State the gross cost of undertaking minor capital works that have not been capitalised and the annual depreciation charges of all major schemes that have been capitalised. You should also include a fair proportion of the support costs directly associated with delivery of the schemes.
3. State the total precept demanded for the year as properly issued by the Environment Agency, in accordance with section 141 of the Water Resources Act 1991. Providing that the precept has been properly issued as before stated it should always be included here, even when the Board has appealed against the amount of contribution, in accordance with section 140 of the Water Resources Act 1991. Where the Board knows with certainty the outcome of any such appeal, it should also include the appropriate accrual/prepayment.
4. State all costs associated with the maintenance of watercourses, meaning work associated with open channels, pipelines, culverts, bridges, etc. Plant, vehicle and labour charges should include a fair proportion of the overheads such as depot/workshop costs, employment on-costs, insurances and depreciation, etc. You should also include a fair proportion of the support costs directly associated with delivery of the maintenance programme.
5. State all costs associated with maintaining and operating the pumping stations, sluices and water level control structures. Plant, vehicle and labour charges should include a fair proportion of the overheads such as depot/workshop costs, employment on-costs, insurances and depreciation, etc. You should also include a fair proportion of the support costs directly associated with maintaining and operating the pumping stations, sluices and water level control structures.
6. Include the cost of non-technical staff only, office accommodation, annual depreciation of office equipment that has been capitalised, minor office equipment that has not been capitalised, postages, telecoms', stationery, printing, advertising, auditing of accounts, general insurances and all other costs associated with supporting the organisation. Please note that this does not include support costs, which are directly associated with the delivery of front line services.
7. State all costs associated with undertaking work for third parties. Plant, vehicle and labour charges should include a fair proportion of the overheads such as depot/workshop costs, employment on-costs, insurances and depreciation, etc. You should also include a fair proportion of the support costs directly associated with undertaking the rechargeable work.
8. Include the cost of servicing any borrowing, in terms of bank/loan/hire purchase Interest payable.
9. State all costs associated with undertaking works – capital or maintenance – specifically for helping to achieve favourable condition on Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs). In most cases, these costs will be incurred in implementing actions set out in SSSI Water Level Management Plans or SSSI River Restoration Plans.
10. State all costs associated with undertaking works – capital or maintenance – that are intended to help conserve biodiversity (other than works on SSSIs). These costs are likely to be incurred in implementing actions set out in an IDB's Biodiversity Action Plan, but may include other activities.
11. Include all other expenditure, such as a provision for bad/doubtful debts, write-offs, and absorption account deficits (for example plant and labour absorption accounts).

Section B – Defra high level target and IDB Review Reporting

This section relates to the Board's achievement of High Level Targets (HLTs) issued by Defra in March 2005, including information required by the Environment Agency as a result of the targets or in relation to their general supervisory duty. Only those HLTs relevant to IDBs are covered below. This section also allows for reporting on IDB Review Targets.

HLT 1 – Policy Delivery Statement

Boards were required to produce a publicly available policy statement by 31 March 2001 setting out their plans for delivering the Government's policy aims and objectives. The full range of issues to be covered was set out in a template issued in June 2000. It is recommended that these statements be published on Boards' websites where they have them and reviewed every three years.

Is an up to date statement in place and copy (or weblink) provided to Defra, EA and CLG?.....Yes No

If 'NO', please say why not and when the statement will be produced/revised:

Have still not received any response from Simon Hargreaves of Natural England about whether the numerous Water Level Management Plans require updating/revising.

HLT 2 – Information on the National Flood and Coastal Defence Database

The IDB Review Project Board and the Environment Agency have agreed the means to allow data to be stored on the National Flood and Coastal Defence Database or equivalent systems. Boards are required to report on their asset holding and asset condition at the end of 2007/08.

HLT 3 – Biodiversity

Please indicate whether your Board has published a Biodiversity Action PlanYes No

Asset Management (IDB Review Strand A3)

What system/database does your Board use to manage the assets it is responsible for?
(A) ADIS (B) NFCDD (C) Paper Records (D) Other Electronic System (please describe)

Paper and electronic

Has your Board continued to undertake visual inspections and update asset databases on an annual basis?Yes No

Guidance and Best Practice (IDB Review Section B)

How many Board members (in total – elected and appointed) do you have on your IDB?

19

Has your IDB adopted a formal Scheme of Delegation?Yes No

Has your IDB provided training for members in the last year?

Considered:Yes No

Implemented:Yes No

Please detail:

Unable to identify specific training for members. Some local authority members change so often, any training would be wasted.

ADA has provided various leaflets and guidance notes that have been provided to new members and included in Board Meeting papers. For example "Introduction to Internal Drainage Boards(IDBs)".

Immediate Action (IDB Review Section C)

Has your IDB adopted minimum website requirements as specified in the IDB Review Implementation Plan?.....Yes No

Is your Board's website information current for 2014? (Board membership, audited accounts, programmes of works, WLMPS, etc)Yes No

Has your IDB adopted computerised accounting and rating systems, as specified in the IDB Review Implementation Plan?.....Yes No

Has your Board adopted the following governance documents?

Standing Orders Yes No

Have the Standing Orders been approved by MinistersYes No

ByelawsYes No

Have the Byelaws been approved by MinistersYes No

Code of Conduct for Board Members.....Yes No

Financial Regulations.....Yes No

Register of Member's InterestsYes No

Section C – Declaration

Lower Medway ENTER INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD NAME HERE

Internal Drainage Board

I confirm that the information provided in sections A-C or with this form is correct.

Signature

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Date

30 June 2014

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