

**BEDFORDSHIRE & RIVER IVEL INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD ("the Board")  
 LAND DRAINAGE ACT 1991 ("THE ACT") AND THE INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARDS (FINANCE) REGULATIONS 1992  
 DRAINAGE RATES AND SPECIAL LEVIES FOR 2026/27: FROM 1 APRIL 2026 TO 31 MARCH 2027**

On the 2nd day of February 2026 the Board resolved as follows:-

1. That in respect of the financial year ending 31st March 2027 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 6.58% (£90,960) and 93.42% (£1,290,594) 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.

	<u>DRAINAGE RATE</u>			<u>SPECIAL LEVIES</u>	
	<u>£</u>	<u>p</u>		<u>£</u>	<u>%</u>
New Works and Improvement Works	0.000		Bedford Borough Council	£819,839	59.34%
Contributions to the Environment Agency	0.640		Central Bedfordshire Council	£455,925	33.00%
Maintenance Works	4.694		North Herts District Council	£14,634	1.06%
Engineering and Administration	2.069		South Cambs District Council	£196	0.01%
Other Expenses	0.007	7.410			
<b>LESS:</b>			Agricultural Rates	£90,960	6.58%
Contributions from the Environment Agency	0.936				
Other Income	0.741	1.676			
		5.733			
Add/(deduct) for adjustment of balances		(0.488)			
<b>Total</b>		<u>5.245</u>		<u>£1,381,554</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

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

CHAIRMAN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**CERTIFICATE**

I certify as follows:-

1. That the drainage rate has been made on or 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 3rd day of February 2026, as required by section 48(2) of the Act and affixed to the front door of the Board's office at Vale House, Broadmead Road, Stewartby, Bedford, MK43 9ND, 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 3rd day of February 2026 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 whereabouts 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.

M COLEMAN  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE